

**TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED ADMISSION
BETWEEN RADFORD UNIVERSITY AND THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SYSTEM**

PROGRAM: RN-to-BSN Fast Track Program (BSN)

In accordance with *Virginia's State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Radford University (RU) recognize the need for and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to another as they pursue their educational goals. The VCCS and RU enter into this agreement to provide students with an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree an opportunity for guaranteed admission to the university. VCCS students who do not meet the requirements described herein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the regular admission procedures of the University.

This agreement supersedes all previous agreements between RU and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to June 1, 2024. It does not nullify individual program-to-program agreements articulated since this date.

Section 1: Definition of Guaranteed Program Admission Agreement (GPAA)

The GPAA is an agreement between two- and four-year institutions guaranteeing students earning a transferable associate degree and reaching specified academic benchmarks admission to a specific plan of study. This agreement enables students who follow the terms of the agreement to optimize the completion of a four-year degree after transfer.

Section 2: Requirements for Admission

A. Applicable Associate Degrees:

This GPAA applies to the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree from a community college in Virginia.

B. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:

Students will not be admitted into RU while on academic or disciplinary suspension or academic probation at their current institution. Students must meet the ethical and technical standards of professional nursing. Health records, criminal background checks, and urine drug testing are required.

C. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:

A student is not required to register his/her/their intent to use this agreement but can choose to do so through the Transfer Virginia portal if the student wants to receive information about the RN to BSN Program.

D. Program and Course Requirements:

All specific course and program requirements are designated on the pathway map and informational notes as part of the Transfer Guide. These include, but are not limited to, the minimum GPA requirement, licensure (if applicable), course requirements, minimum credits to be completed at the associate degree institution, maximum credits applicable for transfer, testing requirements, admission processes and deadlines, and transcript submission.

Minimum GPA requirement:

There is no minimum GPA requirement for students earning an AAS in Nursing degree from one of Virginia's community colleges. Since there is no minimum GPA requirement, there is no course repeat process that is applicable here.

Licensure: Licensure verification including registration number and expiration date of license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) are required and must be submitted. Students must have a license to practice as a RN in the state where clinical practicum course experiences are conducted.

Course requirements:

Completed state-approved nursing coursework from a Virginia community college with a grade of C or better.

Minimum credits to be completed at associate degree institution: Students must complete the AAS in Nursing from a VCCS institution with at least 64 credits to be eligible for this agreement. Students must meet the 25% residency requirement at the granting 2-year college. This agreement is applicable to students who were previously enrolled at RU and transferred to a VCCS college to complete an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree.

Maximum credits applicable for transfer: There is no maximum number of transferable hours, but the student must complete 30 credits at RU to meet residency requirements.

Testing requirements: A passing score on the NCLEX-RN examination prior to admission.

Admission application and enrollment: The RN-to-BSN program admits students six times a year. See RU's RN to BSN Transfer Guide for details. Students may apply for the RN-to-BSN program and start the session following the successful completion of the AAS in Nursing degree.

Transcript submission: A review of the application will not occur until official transcripts from all colleges attended have been received in the Office of Admissions.

Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement

Completion of the AAS Nursing degree does not satisfy all lower-division general education requirements at RU.

Section 4: Application of this Agreement to Students Earning an Associate Degree Concurrent with High School

N/A

Section 5: Credit for Prior Learning

Although students who have taken AP/IB/CLEP will receive the benefits of transferring under the GPAA, credit is not guaranteed for these courses; credit will be granted only if AP/IB/CLEP examination scores meet established RU criteria. Specific courses will only be added to a student record once official scores are received and evaluated by the Office of Admissions. An official Joint Services Transcript should be sent to evaluate specific military credit.

Section 6: Associate Degree Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination

Students will be subject to the catalog in effect at the time of their first RU enrollment unless otherwise requested. Upon student request, RU will honor the degree requirements of the RU academic catalog in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year VCCS institution. Students who maintain continuous enrollment at the two-year VCCS institution have a maximum of four years from their first enrollment at the institution for this designation. Students must enroll at RU within one year of completing their associate degree.

Section 7: Passport/UCGS Course Waivers:

N/A

Section 8: Program Roster and Transfer Guides – Student Document

The attached Program Roster and Transfer Guide (see attachment) represent all requirements for admittance under this GPAA and the benefits that result. The Transfer Guide will be applied as the student-facing document for this agreement.

Section 9: Administration of Agreement

The RU official responsible for all RU aspects of the GPAA and Register of Intent to Transfer is the Senior Director of Transfer Recruitment or his/her designee. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GPAA is the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Workforce Programs or his/her designee, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admission Review Committee of the VCCS Academic and Student Affairs Council.

This Agreement will remain in effect until modified or terminated. This Agreement may be modified only in writing and signed by the VCCS Chancellor and President of RU. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice. Students who register in the Transfer Virginia Portal their intent to participate in the GPAA prior to the date of termination are eligible for admission for two years after termination becomes effective.

The effective date of this Agreement is the date last signed by the President of RU and the VCCS Chancellor. The signed Agreement will be maintained in the Transfer Virginia Portal.

VCCS Responsibilities

- Submit a PDF of the official signed Agreement to the Portal Coordinator.
- Use portal data to track which four-year institutions students are targeting for the GPAA and provide support to students.
- Communicate proposed changes to this agreement or the VCCS AAS Nursing program that could potentially affect this agreement to the RU RN-to-BSN program chair and College of Nursing Dean.

University Responsibilities

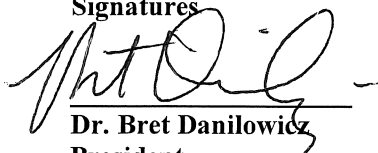
- Advise students interested in the RU RN-to-BSN program upon their inquiry and assist them in the transfer process.

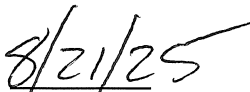
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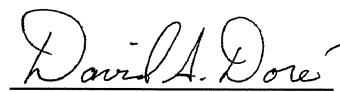
RU and the VCCS will review this agreement and the student tracking data every three years and adjust as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and value and improve the transfer process. Changes will not be applied retroactively to students already enrolled or registered under the provisions of the existing GPAA.

If no changes are necessary, the documented review below will extend this agreement for three years.

Signatures


Dr. Bret Danilowicz
President
Radford University


Date


Dr. David Doré
Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

8/19/25
Date

Review Documentation

Review Date	Completed By	Agreement Extension

Note: Recorded by the VCCS or RU, shared with senior institution and updated in the Transfer Virginia Portal.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at Radford University		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNIV 100 - Introduction to Higher Education	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		NURS 400 RN Strategies for Professional Nursing	3	
ENGL 111 - Principles of College Composition (GE)	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		NURS 401 RN Theoretical Foundations of Nursing	3	
BIOL 310 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (GE)	4	BIO 141 Human Anatomy & Phys I	BIO 141 Human Anatomy & Phys I is a prerequisite for the RU RN-to-BSN program	NURS 402 RN Healthcare Informatics and Technology	3	
PSYC 230 – Developmental Psychology	3	PSY 230		NURS 403 RN Healthcare Policy	3	
	3	Humanities	Expression Course Elective Required Suggested courses include, but are not limited to: PHI 100 or 220, REL 200 or 230, MUS 121	NURS 404 RN Community Health Nursing	3	
	3	General Education	MTH 155 or 245 I is a prerequisite for the RU RN-to-BSN program	NURS 405 RN Gerontological Nursing	3	
	3	General Education	HLT 230 or DIT 121. Nutrition I is a prerequisite for the RU RN-to-BSN program and is fulfilled with either HLT or DIT 121	NURS 406 RN Holistic Nursing	3	

BIOL 311 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II (GE)	4	BIO 142 Human Anatomy & Phys II	BIO 142 Human Anatomy & Phys II is a prerequisite for the RU RN-to-BSN program	NURS 407 RN Nursing Leadership and Management	3	
BIOL 334 - Microbiology	4	BIO 150 Intro Microbiology	BIO 150 Intro to Microbiology is a prerequisite for the RU RN-to-BSN program	NURS 408 RN Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice	3	*Statistics is a mandatory prerequisite for NURS 408 (MTH 155 from VCCS). *Nutrition HLT 230 is a prerequisite for the RN-to-BSN program and must be completed before the last RN-to-BSN course which is NURS 409 Clinical & Capstone (or take the equivalent fast track Nutrition course at RU)
NURS elective	4	NSG 100 Intro to Nursing Concepts		NURS 409 RN Interprofessional Clinical and Capstone	3	May complete practicum close to home at the healthcare facility of your choice. Practicum experience is 45 in-person hours with a nurse leader. *More information provided upon inquiry
NURS elective	2	NSG 106 Competencies for Nursing Practice		Additional credits to meet 120 required		
NURS elective	1	NSG 130 Prof Nursing Concepts				
NURS elective	3	NSG 200 Health Promotion & Assessment				
NURS elective	3	NSG 152 Health Care Participant				
NURS elective	6	NSG 170 Health/Illness Concepts				
NURS elective	5	NSG 210 Health Care Concepts I				
NURS elective	5	NSG 211 Health Care Concepts II				
NURS elective	2	NSG 230 Adv Prof Nursing Concepts				

NURS elective	4	NSG 252 Complex Health Care Concepts			
NURS 1LEA	4	NSG 270 Nursing Capstone (Clinical)			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 67				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 53	

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Program Admission Agreement

By meeting the following criteria, students who complete the prescribed curriculum and meet the criteria below are guaranteed admission into Radford University and directly into the RN to BSN fast-track program in the College of Nursing.

- Earn an associate degree in nursing (AAS) from a Virginia Community College and hold a current unencumbered registered nurse license, or:
- Students actively enrolled in a VCCS AAS in nursing program having completed one year of the nursing program and have a 2.5 cumulative GPA on all nursing courses attempted and on all cumulative college work.
- Good academic standing at current institution.
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all community college courses.

See the [VCCS Transfer Programs](#) page for more details in our **Guaranteed Program Admission Agreement**.

Please create an account through the www.TransferVirginia.org portal and click College Connect to indicate your intent to use this guarantee for admission to [university].

This transfer guide shows an optimal path to the RN to BSN fast-track program at Radford University. Completing the coursework above will position you to transfer to Radford University in the RN to BSN fast-track program. If you complete the associate degree but haven't taken all of the recommended courses, you may still be able to pursue a Nursing degree at RU, but your time to graduation may be impacted.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://admissions.radford.edu>

- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for priority fall admission and November 1 for priority spring admission at <https://www.radford.edu/admissions/apply/index.html>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.radford.edu/fin-aid> , FAFSA priority deadline March 1.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** <https://studentaid.gov>
- **RU RN-to-BSN Advisor:** RN2BSN@radford.edu

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- First, meet with the RN-to-BSN program advisor to obtain your plan of study. Graduates of VCCS AAS Nursing programs qualify for full-time (2 courses per 7-week session) or part-time option (1 course per 7-week session). Co-enrolled students qualify for part-time option only. And may register for one course per session. Co-enrolled students must graduate from the VCCS nursing program and successfully pass their RN NCLEX examination before enrolling in the last course, NURS 409 RN Interprofessional Clinical and Capstone.
- Other Courses:
 - Prerequisites for the RN-to-BSN program are: Statistics, Nutrition, Microbiology with lab, & Anatomy and Physiology I and II taken at VCCS).
 - RU General Education (REAL) requirements: Students with 56 or more approved transfer credits but no SCHEV approved transfer degree must complete at least 3 credit hours in designated coursework in each R, E, A, and L area. The coursework in R, E, and A must also be GE designated. The RU RN-to-BSN advisor can help students navigate these requirements.
- RN-to-BSN program advisor will explain the rotation of when courses are offered.
- Students cannot take 7-week fast track courses and full semester courses during the same session.
- All students must enroll in NUR 400 as their first class. Students who qualify for full-time option may register for a second course along with NURS 400.
- Utilize degree audit in the RU One Campus portal to monitor your plan of study.

- Students must take 30 credits at RU to qualify for graduation. A total of 120 credits are required for the bachelor's degree in nursing.
- Pass/fail courses do not transfer. Students may need additional elective credits to achieve 120 credits required for degree.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and RU RN-to-BSN program advisor within your first year at VCCS. College Connect available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- This program helps to elevate your practice to improve patient outcomes and learn more about health system requirements.
- Bachelor prepared nurses may be eligible for leadership positions and other opportunities within healthcare organizations and institutions.
- An emphasis on interprofessional collaboration will help build relationships.
- Decision-making will be enhanced through the study of informatics, health policy, leadership, research, and an interprofessional clinical and capstone course practicum.
- The interprofessional clinical and capstone course includes a precepted experience of 45 fact-to-face hours with a nurse leader.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Degree Completion:** Students having an AAS in Nursing from VCCS must complete RU general education (REAL) requirements. The RU RN-to-BSN advisor can help navigate these requirements.
- **Dual Enrollment:** RU will not guarantee admission to high school students earning a transferable associate degree through dual enrollment. The RU RN-to-BSN program is a post-licensure nursing program. Eligible applicants must have successfully graduated from a VCCS AAS nursing program or currently be co-enrolled in a VCCS AAS nursing program and have completed one year of the program.
- **Catalog Year:** Students will be subject to the catalog in effect at the time of their first Radford University enrollment unless otherwise requested.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- RN-to-BSN program is offered in 7-week fast track format.
- 10 Courses are offered asynchronously.
- Full-time and part-time option.

- Full-time option completes the program in 10 months.
- Preceptor experiences may be completed close to home (affiliation agreements required).

Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at RU? Contact the Financial Aid office for more information.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- All Nursing Programs at RU are fully accredited by CCNE.
- Radford University's RN-to-BSN program is voted #1 best RN to BSN programs in the state of Virginia by Allnurses.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- RU RN-to-BSN program offers a generous admission policy with the vast majority of applicants offered admission.
- Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Completion of your BSN affords a variety of career opportunities such as positions within leadership, case management, public health/community, hospice, home health, and more.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- At the culmination of the RN-to-BSN coursework, students participate in the Interprofessional Clinical and Capstone course. This 3-hour course is comprised of 2-credit of didactic and 1-credit (45 hours) of preceptorship. The clinical can be completed close to home (affiliation agreement required with the facility).