

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT (GAA)

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE AND RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE of The College of William and Mary in Virginia

Virginia Wesleyan College welcomes and values transfer students from Richard Bland College who have completed an Associate of Arts or Associate of Sciences degree and are appropriately prepared to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree. This Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) is designed to facilitate the transfer of students from Richard Bland College to Virginia Wesleyan College (VWC) for the purpose of entering a Baccalaureate Degree program.

SECTION 1: Definitions

"Transfer-oriented associate degrees" refers to the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees.

"Accredited institutions" are non-profit institutions accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or similar regional accreditation bodies.

"GAA student" refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at Richard Bland College with a curricular grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a four-point scale and who intends to transfer to VWC.

"GAA Contact" refers to staff members designated by Richard Bland College and by VWC who work with prospective GAA students.

SECTION 2: Guaranteed Admission

1. Upon receipt of completed VWC application materials, VWC will guarantee admission to GAA students. No distinction will be made by VWC regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.
2. GAA students admitted to VWC will have all transferable academic credits accepted at full value. Credits earned at accredited institutions other than Richard Bland College to satisfy the transfer-oriented associate degree will be treated on an equal basis as credits earned from Richard Bland College.
3. GAA students may transfer up to 64 semester hours from 2-year institutions toward the minimum of 120 semester hours required for a baccalaureate degree from VWC. In addition, credit for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, CLEP, and Armed Services experience will be accepted according to stated policies for acceptance of credit, which can be found in the VWC catalog. VWC will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.

SECTION 3: Benefits to Students

1. Completion of the Richard Bland College transfer-oriented associate degree program will guarantee completion of the VWC general education component of the undergraduate curriculum, with these particular notes:

- GAA students will be considered to have completed three of the six required Writing intensive courses and are required to complete the remaining three.

- GAA students will be considered to have completed courses that satisfy three of the categories comprising the VWC Frames of Reference (Communication, Empirical Knowledge, and Institutional and Cultural Systems); students entering without a course in each of the other three categories (Aesthetic Understanding, Historical Perspective, and Ethical Values and Faith Perspectives) are required to complete one for each of those frames.
- GAA students entering without a four semester hour laboratory science are required to complete one.
- GAA students entering without foreign language proficiency at the intermediate level will need to complete the VWC foreign language proficiency requirement.
- Like native students, GAA students must complete one Senior Integrative Experience course and the required proficiencies in oral communication and computer literacy.

2. VWC will consider GAA students who enroll at VWC on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.

3. Through the Richard Bland College GAA Contact, students can obtain the name and contact information for the VWC GAA Contact, who can direct them to VWC departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various VWC majors.

4. The application fee usually charged by VWC will be waived, provided all application materials are submitted by July 1 for fall term enrollment and November 15 for spring term enrollment.

5. GAA students transferring to VWC will be considered automatically for whichever of the following designated scholarships provides the higher award:

- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, \$4,500 to \$9,000 per year, renewable for up to eight semesters, depending on number of transferable credits; requires 24 or more semester hours with a 3.25 or higher GPA and good standing membership in PTK. The admissions application deadline is July 1st for fall enrollment or November 15th for spring enrollment. A Phi Theta Kappa Competition is available to Phi Theta Kappa members who will graduate with the Associate's Degree by fall enrollment. Approximately 15 four semester scholarships of \$15,000 will be awarded as a result of the March competition. This scholarship is currently available for fall start and admissions applications must be received on or before February 1st of start year.
- Associate's Grant, \$7000-\$10,000 per year, depending on GPA; renewable for up to three semesters (total of four semesters); requires Associate's Degree with a 3.0 or higher GPA. The admissions application deadline is July 1st for fall enrollment or November 15th for spring enrollment.


GAA students who are domiciliary residents of the state of Virginia will be eligible to submit application for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant. It is guaranteed for students beginning the academic term in September if they have applied for the grant prior to the July 31st deadline. This grant is in addition to scholarships designated for transfer students.

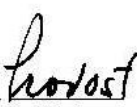
SECTION 4: Responsibilities

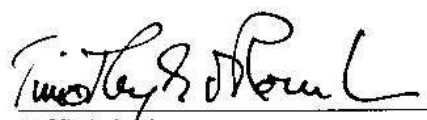
1. GAA students will have declared an intent to transfer to VWC under the GAA to the Richard Bland College GAA Contact after a minimum of 15 credits towards the transfer-oriented associate degree is completed and before applying for graduation from Richard Bland College.
2. Richard Bland College will notify students of transfer opportunities to VWC under this GAA.
3. VWC will develop a transfer guide for use by counselors, faculty and students of Richard Bland College. This guide will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis by VWC.

SECTION 5: Review of the Agreement

1. VWC and Richard Bland College will review the GAA every three years to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the transfer process.
2. Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement shall be made only after consultation with and agreement among officials at both institutions. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA.
3. This Statement of Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice shall be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination.
4. The above provisions are mutually agreed to and shall go into effect when signed by the appropriate institutional representatives. They shall remain in force until superseded by official action by either institution.


Official Signature
Richard Bland College
of the College of William and Mary


Title


Official Signature
Virginia Wesleyan College

VPAA
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3/21/08
Date

March 10, 2008
Date