

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

In accordance with Virginia's *State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Old Dominion University (ODU) 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 ODU 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 ODU and the VCCS signed prior to February 1, 2025. It does not nullify individual program-to-program agreements articulated before 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 transfer-oriented degrees offered through the VCCS including the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Arts & Sciences (AA&S), and Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) degrees identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as university-parallel transfer degrees; only those AS or AA&S in General Studies degrees identified by SCHEV as transfer degrees qualify for this ODU GAA (see [List of approved General Studies Degrees](#)); and for Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and Associate of Applied Arts (AAA) degrees that meet the [Lower-Division General Education Transfer Guidelines at ODU](#)

B. Minimum GPA requirement:

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for credits earned at the degree-granting institution is required. ODU will recognize the cumulative GPA as recorded on the VCCS transcript and not recalculate based on multiple course attempts. Courses transferred into the two-year college are not included in the GPA computation.

C. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:

ODU reserves the right to deny enrollment to students who have been academically dismissed or suspended or to those convicted of a felony. Disciplinary records are considered in determining eligibility for enrollment.

D. Course requirements:

In order for credits to transfer to ODU, students are required to earn a grade of "C" or better in each community college course applicable to the transfer degree from a VCCS

institution. ODU recommends students consult [ODU's Transfer Pathways](#) for course recommendations for specific ODU majors (or the [transfer guides featured on the Transfer Virginia portal](#)).

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

Students must meet all requirements to earn an associate degree as determined by their VCCS institution, including a minimum of 60 credits; a minimum of 30 credits must be completed at the degree-granting institution.

F. Maximum credits applicable for transfer:

A maximum of 90 transfer credits will apply towards the bachelor's degree requirements.

G. Testing requirements:

No test scores are required.

H. Admission application and enrollment:

ODU recommends, but does not require, students complete the standard ODU Application by the priority deadlines for fall, spring, and summer semesters established on the ODU Office of Admissions website in order to ensure timely application review and academic advising for ODU classes. If needed, students admitted through the GAA may request a one-year extension for their enrollment. However, in order to be eligible for the Virginia two-year College Transfer Grant, students must enroll at ODU within one year of completing the associate degree.

I. Transcript submission:

Students are required to provide an official transcript(s) at time of application to be eligible for admission. Students must then submit an updated official transcript including all final grades and documentation of the conferred associate degree within one month of enrollment at ODU as needed.

J. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:

ODU recommends, but does not require, students register their intent to use this agreement after completion of 15 college credits through the [ODU Transfer Website](#). By registering their intent to enroll at ODU, students will receive admission information and transfer support from ODU prior to their application.

Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement

Completion of a SCHEV approved transfer associate degree satisfies automatically all Lower-Division General Education requirements at ODU. Completion of non-approved AS in General Studies or any Associate of Applied Science degree, will be subject to ODU's transfer guidelines to meet the Lower-Division General Education requirements, and students must consult their ODU advisor for eligibility [Transfer Admissions ODU](#).

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

No distinction will be made by ODU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Completion of the transfer-oriented associate degree while enrolled in high school will not exclude the student from eligibility under this agreement. High school students who earn an associate degree concurrent with graduation from high school must follow the freshman

application and indicate they are applying as a freshman when prompted on the admission application. They must submit an official transcript from the community college at time of application, and inform their ODU academic advisor that they have completed an associate degree in High School.

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

Credit awarded at a previous institution for AP, CLEP, IB and Cambridge International examination scores will be reevaluated by ODU. Credit is not guaranteed for these courses; credit will be granted only if AP, CLEP, IB, and Cambridge International examination scores meet established ODU criteria found on the ODU website ([AP, IB, Cambridge, & CAPE Credit ODU Course Equivalencies](#)). For these credits to be accepted by ODU, GAA students are responsible for submitting the necessary official documentation to ODU's Office of Admissions office.

Section 6: Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination

GAA students will be required to meet graduation requirements as stated in the ODU Undergraduate Catalog in effect at the date of submission of the Letter of Intent to Transfer to ODU (unless changes to the curriculum are required to meet state and/or national accreditation guidelines).

GAA students who do not complete the bachelor's degree within six years of the date of submission of the electronic [Letter of Intent to Transfer](#) must choose to graduate under the requirements listed in any subsequent ODU Undergraduate Catalog in effect within the six-year period preceding the date of graduation from ODU.

Undergraduate students may choose to graduate under the Catalog in effect at the time of their first enrollment (part-time or full-time) or any subsequent Catalog provided that the students graduate within six years (18 semesters) from the date of the first enrollment.

Students must enroll at the four-year institution within one year of completing their associate degree.

Students must follow all ODU application processes and special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.

Section 7: Transfer Guide – Student Document

The Transfer Guides represent all requirements for admittance under this GAA and the benefits that result. The Transfer Guides will be applied as the student-facing document for this agreement. The ODU General Transfer Guide in addition to Major-specific Transfer Guides will be developed and featured at the [Transfer Virginia Portal](#). 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. If a transfer guide is not available on the Transfer Virginia portal, please visit the [ODU VCCS Transfer Guides](#) website for additional information.

Section 8: Administration of Agreement

The ODU official responsible for all ODU aspects of the GAA and Letter of Intent to Transfer is the Vice President for Digital Transformation and Technology or his/her designee. The ODU official responsible for the negotiation and approval of program articulation agreements is the Vice President for Digital Transformation and Technology or his/her designee. The VCCS

official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GAA is the Senior Vice Chancellor of 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 by mutual agreement by the VCCS Chancellor and President of ODU. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice. Students who register their intent to use this agreement through the Transfer Virginia portal under the GAA 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 ODU and the VCCS Chancellor. The signed Agreement will be maintained in the Transfer Virginia portal and ODU's website.

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 GAA and provide support to students.

ODU Responsibilities

- Use portal and internal data to track students who register their intent to use the GAA. Use this data to maintain ability to honor agreement in respect to enrollment capacities.
- 4-year institutions use portal data to track students who register their intent to use this agreement and engage with students to best prepare students for transfer.

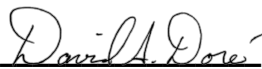
Section 9: Review Clause

ODU and the VCCS will review this agreement and the student tracking data 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

Nina Rodriguez Gonser **Date**
Vice President of Digital
Transformation & Technology
Old Dominion University

 2/25/26
David Doré **Date**
Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

Review Documentation

Table 1

Review Date	Completed By	Agreement Extension

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