

**TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED PROGRAM ADMISSION  
BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE  
AND THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

**PROGRAM: ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING: RN TO BSN**

In accordance with Virginia's *State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and The University of Virginia's College at Wise (UVA Wise) 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 UVA Wise enter into this agreement to provide all students an opportunity for guaranteed admission into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. 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 college.

This agreement supersedes all previous agreements between UVA Wise and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to January 2023. It does not nullify individual program-to program agreements since this date.

**Section 1: Definition of Guaranteed Program Admission Agreement (GPAA)**

The GPAA is a formal agreement between two- and four-year institutions outlining the transfer policies for a specific academic degree and specification of course-by-course equivalencies. This agreement enables students who follow the terms of the agreement to optimize the completion of a four-year degree after transfer. The GPAA clearly identifies expectations of students to be guaranteed admittance to a program of study. When a common curriculum exists, the GPAA should be a state-level agreement. For applied programs and local curricula, local GPAAs can be implemented.

For competitive programs not included in a GPAA, the Transfer Guide template is used to clearly identify the expectations for students to be candidates for acceptance.

**Section 2: Requirements for Admission**

**A. Applicable Associate Degrees:**

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

**B. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:**

UVA Wise reserves the right to deny admission to any student who has been convicted of a felony, or any student who is on academic or disciplinary probation, or who has been suspended or expelled from his or her previous institution.

**C. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:**

UVA Wise recommends but does not require students register their intent to use this agreement after completion of 15 college credits through the Transfer Virginia portal.

**D. Program and Course Requirements:**

All specific course and program requirements are designated on the pathway map and informational notes as part of the Transfer Guide. These include, but are not limited to, the minimum GPA requirement, course requirements, minimum credits to be completed at the associate degree institution, maximum credits applicable for transfer, testing requirements, admission processes and deadlines, and transcript submission.

**Minimum GPA requirement:** Students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above for all prior academic (non-nursing) coursework and a 2.3 or above for all nursing coursework. UVA Wise will not recalculate GPA based on multiple course attempts. Courses

transferred into the two-year college are not included in the GPA computation. UVA Wise will recognize the highest grade earned for awarding transfer credits.

**Licensure:** Students must have a license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) in one or more states (must be licensed in states where clinical experiences are conducted). Registration number and expiration date of license to practice nursing are required.

**Employment (if applicable):** It is not required that students be employed as a nurse at the time of admission.

**Course Requirements:** Completed state-approved nursing coursework or program from a regionally accredited community college.

**Minimum credits to be completed at associate degree institution:** Students must complete the AAS in Nursing from a VCCS institution with at least 60 credits to be eligible for this agreement. Students must meet the 25% residency requirement at the granting 2-year college. Students who have attended UVA Wise, then returned to the two-year institution, may again use this agreement to re-enroll at UVA Wise.

**Maximum credits applicable for transfer:** Students may transfer a maximum of 62 community college credits not counting nursing courses as necessary. Students completing the AAS degree in Nursing have the option to take additional general education courses required in the third year of UVA Wise's BSN at a community college. See Transfer Guide for details.

**Testing requirements:** A passing score on the NCLEX-RN examination prior to enrolling in upper division clinical nursing courses.

**Admission application and enrollment:** Applicants to the program follow regular admission procedures by applying to UVA Wise via [www.uvawise.edu/admissions/apply](http://www.uvawise.edu/admissions/apply). Where applicable, submission of nursing registration number and expiration date of license to practice nursing.

**Transcript submission:** Students will submit final official transcripts of all work completed at other academic institutions upon application to UVA Wise. Students will not be able to continue with admission to the program until all official transcripts are submitted.

**Character:** Students will exhibit characteristics consistent with acceptable academic study and professional practice. The role of a student nurse is physically, emotionally, and cognitively challenging. Professional values are demonstrated in ethical code that clarify nursing profession practices, the quality of professional care, and professional norms.

### **Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement**

Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing, all lower division general education requirements will be met upon admission to UVA Wise. Any nursing prerequisites such as ethics, statistics, and/or psychology may be required if not completed with the Associate.

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

N/A

### **Section 5: Credit for Prior Learning**

UVA Wise accepts credits for prior learning for Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge (CIE), and College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and Joint Services Transcript (JST). Students completing an associate degree using credits for prior learning will receive the benefits of this agreement for courses applied to general education and non-nursing courses. CPL credit will be

evaluated for equivalency and qualifying scores. In instances where the score is too low, the student may be required to complete additional coursework. UVA Wise publishes equivalencies for awarding credit.

UVA Wise grants local transfer credit for students completing nursing credits in the AAS in Nursing. This includes 39 credits for lower division courses in nursing by transfer from or validation of the associate degree program work. In addition, UVA Wise accepts credit for prior learning for a maximum of 51 credits to satisfy the institution's Liberal Arts Core Requirements, which includes pre-BSN coursework at the community college in addition to the general education courses required in the AAS in Nursing.

#### **Section 6: Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination**

Students entering the RN to BSN program will be assigned to the catalog year date at the time of admission.

#### **Section 7: Passport/UCGS Course Waivers**

N/A

#### **Section 8: Program Roster and Transfer Guides – Student Document**

The attached Program Roster and Transfer Guide (see Attachment A) represent all requirements for admittance under this GPAA and the benefits that result. The Transfer Guide will be applied as the student-facing document for this agreement.

#### **Section 9: Administration of Agreement**

The UVA Wise official responsible for all UVA Wise aspects of the GAA and Register of Intent to Transfer is the Director of Admissions and the Registrar or her/his/their designee. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GPAA is the VCCS Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Workforce Programs or her/his/their designee, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admission Review Committee of the VCCS Academic and Student Affairs Council.

This agreement will remain in effect until modified or terminated. This Agreement may be modified only by mutual agreement by the VCCS Chancellor and Chancellor of UVA Wise. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice. Students who register their intent to use this agreement through the Transfer Virginia portal under the GPAA prior to the date of termination are eligible for admission for two years after termination becomes effective.

The effective date of this Agreement is the date last signed by the Chancellor of UVA Wise and the VCCS Chancellor. The signed Agreement will be maintained in the Transfer Virginia Portal.

#### **VCCS Responsibilities**

- Submit a PDF of the official signed Agreement to the Portal Coordinator.
- Use portal data to track which four-year institutions students are targeting for the GPAA and provide support to students.

#### **UVA Wise Responsibilities**

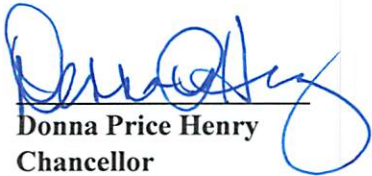
- Use portal and internal data to track students who register their intent to use the GPAA. Use this data to maintain ability to honor agreement in respect to enrollment capacities.
- 4-year institutions use portal data to track students who register their intent to use this agreement and engage with students to best prepare students for transfer.

**Section 10: Review Clause**

UVA Wise and the VCCS will review this agreement and the student tracking data every four years to adjust as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and value and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not be applied retroactively to students already enrolled or registered under the provisions of the existing GPAA.

If no changes are necessary, the documented review below will extend this agreement for an additional four years.

**Signatures**



**Donna Price Henry**  
**Chancellor**  
**UVA Wise**

7/31/2024

**Date**



**David Doré**  
**Chancellor**  
**Virginia Community College System**

7/26/2024

**Date**

**Review Documentation**

<b>Review Date</b>	<b>Completed By</b>	<b>Agreement Extension</b>

**Note: Recorded by the VCCS or RBC, shared with senior institution, and updated in the Transfer Virginia Portal**

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**Program Roster**

<b>Program of Study/Major</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Review Date</b>