

**Guaranteed Admission Agreement**  
**between ECPI University and Tidewater Community College**  
**for the**  
**BS Computer and Information Science with a major in Cyber Security and Network Security**

## **I. Overview**

ECPI University and Tidewater Community College, recognizing the need to facilitate the admission of transfer students from Tidewater Community College to ECPI University as they pursue a bachelor's degree in Information Technology, resolve to adopt a guaranteed admission agreement (GAA). Tidewater Community College students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and be considered for admission; however, admission is not guaranteed.

Tidewater Community College graduates who participate in this GAA will be able to complete a BS degree in an accelerated time frame (as long as the student is available to take two classes per term). They will also have access to career services advising and other student services.

## **II. Agreement**

### **A. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility**

To be guaranteed admission under this GAA, a Tidewater Community College student must graduate with an associate's degree in Information Systems Technology (Cyber Security) (299-13) from Tidewater Community College within five years of his/her application to ECPI University and meet all of the ECPI UNIVERSITY admission requirements below. These students are referred to as "GAA students." GAA students may also pursue additional general education and technical credits from Tidewater Community College to transfer into ECPI University's baccalaureate programs.

To be admitted under the terms of this agreement, GAA students must:

- a. Complete an interview with an admissions representative.
- b. Submit official transcripts for all academic work completed including documentation of an earned associate's degree in Information Systems Technology (Cyber Security) from Tidewater Community College.
- c. Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in the associate's degree.
- d. Achieve a C or better in all courses applied to the degree and have completed all courses applied to the degree within the past ten years. No distinction will be made for courses earned through dual enrollment, Advanced Placement, military training, or CLEP.

Students who transfer from Tidewater Community College through this program will receive a 20% reduction in per semester charge. This does not include book or learning resource charges.

Tidewater Community College students can transfer a maximum of 80 credits into ECPI University's BS in Cyber Security (120 total credits).

The ECPI University application fee for Tidewater Community College students will be waived.

## B. Summary of Transfer Credits

The ECPI University's Cyber Security BS degree program is 120 credit hours.

Table 1. Table of Course Equivalency (Curriculum as of January 2017)

Tidewater Community College Information Technology, AS Degree			ECPI University Cyber Security, BS Degree			
Course Number	Course Title	Cr	CORE CURRICULUM (28 hours required)			
			Course Number	Course Title	Crdts from TCC to ECPI	Crdts taken at ECPI Only
			BUS121	Introduction to Business		3
<i>ITP100</i>	<i>Software Design</i>	4	CIS126	Introduction to Programming	3	
			CIS142	Introduction to Cloud Solutions		3
<i>ITN101</i>	<i>Introduction to Network Concepts</i>	4	CIS150	Introduction to Networking	3	
<i>ITN171</i>	<i>Unix I</i>	4	CIS206	Linux Administration	3	
			CIS228 or CIS127	Service Desk Fundamentals OR Introduction to Scripting		3
<i>ITN260</i>	<i>Network Security Basics</i>	4	CIS212	Principles of Cybersecurity	3	
			CIS223	Introduction to Databases		3
			BUS472	Applied Project Management		3
			BUS472L	Applied Project Management LAB		1
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				To take at ECPI UNIVERSITY		16
			Arts and Sciences (31 hours required)			
			CAP480	Arts and Sciences Capstone		3
<i>CST100 or CST110</i>	<i>Principles of Public Speaking or Introduction to Communication</i>	3	COM115	Principles of Communication	3	
<i>ENG111</i>	<i>College Composition I</i>	3	ENG110	College Composition	3	
<i>ENG112</i>	<i>College Composition II</i>	3	ENG120	Advanced Composition	3	
<i>HUM</i>	<i>Humanities</i>	3	HUM205	Culture and Diversity	3	
<i>MTH 161</i>	<i>Precalculus I</i>	4	MTH131	College Algebra	3	
			MTH140	Statistics		3
			PHY120	Physics		3
			PHY120L	Physics LAB		1
<i>ECO201 or ECO202</i>	<i>Principles of Macroeconomics or Principles of Microeconomics</i>	3	ECO201	Macroeconomics	3	
			PSY220	Positive Psychology		3
				TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer	18	
				To take at ECPI UNIVERSITY		13
			Self- Integration (9 hours required)			
<i>ITN106</i>	<i>Microcomputer Operating Systems</i>	4	CIS106	Introduction to Operating Systems	3	

ITE115	<i>Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts</i>	4	CIS115	Computer Applications	3	
			COR090	Career Orientation Seminar (All students are required to take the COR090 course at ECPI.)	0	
SDV101	<i>College Success Skills</i>	1	FOR110	Essentials for Success	3	
				Tidewater Community College to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer	9	
<b>Required Courses (37 hours required)</b>						
			CIS202	Network Routing and Switching		3
			CIS202L	Network Routing and Switching LAB		1
			CIS204	Intermediate Routing and Switching		3
			CIS207L	Routing and Switching LAB		1
ITN262	<i>Network Communication, Security and Authentication</i>	4	CIS225	Network Protocols and Services	3	
			CIS245	Windows Client and Server		3
			CIS245L	Windows Client and Server LAB		1
			CIS251	Advanced Windows Server		3
			CIS256	Windows Active Directory		3
			CIS256L	Windows Active Directory LAB		1
ITN107	<i>PC Computer Hardware and Troubleshooting</i>	4	CIS101	Computer Configuration I	3	
			CIS321	Network Scripting		3
ITN261	<i>Network Attacks, Computer Crime and Hacking</i>	4	CIS403	Ethical Hacking	3	
			CIS425	Advanced Defense and Countermeasures		3
			CIS495 OR CIS490	Cyber and Network Security Capstone OR Bachelor's Externship - CIS		3
				TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer	9	
				To take at ECPI UNIVERSITY		28
<b>Elective Courses*</b>			<b>Elective Courses (15 credit hours)</b>			
			CIS220	Storage Area Networks and Disaster Recovery		
			CIS220L	Storage Area Networks and Disaster Recovery LAB		
			CIS253	Network Virtualization Fundamentals		
			CIS253L	Network Virtualization Fundamentals LAB		
			CIS282	Web Interface Design		
			CIS305	Advanced Linux Administration		
			CIS311	Web Site Management		
			CIS311L	Web Site Management LAB		
			CIS328	Email Services		

			CIS353	Network Virtualization Administration		
			CIS353L	Network Virtualization Administration LAB		
			CIS410	Security Systems Administration		
			CIS425	Advanced Defense and Countermeasures		
			CIS425L	Advanced Defense and Countermeasures LAB		
			CIS427	Enterprise Network Security		
			CIS490	Bachelor's Externship - CIS		
			CIS491	Externship - CIS Sr. I - a (1 credit)		
			CIS492	Externship - CIS Sr. I - b (1 credit)		
			CIS493	Externship - CIS Sr. I - c (1 credit)		
			CIS494	Externship - CIS Sr. II (2 credit)		
			EET251	Computer Configuration II		
			EET251L	Computer Configuration II LAB		
			EET282	Wireless Security		
<b>ITN263</b>	<b>Internet/Intranet Firewalls and E-Commerce Security</b>	<b>4</b>	CISELE	Elective Credits	4	
<b>ITN267</b>	<b>Legal Topics in Network Security</b>	<b>3</b>		Elective Credits	3	
				TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer	7	
				To take at ECPI UNIVERSITY		8

Tidewater Community College's Information Systems Technology (Cyber Security) (299-13) students must take 3-4 elective credits. The below table shows the corresponding course(s) at ECPI University.

			Course Number	Course Title	Possible Crdts from TCC to ECPI
ITN111	Server Administration	4	CIS245	Windows Client and Server	3
			CIS245L	Window Client and Server Lab	1
ITN154	Network Fundamentals, Router Basics, and Configuration (ICDN1)-Cisco	4	CIS202	Network Routing and Switching	3
			CIS202L	Network Routing and Switching LAB	1
ITN270	Incident Response and Computer Forensics	3	CISELE	Elective Credits	3
ITN290 or ITN297	Coordinated Internship in ITN Cooperative Education in ITN	3	CISELE	Elective Credits	3

The below table shows additional courses that Tidewater Community College students can take and transfer into the program at ECPI University.

			Course Number	Course Title	Possible Crdts from TCC to ECPI
	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	CAP480	Arts and Sciences Capstone	3
BUS100	Introduction to Business	3	BUS121	Introduction to Business	3
ITD110	Web Page Design I	3	CIS282	Web Interface Design	3
ITD132	Structured Query Language	3	CIS223	Introduction to Databases	3
ITN154	Network Fundamentals, Router Basics, and Configuration (ICDN1)-Cisco	4	CIS202	Network Routing and Switching	3
			CIS202L	Network Routing and Switching LAB	1
ITN 155	Switching, Wireless, and WAN Technologies (ICND2)- Cisco	4	CIS204	Intermediate Routing and Switching	3
			CIS207L	Routing and Switching LAB	1
MTH155 or MTH 245	Elementary Statistics or Statistics	3	MTH140	Statistics	3
SOC	Social Science	3	PSY220	Positive Psychology	3

**\*A student can waive transfer of these courses in order to take additional technical courses at ECPI University.**

#### Notes:

- Ten Tidewater Community College courses (ITE115, ITP100, ITN101, ITN106, ITN171, ITN260, ITN262, ITN107, ITN261, and MTH161) are worth 4 credits and 1 course is 1 credit (SDV101). The corresponding ECPI University courses are 3 credit courses. Two of the Tidewater Community College's additional credits from ITE115 and MTH161 will be applied to ECPI University's FOR110 (a 3 credit class to cover the additional credits for SDV101, worth 1 credit). The 8 remaining unconnected credits for Tidewater Community College students can be dealt with in 2 ways—(1) 8 credits can count as elective credits (CISELE) or (2) the student can opt to take 2 additional technical courses (3 credits each) at ECPI University.**
- Tidewater Community College's program has 3-4 elective credits. Students are recommended to take ITN111. That course's 4 credits will be applied ECPI University's CIS245 (3 cr) and CIS245L (1 cr).**

#### C. Responsibilities of the Tidewater Community College

- Disseminate accurate information to Tidewater Community College Information Technology program students regarding the general conditions of this agreement. Those provisions include the conditions for guaranteed admission to ECPI University. This agreement will be posted on the Tidewater Community College website as well as the Virginia Education Wizard, an online college planning site utilized by Tidewater Community College students, faculty and staff.
- Provide academic advising services to assist Tidewater Community College students in choosing courses that will prepare them for their Information Technology major at ECPI University. The Tidewater Community College will prepare faculty advisors and counselors to provide appropriate and accurate advising services related to students' plans to apply to ECPI University.

3. Communicate with ECPI University representatives and the Computer Information Systems (CIS) Program Director to discuss proposed changes in the Tidewater Community College program, which might impact or alter this agreement.

#### D. Responsibilities of ECPI University

1. Provide academic advising services to GAA students during the two terms prior to transfer to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to ECPI University.
2. Provide tracking data on performance of transfer students at ECPI University, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, ECPI University courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from ECPI University, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from Tidewater Community College and ECPI University and provided by July 1 of each year.

#### E. Responsibilities of the Student

1. Review and accept ECPI University policies and Information Technology -specific policies, if applicable, which are published in the ECPI University official catalog.
2. Follow the ECPI University application and admission processes and timelines and apply through [www.ECPIUniversity.edu/TidewaterCommunityCollege](http://www.ECPIUniversity.edu/TidewaterCommunityCollege).

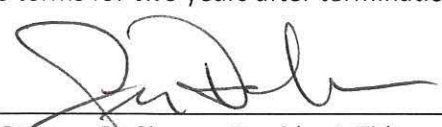
#### F. Review of the GAA

1. The Tidewater Community College will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the Tidewater Community College. ECPI University will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at ECPI University.
  - a. Representing ECPI University will be the University President or designees,
  - b. Representing the Tidewater Community College will be the College President or designees.
2. Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement shall be made only after consultation with an agreement among officials at both institutions. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA. A revised agreement will be signed by official at both institutions.
3. Both parties will communicate the conditions of the GAA to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents).
4. ECPI University and Tidewater Community College will review the GAA at a minimum of every three years and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provisions of the existing GAA.
5. The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice should be given at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination, and students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

  
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 Mark Dreyfus, President, ECPI University

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4/10/19

  
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 Gregory DeCinque, President, Tidewater  
 Community College

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6/12/19