

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**The George Washington University**  
**and**  
**Tidewater Community College**

This Guaranteed Admission Agreement ("Agreement") is effective this first day of July 1, 2021, by and between The George Washington University ("GW"), on behalf of The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences at the Virginia Science and Technology Campus, a nonprofit corporation chartered by an Act of Congress, and Tidewater Community College ("TCC").

WHEREAS, TCC offers an applicable associate degree<sup>1</sup> to students who have successfully completed the academic requirements of its program; and

WHEREAS, GW, through its School of Medicine and Health Sciences ("SMHS"), offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences ("BSHS") and a Master of Science in Health Sciences ("MSHS") to students who have successfully completed the academic requirements of its program; and

WHEREAS, GW and TCC recognize the need to facilitate the admission of students to GW who have successfully obtained an applicable associate degree from TCC as they pursue a BSHS, or a MSHS from GW, and resolve to adopt a guaranteed admission arrangement, in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

**I. Program Overview**

This Agreement applies to:

- A. Students who have completed an applicable associate's degree<sup>1</sup> from TCC who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW; and
- B. Students who desire to obtain a non-clinical BSHS and MSHS through an established dual degree program in the Health Sciences.

**II. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility**

- A. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW and who have met the following criteria will be guaranteed admission to the SMHS:

- 1. Completed an applicable associate degree from TCC with the required courses for the desired program;

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<sup>1</sup> Applicable associate degrees include: Associate of Arts, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Associate of Applied Arts, Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Science, Associates of Science in Engineering, Associates of Teaching.

2. Completed each course with a grade of C or higher. If a course is repeated, only the higher grade will count; and
  3. Graduated with a cumulative TCC GPA in the applicable associate degree of 2.75 as well as an overall GPA of 2.75 (as shown on the TCC transcript).
- B. Students who desire to obtain a non-clinical BSHS and MSHS through an established dual degree program in the Health Sciences and who have met the following criteria will be guaranteed admission to the SMHS:
1. Completed an applicable associate degree from TCC with the required courses for the desired program;
  2. Have a cumulative GPA from all coursework of 3.3 or greater as well as a 3.3 GPA in the applicable associate degree;
- C. TCC students who do not satisfy the admission requirements set forth above for guaranteed admission may be considered for admission by GW, but admission will not be guaranteed.

### III. Program Requirements

- A. The prerequisites for eligibility for students, who have completed an applicable associate degree from TCC and desire a BSHS are outlined in the Health Sciences bulletin: <http://bulletin.gwu.edu/medicine-health-sciences/>

Specific programs may have differing prerequisites. For a detailed listing of prerequisite requirements, visit the School of Medicine and Health Sciences website, at <http://smhs.gwu.edu/>.

The general education courses are required and may be completed as part of or in addition to the applicable associate degree.

The BSHS requires successful completion of 120 credit hours<sup>2</sup>

- General Education (*21 credit hours completed at TCC*)
- Advanced Standing and Electives (*39 credit hours taken as part of a completed applicable associate degree*)
- Health Sciences (*60 credit hours taken at GW*)

The completion of the applicable associate degree may not satisfy all prerequisites required for entry into all BSHS degree programs. For a detailed listing of prerequisite requirements, visit the School of Medicine and Health Sciences website, at <http://smhs.gwu.edu/>.

### IV. Program Benefits

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- A. The GW application fee for all students who apply for guaranteed admission pursuant to this Agreement will be waived (Centralized Application System fees will still apply).

#### **V. Responsibilities of TCC**

- A. TCC agrees to disseminate accurate information to TCC students regarding the conditions for guaranteed admission to GW as set forth in this Agreement by posting the agreement on the TCC's website.
- B. TCC agrees to provide academic advising services to assist TCC students in completing the qualifying degree program.

#### **VI. Responsibilities of GW**

- A. GW agrees to provide academic advising services to TCC students who plan to apply to SMHS to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to GW.
- B. GW agrees to provide tracking data to TCC regarding the performance of TCC students at GW, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, GW courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from GW, and comparisons with non-TCC students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by TCC and GW and provided by July 1 of each year.

#### **VII. Responsibilities of Students**

- A. Students who apply to GW will be responsible for understanding the requirements for the BSHS or MSHS programs at GW.
- B. Students who apply to GW will be responsible for following the GW application and admission processes and timelines.

#### **VIII. Miscellaneous**

##### **A. Term and Termination.**

1. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years and will commence on July 1, 2021, and shall expire on July 1, 2026. This Agreement may be renewed for additional periods if the parties agree in writing.
2. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the parties in writing.

3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon one-hundred and eighty (180) days' notice in writing. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, TCC students accepted for admission to SMHS at the time any notice of termination is received shall be permitted to complete their program under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No new TCC students shall be admitted to SMHS after either party receives Health Sciences notice of termination.

B. Intellectual Property. Each institution reserves all ownership rights to the course materials they develop and utilize for their respective programs.

C. Review of Agreement.

1. TCC will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at TCC. GW will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the Agreement GW.
  - a. The GW representative will be the Dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
  - b. The TCC representative will be the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. .
2. Both GW and TCC agree to review the Agreement a minimum of every three (3) years and to recommend 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.

D. Status of the Parties. The parties agree that no students or faculty of one party shall be considered an employee, agent, contractor, or representative of the other party for any purpose including, but not limited to, workers' compensation and employee benefits. The parties expressly understand and agree that this Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association among the parties, but is rather an agreement by and among independent parties.

E. Assignment or Subcontract. This Agreement shall not be assigned or subcontracted by a party without the written approval of the other party which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

F. Notices. All notices related to this Agreement shall be deemed properly issued if given in writing and hand delivered or sent by e-mail (receipt acknowledged), or mailed (registered or certified mail, return receipt requested), with all postage or other charges prepaid to:

If to GW:

Barbara L. Bass  
Vice President for Health Affairs  
Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
Chief Executive Officer, The GW Medical Faculty Associates  
The George Washington University Hospital, 6th Floor

901 23rd Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.20037

With a copy to:

Mary Lynn Reed  
Senior Counsel  
Office of Senior Vice President and General Counsel  
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 250  
Washington, D.C. 20037 (202) 994-6503(Telephone)

If to TCC:

Dr. Kellie Sorey  
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Tidewater Community College  
121 College Place  
Norfolk, VA 2351W

With a copy to:


Dr. Michelle Woodhouse  
Vice President for Academic Affairs & CAO  
Tidewater Community College  
121 College Place  
Norfolk, VA 23510

- G. **Severability.** If any provision of the Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term of this Agreement, to the extent that the substance of this Agreement remains intact, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
- H. **Waiver.** Any waiver of any provision hereof shall not be effective unless expressly made in writing and executed by the party to be charged. The failure of any party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any rights granted hereunder or of the further performance of any such term, covenant or condition, and the obligations of the parties with respect thereto shall continue in full force and effect.
- I. **Compliance with Applicable Laws.** The parties agree to comply with applicable laws, regulations, rulings, and standards and amendments thereto, of all entities that regulate, license, govern and/or accredit the parties, including, but not limited to, federal, state and local governmental entities.
- J. **Other Affiliations.** Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit any party from affiliating or contracting with any other entity for any purpose whatsoever.
- K. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties regarding the subject matter of the Agreement and supersedes any prior agreements, releases, or stipulations, oral or written, and all other communications between the parties

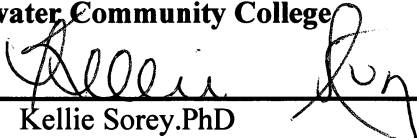
relating to such subject matter. This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement executed by the parties.

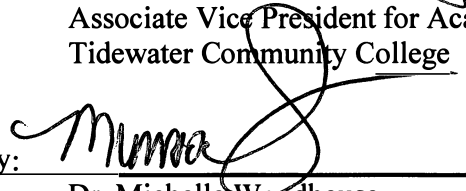
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE and The GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first above written.

**The George Washington University**

By:  Date: 7/2/2021  
Barbara L. Bass  
Vice President for Health Affairs; Dean, School of Medicine and Health Science; Chief Executive Officer, The GW Medical Faculty Associates

**Tidewater Community College**

By:  Date: 5-27-21  
Kellie Sorey, PhD  
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Tidewater Community College

By:  Date: 5/27/21  
Dr. Michelle Woodhouse  
Vice President for Academic Affairs & Chief Academic Officer  
Tidewater Community College