

**TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED ADMISSION
BETWEEN NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

In accordance with the Virginia State Policy on Transfer, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Norfolk State University (NSU) 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 NSU 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 NSU and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to July 1, 2022. 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 institu7 (or)-3.9 (d)10.8 (i)-4.6 (ng)1 TJ0 T

D. Course requirements:

H. Admission application and enrollment:

1. However, the transfer priority application deadline is May 1 for fall and October 1 for spring.
2. Students must enroll at the four-year institution within one year of completing their associate degree.
3. Acceptance in some degree programs at NSU is competitive; thus, guaranteed admission into NSU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program. Students participating in this guaranteed admission agreement should follow all special college and/or departmental application procedures and deadlines, as well as grade point average requirements listed in the NSU catalog for native NSU students. GAA students and native NSU students will be treated identically with regard to admission to competitive programs. The following programs have competitive admissions:
 - a. Nursing (Traditional & RN to BSN Online)
 - b. Exercise Science (Kinesiotherapy)
 - c. Health Services Management
 - d. Social Work (BSW)
 - e. All teacher certification endorsement programs in the Department of Early Childhood/Elementary & Special Education, Health & Physical Education, and Secondary Education & School Leadership.
4. GAA students will be given the same consideration as all other students for admission to competitive programs, as well as for registration, financial aid, student housing, and any other opportunities open to other students.
5. GAA students must follow all NSU application processes and specific special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements. For full consideration for financial aid, GAA students must apply by the priority date of May 1st, annually, and complete a FAFSA.

I. Transcript submission:

Students must submit an official transcript including all final grades and degree conferred with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA. The terms of the GAA will not be applied until the official transcript showing degree conferred has been received by NSU.

J. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:

Students should register their intent to use this agreement after completion of 15 college credits. All students must register in the Transfer Virginia Portal their intent to participate in the GAA prior to formal acceptance by NSU.

Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement

1. Completion of the transfer-oriented associate degree program at VCCS will satisfy all lower-level general education requirements at NSU. GAA students will also need to complete upper-level and all other University, college/school, and departmental requirements in order to obtain the baccalaureate degree from NSU.
2. NSU will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program and will accept the student with junior standing.

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

No distinction will be made by NSU 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 preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement.

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

All course credits that were awarded by VCCS that are based on national examination scores, military training, or other equivalencies (i.e., IB/AP/CLEP, DSST) will transfer based on the transfer equivalency for the course awarded. NSU is not required to award course credit for performance on an assessment whose subject matter is not offered in its curriculum.

Section 6: Associate Degree Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination

NSU will honor the 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 the institution for this catalog designation. Students must enroll at the four-year institution within one year of completing their associate degree.

Section 7: Transfer Guide – Student Document

The associated Transfer Guide represents all requirements for admittance under this GAA and the benefits that result. The Transfer Guide will be applied, once development is complete, as the student-facing document for this agreement. Major-specific transfer guides will be developed and featured at the Transfer Virginia portal (<https://www.transfervirginia.org/>). Students should check the Transfer Guidance section of those transfer guides

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