

**Tidewater Community College**  
**and**  
**Virginia Wesleyan University**

**Guaranteed Admission Agreement**  
**Fair Transfer Guarantee**

Virginia Wesleyan University (VWU) strives to become the college of choice for Tidewater Community College (TCC) students who desire to earn a bachelor's degree in a timely and affordable manner upon successful completion of an associate's degree.

The initial goal is to enroll 100 TCC graduates each academic year into the VWU day program. Using this Guaranteed Admission Agreement between VWU and TCC and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Guaranteed Admission Articulation Agreement, the following strategies are proposed as a means of increasing the number of TCC graduates who transfer to VWU. The basic tenets of this plan can be expanded to include other VCCS institutions and students.

**Recruitment of Students**

Under this agreement, VWU and TCC will join in a collaborative effort to facilitate the transfer of TCC associate degree graduates to Virginia Wesleyan University baccalaureate programs. VWU will be invited to participate in TCC transfer recruitment events, and upon request, will be provided with graduate contact data in accordance with TCC's directory information policy. VWU will be listed as a transfer agreement institution on the TCC website and information about this agreement will be included in other relevant materials. VWU will maintain an office on the TCC Virginia Beach campus, for the purpose of meeting with and offering academic advisement to prospective VWU students.

**Guaranteed Admission**

Admission to VWU will be guaranteed for any individual who has earned an associate of arts or associate of science degree from TCC with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher based on all college-level work attempted and who has upheld standards of student conduct at TCC.

TCC students who have earned less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA based on all college-level work attempted will be reviewed for admission to VWU on an individual basis.

**Fair Transfer Guarantee**

TCC students graduating with an associate of arts or associate of science degree will be guaranteed junior class status at VWU. As such, all lower level VWU general education requirements – including the foreign language requirement – will be deemed to have been

completed. Enrolling TCC students will be free to focus on major requirements and the accumulation of upper level elective credits necessary for graduation.

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TCC students who are determined to transfer to VWU upon completion of their associate’s degree may make their intention known by completing a Declaration to Enroll at Virginia Wesleyan University form. These students will be issued a VWU student ID, will be entitled to all the benefits therein (e.g. campus access, use of the VWU library, free attendance at sporting events, etc.), and will be assigned a VWU academic advisor. Students who have attained a 3.0 GPA at the completion of their freshman year at TCC are eligible to enroll in two 300-level VWU courses during their sophomore year.

**Application Process**

TCC students applying for VWU guaranteed admission should complete a transfer application and submit all official college transcripts by July 1 for the fall term and November 15 for the spring term.

**Early Commitment/Guaranteed Courses**

It is not necessary for TCC students to delay application until all coursework in their final semester of enrollment at TCC has been completed. Admission may be granted with work in progress. All TCC students accepted to VWU under the terms of this agreement and who make a commitment by May 1 (for the fall term) or October 15 (for the spring term) will be guaranteed the courses needed to continue their educational goals.

**Financial Aid**

A merit scholarship will be awarded to each TCC graduate accepted as a full-time student into the VWU day program under the terms of this agreement, which will be based on the cumulative GPA of all college-level work attempted. The award schedule set forth in the matrix below supersedes the awards set forth in the VCCS Agreement, Section 3.5.

| Cumulative GPA - TCC | Resident Student*<br>(residing in VWU<br>campus housing) | Commuter Student*<br>(residing at home or in other<br>non-VWU housing) |
|----------------------|--|--|
| 3.5 – 4.0            | \$20,000<br>VWU Scholarship                              | \$14,000<br>VWU Scholarship  |
| 3.0 – 3.49           | \$18,000<br>VWU Scholarship                              | \$12,000<br>VWU Scholarship  |
| 2.5 – 2.99           | \$16,000<br>VWU Scholarship                              | \$10,000<br>VWU Scholarship  |
| 2.0 – 2.49           | \$14,000<br>VWU Scholarship                              | \$8,000<br>VWU Scholarship   |

\* Awarded annually, and not to exceed five semesters. VWU grades resulting in less than good academic standing or student conduct disciplinary action could impact award.

TCC graduates who are residents of Virginia Beach will also receive the Virginia Beach College Success Scholarship, which has a value of \$10,000 per academic year. Students are also encouraged to apply for the Virginia Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program (\$1,000 annual award), Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG), Federal loans, and private loans and grants.

### **Articulation Agreements / Advising**

Program-to-program articulation agreements for programs popular for TCC graduates will be developed, approved, and published to ensure a seamless transfer to VWU and timely graduation with a bachelor's degree. These agreements will be available to guide TCC advisors, VWU transfer advisors, departmental faculty, and students at both institutions. TCC students can refer to the VCCS Guaranteed Admission Articulation Agreement for specific details on transferring college-level courses (<http://www.vccs.edu/students/transfers/>). Prior to degree conferral by VWU, all requirements for majors and minors must be completed, including any lower-division pre-requisites for upper-division courses. Program-to-program articulation agreements between TCC and VWU are available at <https://www.tcc.edu/academics/degrees/transfer/transfer-agreements/virginia-wesleyan-university>.

At the time of commitment to VWU, the incoming TCC transfer student will be assigned to a faculty advisor in his/her intended major. The faculty advisor will be responsible for meeting with the student to outline a plan for completing graduation requirements and assisting the student in selecting and registering for upcoming semester courses.

### **Review of Agreement**

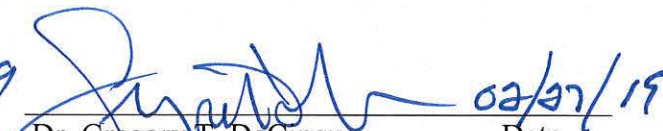
Both parties agree to abide by these guidelines and review the agreement annually. Any addenda to this agreement should be agreed to by both parties. This agreement may be terminated by either institution by submitting a written notice of intent at least 90 days in advance.

Effective February 27, 2019

**Approved:**

 2-27-19  
Date

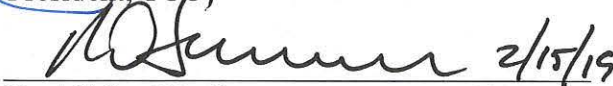
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