

**TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED ADMISSION
BETWEEN THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, ON BEHALF
OF ITS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE, AND THE VIRGINIA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

In accordance with Virginia's *State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and the University of Virginia's School of Engineering and Applied Science (UVA Engineering) 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 The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, on behalf of its School of Engineering and Applied Science, enter into this agreement to provide VCCS students an opportunity for guaranteed admission to UVA Engineering. This agreement offers guaranteed undergraduate admission to VCCS students only to UVA Engineering; VCCS students interested in undergraduate admission to another school of UVA should consult the university's Office of Undergraduate Admission. VCCS students who do not meet the requirements described herein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the competitive transfer admission procedures of the University.

This agreement supersedes all previous agreements between UVA and the VCCS or its individual institutions, concerning guaranteed admission to UVA's School of Engineering and Applied Science, signed prior to January 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:

Complete an Associate of Science (AS) or Associate of Arts and Sciences (AA&S) degree in Engineering, Science, or Computer Science in the VCCS. A student also may complete an AS degree in General Studies program that is approved as a transfer degree by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as a university-parallel transfer degree. Students who complete the AS degree in Engineering may reduce the number of required courses taken at the University as compared with students who complete the AS degree in Science, Computer Science or General Studies.

B. Minimum GPA requirement:

A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 for credits earned at the degree-granting institution is required on the transcript at the time of application and associate degree completion. Applicants may repeat courses at a VCCS college in accordance with the VCCS course repeat policy. Courses transferred into any VCCS college are not included in the GPA computation.

C. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:

UVA reserves the right to deny admission or enrollment to students who have been academically dismissed or suspended, or to deny enrollment to those who have been convicted of a felony or have pending charges. School disciplinary records are considered in determining eligibility for admission and enrollment.

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D. Course requirements:

To be eligible for guaranteed admission, a student must earn a grade of B or better in MTH 264, MTH 265, PHY 241, CHM 111, and EGR 125 OR CSC 221; these courses and grade requirement can be satisfied through UVA Engineering advanced placement equivalencies (see Section 5). For all other courses, students are required to earn a grade of C or better in each community college course to receive UVA transfer credit and meet the 45-credit minimum for guaranteed admission; retaking a course(s), in accordance with VCCS policy, is allowed to meet the minimum grade requirement to satisfy the guaranteed admission requirement.

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

Students must earn a minimum of 45 transferable credits of the total required for the transfer-oriented associate degree at a VCCS institution (not via transfer credit, through dual enrollment, or advanced placement tests) following graduation from high school. Students who were previously enrolled at UVA and transferred to a VCCS institution are not eligible for participation in the GAA.

F. Maximum credits applicable for transfer:

Degree completion credit requirement varies by major; students must complete half of the degree requirements at UVA; therefore, students may transfer up to 50% (half) of the total credits needed for the declared major. Credit limits for each major are identified on the major specific transfer guides.

G. Testing requirements:

No test scores are required.

H. Admission application and enrollment:

Admission via the GAA is to the fall term. To be eligible for guaranteed admission under the terms of this agreement, applicants must be at least one year removed from completion of a secondary-level curriculum and must transfer within two years after completion of the Associate Degree.

Successful applicants will submit a completed application for fall transfer admission by the March 1 application deadline. A complete transfer application includes:

- Common Application with University supplement;
- Application fee (Applicants should follow the instructions provided within the Common Application Transfer Application for indicating eligibility for a fee waiver);
- Foreign nationals whose first language is not English are strongly encouraged to submit evidence of English language proficiency. Information on accepted examinations and their submission can be viewed at: admission.virginia.edu/i-am/international;
- Official College transcript from each institution attended with all coursework completed by the end of spring and any advanced placement score(s) utilized to satisfy course requirements (see Section 2. C.).

I. Transcript submission:

Students are required to provide official transcripts for all prior postsecondary institutions. Students must submit an official transcript including all final grades and documentation of the conferred associate degree within one month of enrollment at UVA.

J. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:

Registration is not required through the Transfer Virginia portal. Students register their use of the GAA through the Common App.

Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement

Completion of an approved transfer associate degree satisfies lower-level general education requirements with the exception of Science, Technology and Society course requirements, which all UVA Engineering students are required to take at UVA. See Transfer Guide for details.

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

UVA does not guarantee admission to high school students earning a transferable associate degree through dual enrollment. High school students who earn a transferable associate degree through dual enrollment are encouraged to apply to the University for first-year admission and will be considered on an equal basis with other applicants for admission as first year students.

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

A historical record of the advanced examinations for which the University grants advanced standing or advanced placement may be found in the Undergraduate Record, <https://records.ureg.virginia.edu>, under Admission, Advanced Examinations and Military-Related Experience. This information is subject to change. Credit awarded at a previous institution for AP, CLEP, IB and Cambridge International examination scores will be reevaluated by UVA Engineering. Credit is not guaranteed for these courses; credit will be granted only if AP, CLEP, IB, and Cambridge International examination scores meet established UVA Engineering criteria.

Section 6: Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination

UVA Engineering honors the general education catalog in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year institution. Students who maintain continuous enrollment at the two-year institution have a maximum of four years from their first enrollment at UVA for this catalog designation. Major requirements will be determined based on the catalog in effect at the time of the student's matriculation to UVA Engineering. Students must enroll at UVA within two years of completing their associate degree.

Section 7: Transfer Guide – Student Document

The attached Transfer Guide represents all requirements for admittance under this GAA and the benefits that result. The Transfer Guide will be applied as the student-facing document for this agreement. Major-specific transfer guides may be developed and featured at the Transfer Virginia portal (<https://www.transfervirginia.org/>). Students should check the Transfer Guidance section of those transfer guides to understand whether admission into UVA Engineering also guarantees admission into their major or program of choice.

Section 8: Administration of Agreement

The UVA officials responsible for all university aspects of the GAA are the vice provost for enrollment and dean of engineering, or their designees. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GAA is the Senior Vice Chancellor or their 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 UVA President, or their designees.

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 UVA President, or designee, and the VCCS Chancellor, or designee. 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.

University Responsibilities

- Use enrollment data to maintain ability to honor agreement in respect to enrollment capacities.

Section 9: Review Clause

UVA and the VCCS will review this agreement and enrollment 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 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

Signed by:


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Brie Gertler
Interim Executive Vice
President and Provost
University of Virginia

September 17, 2025

Date



David Doré
Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

8/19/25

Date

Review Documentation

Review Date	Completed By	Agreement Extension

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

Appendix A: General Transfer Guide

<https://www.transfervirginia.org/content/uva-engineering-general-transfer-guide-1>