TRANSFER AGREEMENT

BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE
AND
RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE
of The College of William and Mary

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to assist students at various levels of higher education to achieve their goals in an efficient and timely way. This purpose may be achieved through the coordination between Bridgewater College and Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary of transfer policies, enhanced advising, and acceptance of equivalent courses. This agreement is in support of the State Policy on Transfer. Bridgewater College agrees that Richard Bland College graduates who are accepted under the provision of the State Policy on Transfer will be designated as junior-level students.

1. Upon application, Bridgewater College (BC) will guarantee acceptance of all Richard Bland College graduates with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree who have earned a minimum grade point average of 2.75. This guarantee assumes that there are no other factors in a student’s academic or personal record that might prevent acceptance. For guaranteed acceptance, applications must be received by March 15 for fall term and November 15 for spring term. Students with grade point averages below 2.75 or who apply after the stated deadlines also will be considered for admission but without the guaranteed acceptance.

2. BC agrees that Richard Bland College graduates who are accepted under this agreement will receive transfer credit for all courses taken at Richard Bland College that correspond to or can be considered equivalent of courses offered at BC and for which a grade of “C” or above was earned. Credits earned through examination (Advanced Placement, CLEP, or DANTES), and awarded credit at Richard Bland College, will be treated on an equal basis as credits earned at Richard Bland College.

3. Richard Bland College graduates may be required to complete any unfulfilled BC upper-division general education requirements or specific requirements for a BA/BS degree. Students transferring from Richard Bland College to specific BC programs must meet the same prerequisites, GPA, and other admission criteria as for other transfer or native students applying to those programs.

4. Acceptance in some programs at BC is competitive; acceptance into BC does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the college or department offering the program. Students participating in this admission agreement should follow all special college and departmental application procedures and deadlines, as well as grade point requirements listed in the BC catalog for native BC students. Transfer students and native BC students will be treated identically with regard to admission to programs.

5. Richard Bland College graduates transferring to BC can generally expect to graduate in two years, assuming they take normal course loads, have met the specific prerequisites for their majors, and make satisfactory progress.
6. Students who are not native speakers of English must score at least 550 on the TOEFL examination and have the minimum grade point average of 2.75 in order to be guaranteed admission.

7. Students transferring from Richard Bland College will be required to complete a minimum of 45 semester hours of upper division coursework at BC to be eligible for the BC degree. As defined in the transfer guides, 100/200 level courses may be used to fulfill certain 300/400 level requirements of a degree at BC. However, no Richard Bland College courses may be applied toward the requirement for 45 upper-level course credits. Transfer credit will not be granted for Richard Bland College courses numbered below 100. Two courses with essentially the same content (as determined by BC) cannot both be counted toward the same degree requirements.

8. BC will offer accepted applicants from Richard Bland College consideration for available financial aid if they apply for aid by the recommended deadline of March 1st.

9. The faculty and staff of the two institutions will work together to maintain a course-by-course evaluation of all courses listed in the Richard Bland College Catalog. Richard Bland College faculty and advising staff will encourage prospective BC transfer students to meet the spirit and content of the BC general education requirements to the greatest extent possible in preparing for transfer. The Registrar and student advisors at BC will offer counsel to Richard Bland College students who plan to transfer to BC concerning degree requirements and programs of study.

10. Richard Bland College transfer students must sign a Guaranteed Admission Letter of Intent form to enroll at BC.

11. Richard Bland College agrees to support this articulation agreement by indicating the relationship in appropriate literature and through its web site.

12. This agreement may be amended as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.

13. This transfer 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. Upon termination, the agreement will remain in effect for two additional years to accommodate students currently pursuing the articulated program at Richard Bland College.

[Signatures and dates]