

*GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT  
FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES  
BETWEEN  
RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE OF THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY (RBC)  
AND  
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY (VCU)*

**PURPOSE**

- Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) is pleased to guarantee admission to Richard Bland College (RBC) students with an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at RBC into the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree programs in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS), School of Allied Health Professions at VCU according to the terms of this agreement which is intended to support the State Policy on Transfer. A further purpose of this agreement is to improve the coordination between VCU and RBC of transfer policies, acceptance of equivalent courses, and to enable enhanced advising at both institutions for students planning to pursue Clinical Laboratory Sciences. This agreement establishes a partnership between RBC and VCU for the benefit of students. RBC students who do not meet the terms of this agreement may still apply and will be considered for regular transfer admission, although admission will not be guaranteed.

**ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT**

- RBC will advertise this program to the general public within the RBC service area. The program will be promoted as the "Clinical Laboratory Sciences Associate of Science Transfer Degree Program" in the RBC catalog, website and other publicity material. Representatives of RBC and VCU will call attention to this articulation agreement when advising students.
- VCU accepts applications from students who wish to transfer directly from RBC to VCU to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) transfer applications are considered for students who earn the A.S. degree and who apply for fall admission.

**Responsibilities of GAA Applicants**

- 1) Upon the completion of 15 credits at RBC, submit the VCU-RBC online GAA *Letter of Interest* to enroll to the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University, PO Box 980583, Richmond, VA, 23298-0583. VCU representatives with important information to ensure a successful transfer to VCU will periodically contact students who complete the letter of interest.

- 2) Meet with a RBC faculty advisor prior to the completion of 30 credits towards their degree program to ensure degree progress and completion.
- 3) Apply for RBC A.S. degree graduation by the published deadline for graduation as specified by RBC.
- 4) Upon acceptance to VCU, submit the required enrollment deposit within 30 days of receipt of admission letter.

### **Admission Requirements**

RBC students who graduate with an A.S. degree and meet all of the following criteria will be guaranteed admission to the VCU B.S. in Clinical Laboratory Sciences program:

- 1) Apply by April 1 per the VCU transfer application deadline.
- 2) Earn a minimum cumulative RBC GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and no individual grade lower than a "C" at the time of application to be granted junior standing at VCU. The cumulative RBC GPA will include all attempts of coursework.
- 3) Complete a minimum of 60 credits to include the following prerequisites: 6 credits of English Composition, 3 credits of College Algebra or higher mathematics, 12 credits of chemistry (8 credits of college chemistry and 4 credits of organic chemistry or quantitative analysis), 12 credits of biology (anatomy and physiology recommended), 3 credits of humanities or fine arts and 3 credits of social sciences.
- 4) Submit two recommendations from RBC science or math instructors that highly recommend or recommend the applicant without reservation.
- 5) Receive a satisfactory rating on interview.
- 6) VCU will consider RBC students who have not completed the A.S. program for admission into its B.S. programs. However, the course equivalencies as stated in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Transfer Program Table are based on the completion of the associate degree program prior to transfer. Course credit cannot be given for transfer courses in which the student earned below a "C" grade. Students who transfer prior to the completion of the associate degree program will have their courses evaluated individually per the VCU Transfer Guide. Therefore, students are encouraged to complete the associate degree prior to matriculating to VCU.
- 7) Students can transfer credits back to RBC from VCU.

### Acceptance and Application of Transfer Credit

- 1) Students completing an A.S. degree at RBC who meet all other requirements of this agreement will be considered to have met all of VCU's lower division university general education requirements and will be granted junior standing.
- 2) Courses listed in this program will be reviewed as needed, by both institutions to ensure continuity of instruction, curriculum, and evaluation. The attached "Clinical Laboratory Sciences Transfer Program Table" lists the respective transfer credits that will be awarded by VCU for courses offered by RBC students for transfer under the terms of the Agreement. This table will be updated as curricula evolve. VCU will work with students who have a *Letter of Interest* on file to ensure that curriculum changes made after the Letter is received but prior to matriculation to VCU will not negatively impact the admissions decision. There is a limit of 63 credits that may be transferred to VCU from RBC and course equivalency and transfer credits should be limited to those courses required for the student's selected major.
- 3) VCU and RBC will maintain an online transfer equivalency database allowing students to view course equivalencies. Wherever possible, this information will be maintained with the most recent RBC information compared to the most recent VCU course offerings.
- 4) The benefits of this agreement, including junior standing and the waiver of all lower-division general education requirements are indicated on the transfer credit evaluation and are contingent upon receipt of the final RBC transcript. It is the student's responsibility to provide a final degree transcript to the VCU Office of Admissions.

### Update/Report/Relationship

- VCU and RBC agree to meet regularly to review this agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purpose of monitoring this agreement.

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### Amendments and Term of Effect

- 1) 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 and transfer credit equivalency databases may be amended as needed.
- 2) This master agreement will go into effect for those RBC students entering VCU Fall Semester 2013, and remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 90 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of 2 years.

Presidential Signatures

  
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President of Richard Bland College

1-20-2013  
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Date

  
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President of Virginia Commonwealth  
University

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Date

**Clinical Laboratory Sciences Transfer Program Table**

| Requirement | RBC Course                                 | Credits | VCU Course                                 | Credits |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------|---------|
|             |                                            |         |                                            |         |
| Biology     | BIO 101+BIO 101L or<br>BIO 151 + BIO 151 L | 4       | BIOL101+BIOZ101 or<br>BIOL151+BIOZ151L     | 4       |
|             | BIO 205+BIO 205L and<br>BIO 206+BIO 206L   | 8       | BIOL 205+BIOZ205L and<br>PHIS 206+PHIS206L | 8       |
|             |                                            | 12      |                                            | 12      |
|             |                                            |         |                                            |         |
| Chemistry   | CHEM 101+CHEM 101L                         | 4       | CHEM 101+CHEZ 101                          | 4       |
|             | CHEM 102+CHEM 102L                         | 4       | CHEM 102+CHEZ 102                          | 4       |
|             | CHEM 230+CHEM 230L                         | 4       | CHEM 301+CHEZ 301                          | 4       |
|             |                                            | 12      |                                            | 12      |
|             |                                            |         |                                            |         |
| English     | ENGL 101                                   | 3       | UNIV 111+UNIV 112                          | 3       |
|             | ENGL 102                                   | 3       | ENGL 200                                   | 3       |
|             |                                            | 6       |                                            | 6       |
|             |                                            |         |                                            |         |
| Mathematics | MATH 101 or Higher                         | 3       | MATH 151 or VCU<br>equivalent              | 3       |
| & Physics   | PHYS 101                                   | 4       | PHYS 201                                   | 4       |
|             |                                            | 7       |                                            | 7       |
|             |                                            |         |                                            |         |
|             | See RBC A.S. Degree<br>Requirements        | 26      | VCU equivalent                             | 23      |
|             |                                            |         |                                            |         |
| Total       |                                            | 63      |                                            | 60      |