

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

In accordance with Virginia's *State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and West Virginia University Board of Governors on behalf of West Virginia University (WVU) recognize the need for and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. The VCCS and WVU enter into this agreement to provide all students 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 WVU and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to December 1, 2024. It does not nullify individual program-to-program agreements articulated since this date.

Section 1: Definition of Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA)

An agreement between a two-year institution or the VCCS (system office) on behalf of community colleges and a four-year institution according to which a student is guaranteed admission to the four-year institution by earning a transfer degree or a specified applied degree and satisfying specified academic benchmarks and criteria. Students transferring under a general admission GAA are not necessarily entitled to be admitted to a specific program. GAAs should be state-level agreements.

Section 2: Requirements for Admission

A. Applicable Associate Degrees:

This agreement applies to all SCHEV approved transfer degrees offered through the VCCS including the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Arts & Sciences (AA&S) degrees identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as university-parallel transfer degrees. Additionally, WVU recognizes all VCCS General Studies associate degree programs.

B. Minimum GPA requirement:

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a four-point scale for credits earned at the degree-granting institution is required. WVU incorporates all course attempts into a student's GPA calculation, however, an initial attempt with a grade of D or F may be excluded from that calculation. Only the most recent attempt's earned hours will be calculated into a student's total. Courses transferred into the two-year college are included in the GPA calculation and all other transfer policies will be applied to such work. Students will be required to submit transcripts from all previously attended institutions to WVU. Guaranteed admission to WVU does not mean such students are guaranteed admission to their articulated majors without satisfying the WVU major criteria (See Section H below for further details).

C. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:

An offer of admission can be revoked if an applicant's application materials are found to be falsified or if an admitted student engages in behavior that is not in compliance with the WVU Student Code of Conduct prior to the first day of classes in the term of admission. Students seeking transfer admission to the university must be academically and otherwise eligible to return to the institution from which they wish to transfer.

D. Course requirements:

1. WVU accepts grades of A-D for credit. No credits are awarded for courses with a grade of F, but the attempt is still tracked, and the GPA is still impacted; if the course is a requirement of the student's desired program, it will need to be repeated.
2. Transfer students from a VCCS college must follow all course hierarchies and meet all listed course and GPA requirements, as outlined by the approved WVU articulation pathway for acceptance into their intended program. The ALEKS Math Assessment may be required for certain major specific courses, e.g. MATH or CHEM. Further information is included in the advising sheets specific to those majors.
3. WVU will maintain course equivalency information and make this information readily available to the VCCS. Course equivalency information can be found at <https://registrar.wvu.edu/transfer>.

4. Courses not previously articulated will appear on a student's transcript as NOEQ 100. Students may request that these courses be evaluated for equivalency.

E. Minimum credits to be completed at associate degree institution:

Students are required to earn an associate degree with a minimum of 60 credits. Students must meet the 25% residency requirement at the granting two-year college by completing at least 15 transferable credits to be admitted under this agreement. The GAA may be used for students who attended WVU, transferred to a VCCS community college, and transferred back to WVU.

F. Maximum credits applicable for transfer:

WVU does not limit the number of credits applicable for transfer. Transfer students must meet university residency requirements, as well as all major requirements of the WVU major.

G. Testing requirements:

General admission to WVU as a transfer student under this agreement does not require submission of any exams. Students applying to specific WVU majors may be required to submit specific exams and scores.

H. Admission application and enrollment:

Deadlines for admission as a transfer student are August 1st for the fall semester, and December 31st for spring semester. Students must complete a transfer application found at <https://admissions.wvu.edu/>. There is no requirement for when a student must transfer to WVU. Students are encouraged to plan to transfer upon successful completion of their associate degree, or at the guidance of their desired articulated pathway and in consultation with academic support staff at WVU. Acceptance in some degree programs at WVU is competitive; thus, guaranteed admission into WVU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program. WVU has several programs that are competitive, based on clinical placement. These generally include Nursing (4-year BSN) and Dental Hygiene, but may also include Immunology and Medical Microbiology, among others. Some majors require a GPA higher than a 2.0 for admission. This includes majors within the Statler College of Engineering and the Chambers College of Business and Economics as examples. Some majors within the College of Creative Arts and Media may also require a portfolio of artistic work or audition. For a full list of WVU's competitive programs see Appendix B.

I. Transcript submission:

Students are required to provide official transcripts. Students must submit an official transcript for all colleges attended including all final grades and documentation of the conferred associate degree within one month of enrollment at WVU or be restricted from registration. Transcripts may be electronically delivered or mailed to WVU's Office of Admissions.

J. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:

WVU does not require registration of intent.

Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement

Completion of the associate degree program at a VCCS college will satisfy the lower division general education requirements at WVU.

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

Completion of the associate degree through dual enrollment will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement.

Section 5: Applications of this Agreement to Students Earning Credit for Prior Learning

WVU will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, military credit, or other sources of prior learning credit. Credit is not guaranteed for courses not previously articulated in WVU's transfer equivalency database and will be reviewed for credit consistent with WVU's standards and pre-established course equivalencies.

Section 6: Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination

WVU will honor the catalog in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the VCCS college. Students who maintain continuous enrollment at the VCCS college have a

maximum of four years from their first enrollment at the institution for this catalog designation. Students must enroll at WVU within one year of completing their associate degree.

Section 7: Transfer Guide – Student Document

The associated General Transfer Guides including the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science (see Appendix A) represent all requirements for admittance under this GAA and the benefits that result. The Transfer Guides are the student-facing documents for this agreement. Students should check the Transfer Guidance section of those transfer guides to understand whether admission into the university also guarantees admission into their major or program of choice.

Section 8: Administration of Agreement

The West Virginia University official responsible for all WVU aspects of the GAA is the Provost or his/her designee. The VCCS official responsible for all aspects of the GAA is the Senior Vice Chancellor 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 by mutual agreement by the VCCS Chancellor and President of WVU. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice.

The effective date of this Agreement is the date last signed by the President of WVU and the VCCS Chancellor.

Section 9: Review Clause

WVU and the VCCS will review this agreement every three years to adjust as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and value and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not be applied retroactively to students already enrolled or registered under the provisions of the existing GAA.

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

Signatures



01/31/25

Dr. Michael Benson
President
West Virginia University



12/3/2025

Dr. Felicia Ganther
Senior Vice Chancellor
(On Behalf of Chancellor Dr. David Doré)
Virginia Community College System

Review Documentation

Review Date	Completed By	Agreement Extension

Note: Recorded by the VCCS, shared with senior institution

Appendix A: General Transfer Guides for West Virginia University

West Virginia University General Transfer Guide

Bachelor of Arts

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS

Complete at VCCS				Course and Curricular Information for West Virginia University
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			Information for students planning to transfer to West Virginia University through the GAA, upon completion of the associate degree
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	
WVUE 191	1-2	SDV 100 or 101		
ENGL 101	3	ENG 111	English Language and Composition AP score 4	
ENGL 102	3	ENG 112	English Language and Composition AP score 5 (ENGL 103; Satisfies ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 requirements)	
Art, Humanities Elective	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities		
Art, Humanities or Literature Elective	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature	This course must come from a different group than previous row	
History Elective	3	Any UCGS History		
SOC 101 or PSYC 101	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science	Cannot be a history course; SOC 200 or PSY 200 recommended	
Science Elective	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences		
MATH 121 or STAT 211 or STAT 211	3	MTH 154 or MTH 155 or MTH 245	Some BA options require Statics; For those majors that don't need MTH 155/245, MTH 154 is satisfactory. A higher math can be completed if the student is more proficient.	
	3-4	Any UCGS course	**Seek Individual guide if major has been determined	
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	3	Pre-Major/Gen Ed	**	
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Major Specific/Gen Ed	16-19	Pre-Major/Gen Ed		

CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62

CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 58-60

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement:

See the [VCCS Transfer Programs](#) page for more details in our Guaranteed Admission Agreement. This agreement does not guarantee your enrollment in any specific major.

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- **Minimum GPA requirement:** 2.0/4.0. Some programs have higher GPA requirements.
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IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- Transfer Info, Application & Financial Ad Information: <https://admissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/transfer-students>
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- **Admission Application:** August 1 for fall semester admission. December 1 for spring semester admission.
- **Financial Aid:** Visit <https://admissions.wvu.edu/cost-and-aid> to explore cost and aid options.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid: For highest aid, submit by March 1. See <https://studentaid.gov>.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Students are encouraged to select a program and use the program specific pathway after the first year. Student are encouraged to contact their desired program coordinator or college to seek additional guidance. For general transfer questions, email: TransferCredit@mail.wvu.edu
- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, and complete your first math and English courses in your first year.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and West Virginia University within your first year. Student can apply to transfer to West Virginia University. See <https://admissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/transfer-students>.

WHICH MAJORS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ME THROUGH THIS GAA?

- Several WVU programs can be completed in two-years at WVU using this GAA agreement. Some common Bachelor of Arts programs include, but not limited to: Anthropology, Criminology, Psychology, Sociology, English, History, Political Science, International Studies, Social Work, Creative Arts, Advertising, Journalism, Sports Leadership, Sustainability Studies, Health and Well-being.

- **Students who have a specific major/program in mind, will need to seek additional guidance from program specific agreements. Students can reach out to TransferCredit@mail.wvu.edu with questions at any time.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science.
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- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Prior Learning may be applied to degree requirements with the approval of the Dean of the student's academic college. Read more [here](#)
- **Catalog Year** First semester a student enters WVU.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- [13 Morgantown colleges](#) and schools offer [310 majors](#) in agriculture, natural resources, and design; applied and human sciences; arts and sciences; business and economics; creative arts; dentistry; engineering and mineral resources; law; medicine; nursing; pharmacy; public health. Hundreds of distance education and online classes are available.
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WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

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West Virginia University General Transfer Guide

GENERAL TRANSFER GUIDE (GAA)

Bachelor of Science

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BIOL 115/L or CHEM 115/L or PHYS 111/L	4	BIO 101 or CHM 111 or PHY 241	21-hours of Math and Science courses required for B.S. Need to be in sequence	
MATH 129 + MATH 1TC	5	MTH 167	Pre-req to MTH 263	
MATH 150 or MATH 155	4	MTH 261 or MTH 263	MATH 150 is only applicable for BIOL Every other BS requires MATH 155	
MATH 156	3-4	MTH 264 or Any UCGS Course	Required for CHEM, PHYS, ENGR MATH, DATA Science majors	
BIOL 117/L or CHEM 116/L or PHYS 112/L	4	BIO 102 or CHM 112 or PHY 242	21-hours required for B.S. Need to be in sequence	
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Appendix B: WVU Competitive Admissions Programs

College of Creative Arts and Media

An overall 2.00 GPA is required for admission into this college. Music majors must audition before they can be considered for admission. An audition may be required for Theatre majors, and transfer credit in art is dependent on an evaluation of a portfolio of artwork.

School of Nursing

When students are ready to apply to Nursing, they must complete a separate application. Admission to this program is competitive, and admission to the Pre-Nursing program does not guarantee admission into the major.

School of Dentistry

Dental Hygiene

Students are admitted into the Dental Hygiene Program through a competitive process in which all applications are reviewed by the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee. All applicants, including current college students, must apply to the Dental Hygiene Program and submit the required documentation to be considered. Admission to the program is limited by class size and successful completion of college courses does not guarantee admission.