Guaranteed Admission Agreement Between Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's College of Engineering and the Virginia Community College System

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from the community college to Virginia Tech College of Engineering, resolve to adopt the following Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA).

SECTION I: General Requirements and Application of Credit

In order to meet the requirements of this agreement and be guaranteed admission, a student must have:

- Completed one of the following VCCS transferrable degrees one semester prior to the planned start of classes at Virginia Tech:

  Associate of Arts and Sciences:
  - Specialization in Engineering at Virginia Highlands or Wytheville
  - Engineering at Southwest Virginia
  - Engineering at New River or Engineering Computer Science Specialization at New River
  - Engineering Specialization at Mountain Empire

  OR

  Associate of Science:
  - Science – Engineering Specialization at Blue Ridge and Lord Fairfax
  - Engineering at Central Virginia, Danville, Germanna (Electrical or Mechanical), John Tyler, Northern Virginia, Piedmont, Reynolds (Chemical/Biological, Electrical/Computer, or Mechanical/General Engineering Specialization), Thomas Nelson, Tidewater, Virginia Western (Engineering, and Engineering: Computer Science Specialization)

Achieved a cumulative grade point average of not less than 3.2 (in a 4.0 system) on an Associate Degree, as determined by the Virginia Tech Undergraduate Admissions Office. All course grades on the VCCS transcript, including repeated classes, are included in the calculation of the overall GPA at time of application, which is typically prior to degree being conferred.

Students who were previously enrolled at Virginia Tech and transferred back to a VCCS site to complete the transfer degree do not need to reapply for admission. Such students should contact Christi Boone (chboone2@vt.edu) to discuss future enrollment at Virginia Tech.

Associate Degree holders accepted for transfer under this agreement will not be subject to special requirements beyond those specified as major department, general education, and/or graduation requirements for students who originally enrolled in Virginia Tech as freshmen. Virginia Tech will consider students admitted under this GAA on the same basis as native students (students who began as freshmen at Virginia Tech) for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarship, student housing (on a space available basis), parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.

For students whom the non-refundable application fee presents a financial hardship, we accept College Board fee waiver codes.

Virginia Community College students who have completed an Associate Degree and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 at the time of the completion of the Associate Degree are guaranteed admission to General Engineering at Virginia Tech. Admission to a specific department is subject to space availability and departmental entrance requirements. Eligible students will be admitted to alternate engineering majors if the first choice of major is not available.

Graduation credit hour requirements for the various departments in the College of Engineering range from 123 to 135. The College of Engineering will transfer from the community college up to one-half of the credit hours required for graduation. The College of Engineering may require more than two years of course work for the Baccalaureate Degree and will specify major course requirements.

Completion of the Associate Degree(s) referenced above will also guarantee completion of the Virginia Tech Pathways to General Education component of the undergraduate curriculum. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, CLEP, and any other advanced standing credits will be re-evaluated by Virginia Tech upon enrollment for possible credit. Virginia Tech will not award any credit for experiential learning.

Students without the earned Associate Degree, or grade point average lower than that specified above may be considered for transfer, admission on an individual, competitive basis; however, admission and application of credit will not be guaranteed under the terms of this agreement.

Students earning an Associate Degree concurrent with high school graduation (sometimes referenced as dual enrollment or Early College) are not eligible for admission under the terms of this agreement. These students are considered freshmen with transfer credit, not transfer students. Such students must apply as freshmen and should complete a Virginia Tech Freshman Application and will be reviewed for admission using the holistic criteria for all freshman applicants.

Virginia Tech reserves the right to deny admission to students who have been academically dismissed or suspended, or to those convicted of a felony. Per university policy, all applicants and currently enrolled students must report arrests, convictions, and protective orders. Disciplinary records are considered in determining eligibility for admission.

VCCS transfer students applying to the College of Engineering may be eligible for Lifeline Scholarships or Two-Year College Transfer Grants, administered by Virginia Tech 's Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. More information is available at https://finaid.vt.edu/oldsite/types_of_aid/University-Scholarships/PresidentialScholarshipPrograms.html

The College of Engineering also has a scholarship available to any VCCS graduate with a transferable Associate Degree. The Leo Padis scholarship is awarded by the College of Engineering to students in their first year of study at Virginia Tech; the scholarship award is $1000 ($500/semester), and is awarded at the beginning of a fall semester only. This scholarship process requires an application, to be submitted to Virginia Tech no later than June 1 prior to the summer or fall term of admission. Scholarship applications are available online at https://eng.vt.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions-information/scholarships-for-prospective-students.html

SECTION 2: Course Transferability

Credits accepted by the College of Engineering may or may not satisfy the requirements of the degree program in to

which the student transfers. Subsequent graduation from the College of Engineering, therefore, is not assured within a two-year period of full-time study.

Remedial, developmental, and/or vocational courses will not be counted for academic credit in transfer. All transferable engineering courses must have the VCCS course prefix EGR.

All courses completed at the community college and offered for transfer credit to the university must be passed with a grade of C or better.

SECTION 3: Publication of Requirements

All requirements for admission to the university should be set forth with precision and clarity. The University catalog includes a description of this GAA in both the Engineering and Admissions sections.

Checksheets with graduation requirements for each engineering major will be available through the University Registrar's office (at https://www.registrar.vt.edu/graduation-multi-brief/checksheets.html)

SECTION 4: Terms of Articulation Agreement

The terms of this articulation agreement shall be effective with the academic year beginning August 2021 and apply only to the College of Engineering. It shall be reviewed every three years at the Virginia Tech Engineering Articulation Conference.

Virginia Tech will provide tracking data annually on the performance of students enrolling in the College of Engineering under this agreement, to include comparison with native-to-Virginia Tech students. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by the institutional research staffs at VCCS and Virginia Tech. Students who began VCCS enrollment prior to spring 2021 will be expected to meet requirements of either this agreement, or the prior agreement for guaranteed admission through July 2021.

SECTION 5: Agreement Withdrawal

Either party to this agreement (the Virginia Community College System and Virginia Tech's College of Engineering) may withdraw from this agreement by providing written notice to the appropriate parties. The following must be notified two years in advance of their intention to withdraw: Virginia Tech Provost, Dean of the College of Engineering, and the Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic & Workforce Programs of the Virginia Community College System.

Signed:

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Glenn DuBois 03/30/2021

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