

**Guaranteed Admission Agreement
For
Virginia Community College System
Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood
Development or Early Childhood Education
AND
Old Dominion University
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education**

I. Introduction

Old Dominion University (ODU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the admission of transfer students from Virginia's community colleges to ODU as they pursue a baccalaureate degree in Early Childhood Development or Early Childhood Education, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA). This agreement provides a pathway for students to progress from the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Early Childhood Development or Early Childhood Education degree directly to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Early Childhood Education. VCCS students who do not meet the eligibility terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

Definitions:

“ODU program” refers to ODU’s B.S. in Early Childhood Education.

“VCCS program” refers to the AAS in Early Childhood Development or the AAS in Early Childhood Education. Both majors are aligned with the VCCS Common Degree in Early Childhood Development.

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates with an AAS in Early Childhood Development or AAS in Early Childhood Education from a Virginia community college, meets the requirements of this GAA, and intends to transfer to ODU.

II. Student Eligibility and Admission Requirements

A. To qualify for admittance into the ODU program, a GAA student must:

1. Submit the Letter of Intent after completing 15 credits at the participating community college. The Letter of Intent form can be found on ODU’s Transfer Students webpage:
<https://www.odu.edu/transfer/vccs>
2. Earn a grade “C” or higher for any course designated as a departmental requirement “*” in Appendix A, which features the curricular requirements of the VCCS program and the ODU program. Note that for credit hours to transfer, a grade of “C” or higher must be earned.
3. Earn a minimum cumulative college-level grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Meet with a pre-transfer advisor in the ODU Transfer Center in the semester prior to transferring to ODU while enrolled at a Virginia community college to review the coursework featured in Appendix A.
5. Apply to ODU by the application deadlines
<https://blue.odu.edu/admission/apply/>
6. Complete the VCCS program on or after August 1, 2018 as outlined on Appendix A

*Students who have graduated with an A.A.S. degree in Early Childhood Development or Early Childhood Education at a Virginia community college prior to August 1, 2018 may be eligible for admission to ODU’s

B.S.in Early Childhood Education degree program. ODU will make this determination on a case-by-case basis consistent with state law in relevant areas.

- B. No distinction will be made by ODU regarding college courses which are earned through military coursework completed under a Service-members' Opportunity Colleges (SOC) agreement or transferred from a regionally accredited college or university. Credit for knowledge and skills gained through prior learning assessment or other non-collegiate instruction, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Cambridge Advanced (A/AS Level) programs, CLEP, or DANTES testing programs, will be accepted according to ODU policies in effect at the time of application for admission to ODU.
- C. No distinction will be made by ODU regarding college courses applicable to the VCCS/ODU AAS/BS degree pathway that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.
- D. This guaranteed admission agreement articulates the admittance pathway for a GAA student to the ODU program and is not a pathway into any other degree programs at ODU.
 - 1. Students must be prepared to certify that the information given on their admission applications is true, complete, and correct to the best of their knowledge.
 - 2. Students, once admitted, agree to support the rules, regulations and Honor Code of ODU as set forth in the University Catalog. Furthermore, students understand that by providing any false information, ODU may deny their admission or dismiss them from their studies.
- E. A GAA student who completes all the coursework in the VCCS program as outlined in Appendix A will qualify to meet graduation requirements for the ODU program. As specified in Appendix A, a GAA student has the option of completing ODU's additional 16 credits of general education at a Virginia community college or at ODU. In particular, the following graduation requirements must be met:
 - 1. The GAA student must reach out to a pre-transfer advisor in the ODU Transfer Center for questions related to coursework outlined in Appendix A while enrolled at a Virginia community college.
 - 2. The GAA student must earn a minimum of 25 percent of the total number of credits required for the degree (for example, 30 credits in a 120-credit degree program) through on campus or online instruction at ODU.
 - 3. Upon entry to ODU, the GAA student must complete a background check and be cleared for field experience in teacher education courses.
 - 4. The GAA student must remain in good standing at ODU.

III. Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

- A. After submitting the Letter of Intent, the GAA student following this will receive continuous communication regarding bachelor's degree and activities from ODU's Office of Admissions, College of Education and Professional Studies, and Transfer Center.
- B. The GAA student will be eligible to participate in ODU's transfer-related events.
- C. The GAA student will be able to contact ODU's Transfer Center and an advisor in the College of Education and Professional Studies to discuss the transferability of courses to ensure a successful transition from a Virginia

community college to ODU.

- D. The GAA student may apply for need-based financial aid through ODU's Office of Financial Aid. Students should refer to ODU's Financial Aid website for information concerning application deadlines (see website at: <https://www.odu.edu/tuition-aid/financial-aid>).

IV. Exclusions to the Guaranteed Admission Agreement

ODU reserves the right to deny admission or the benefits of this GAA to students who have been suspended, dismissed or expelled from any institution of higher education for academic or non-academic reasons or those who have been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a felony, have been convicted of a violent crime (felony or misdemeanor), are listed on the Sex Offender Registry, and/or likely not able to become licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

V. Acceptance, Student Status, and Application of Transfer Credit

The GAA student may expect the following:

- A. Old Dominion University considers transfer credit from institutions of higher education accredited by accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for Title IV purposes (https://www2.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/accreditation_pg9.html) or international equivalent. Any course not taken at a Virginia community college will be evaluated individually, and credit will be allowed only for equivalent college courses offered at ODU in which a grade of "C" or better has been earned. Courses are evaluated by reviewing the course content regardless of the mode of instruction. Students need to submit academic transcripts from all institutions attended.
- B. All courses accepted by ODU will be applied to the attainment of the ODU program.
- C. The GAA student will be treated on an equal basis with native students with regard to registration and distribution of financial aid.
- D. All provisions of this GAA are subject to change, based on revisions in Commonwealth of Virginia teacher licensure or program approval requirements, national accreditation requirements, or federal regulations.

VI. Responsibilities of the Parties

- A. During the period of this GAA, ODU agrees to do the following:
1. Provide current curricular updates and other program information on pending and/or approved changes as needed to the VCCS for distribution to each Chief Academic Officer.
 2. Make application forms, Transfer Guides, and ODU catalogs available to VCCS students through ODU's website.
 3. Provide VCCS students with current information on transfer procedures, financial aid, registration, housing procedures, tuition and fee payments, and deadlines through ODU's website and other mechanisms used to communicate with transfer students.
- B. During the period of this GAA, the VCCS agrees to do the following:
1. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the AAS in Early Childhood Development or Early Childhood Education.
 2. Notify students of transfer opportunities to ODU under this GAA by posting links to the agreement on the VCCS Transfer Website (<http://www.vccs.edu/students/transfers/>) and the

VII. Institutional Cooperation


During the period of this GAA, the VCCS and ODU agree to do the following:

- A. Monitor the academic performance of students enrolling under this GAA, identify problems, and work cooperatively to adjust details of course sequence and content so that students can transfer without academic interruptions.
- B. Notify each other concerning any contemplated curricular changes that would affect the status of this GAA.
- C. Monitor the enforcement of the GAA. If a transfer credit challenge or appeal is made by a student, he or she must follow the appeals procedure at ODU.
- D. Annually review the GAA and curriculum plan for currency and accuracy.
- E. The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. ODU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at ODU. Representing ODU will be the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and the Associate Dean for the Undergraduate Studies and Assessment in Darden College of Education and Professional Studies. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic and Workforce Programs and the VCCS Director of Academic Programs and Policy, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admission Review Committee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.


VIII. Term of Effect

- A. ODU and the VCCS will review this GAA every three years to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA.
- B. This GAA may be amended with the agreement of both institutions, as needed, without affecting the currency of the GAA.
- C. This GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this GAA is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for up to four years for students.

The effective date of this agreement is the date it is signed by the President of ODU and the Chancellor of the VCCS.



John R. Broderick, President
Old Dominion University



Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

Date 5-3-2021

Date May 3, 2021

Appendix A

Virginia Community College System/Old Dominion University Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development or Early Childhood Education to the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

Virginia Community College System Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education/Development				Old Dominion University Equivalency			
ENG 111 & 112		College Composition I* and II*	6	ENGL 110C & 211C		English Composition	6
CHD	120	Intro to Early Childhood Education*	3	EDUC	1ELE	Electives -Substitute for TLED 320	6
CHD	216	Early Childhood Programs, School and Social Change*	3	EDUC	2ELE		
CHD	205	Guiding the Behavior of Children*	3	EDUC	2ELE	Elective-Substituted for TLED 425	3
SDV	100	College Success Skills	1	UNIV	100	University Orientation	1
PSY	230	Developmental Psychology*	3	PSYC	203S	Lifespan Development	3
HLT	135	Child Health and Nutrition*	3	HLTH	1ELE	Elective-Substitute for HPE 327	3
MTH	155	Instead of MTH 154. MTH 155 or 245 is required for this agreement*	3	STAT	130M	Elementary Statistics	3
CHD	145	Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children*	3	EDUC	1ELE	Elective-Substitute for TLED 330	3
CHD	165	Observation and Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings*	3	EDUC	1ELE	Electives-Substitute for TLED 328	6
CHD	265	Advanced Observation and Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings*	3	EDUC	2ELE		
CHD	166	Infant and Toddler Programs	3	EDUC	1ELE	Elective	3
CHD	146	Math, Science, and Social Studies for Children*	3	EDUC	1ELE	Electives-Substitute for TLED 338	6
CHD	118	Language Arts for Young Children*	3	EDUC	1ELE		
CHD	210	Intro to Exceptional Children	3	EDUC	2ELE	Elective	3
CHD	270	Administration of Childcare Programs	3	EDUC	2ELE	Elective	3
EDU	200	Intro to Teaching as a Profession*	3	TLED	315	Foundations and Assessment of Education	3
ENG	250	Children's Literature*	3	LITP	1REQ	Literature Way of Knowing-Substitute for TLED 337	3
HIS	121	United States History I*	3	HIST	104H	Interpreting the Past	3
BIO	101	General Biology I*	4	BIOL 121N/122N		General Biology I and Lab	4
Total Credits for AAS Degree			62	Transfer Credits from AAS Degree			62
Additional Required Courses for BS Degree**				ODU Equivalency			
GEO	210	People and Land: Intro to Cultural Geography*	3	GEOG	100S	Cultural Geography	3
Social Science, Fine Arts or Humanities Electives		Choose two courses from ODU's Transfer Guide (http://www.odu.edu/transfer/vccs-transfer-guide.html) in any of the following categories: Literature, Interp. the Past, Phil. and Ethics, Human Creativity, or Language and Culture	6	Liberal Arts Courses: Literature, Interpreting the Past, Philosophy and Ethics, Human Creativity, or Language and Culture			6
PHY 100 or 101 or CHM 101		Intro to Physics I or Intro to Chemistry I*	4	PHYS 101N or CHEM 105N&106N		Intro to Physics I and Intro to Chemistry I and Lab	4
ITE 119 or ITE 120 or ETR 160		Information Literacy, Principles of Information Systems, or Survey of Microprocessors*	3	STEM	251G	Communication and Information Technology	3

Additional Credits Required**16****16**

** A GAA student has the option of completing ODU's 16 additional credits of general education at a Virginia community college or at ODU.

<p>*Indicates a departmental requirement at ODU, not automatically satisfied by completion of guaranteed admission agreement. Student must earn a C or better.</p> <p>Note: The lower division general education requirements will be met by completion of all courses outlined in this program agreement.</p> <p>To participate in this guaranteed admission agreement please visit Old Dominion University's website to complete The Letter of Intent: http://www.odu.edu/transfer/vccs</p> <p>Completion of this guaranteed admission agreement alone does not guarantee admission to Old Dominion University. All students must meet the requirements set by the Office of Admissions and the Guaranteed Admissions Agreement (GAA). Please visit admissions.odu.edu for more information regarding guaranteed admission to Old Dominion University.</p>	Requirements for BS to be taken at ODU			
	MATH 102M or 103M		College Algebra	3
	MATH	302	Geometry	3
	FOUN	301	Learning and Development	3
	FOUN	302	Assessment of Learning	3
	TLED	325	Comm. and Collaboration in Educ.	3
	TLED	326	Socio-Cultural Perspectives in Educ.	3
	TLED	426	Intro to Literacy, Research, Theory and Practice	3
	TLED	430W	PK-12:Instructional Technology	3
	TLED	492	Integrating Mathematics and Science Across the Early Childhood Curriculum	3
	TLED	493	Integrating Literature, Language Arts, and Social Studies Across the Early Childhood Curriculum	3
	TLED	483	Seminar in Teacher Education	1
	TLED	487	Teacher Candidate Internship for Early Childhood Education	12
	Credits to be taken at ODU			43
	SUMMARY			
	Transfer Credits from AAS Degree			62
Additional Credits Required			16	
Credits to be taken at ODU			43	
Total Credits (120 credits required for graduation)			121	