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 1: General Requirements and Application of Credit

In order to meet the requirements of this agreement and be guaranteed admission for a Summer II or Fall term, a student must have:

- Completed a **transferable engineering associate degree**[2] including a minimum of 60 semester credit hours of undergraduate college-level study;
- Achieved a cumulative grade point average of not less than 3.2 (in a 4.0 system) at the time of the degree award, at the community college awarding the Associate Degree, as determined by the Virginia Tech Undergraduate Admissions Office[3]

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 guaranteed admission agreement 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, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.

Virginia Tech waives its application fee for students with demonstrated financial need. An interested student should submit a written request, which includes an explanation of financial hardship, to the Virginia Tech Office of Undergraduate Admissions by February 15 (Transfer Application Deadline) prior to the summer II or fall term of application.

Virginia Community College students who have completed an engineering Associate Degree and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 at the time of associate degree completion are guaranteed admission to General Engineering at Virginia Tech. Admission to a specific department is subject to space availability and specific 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 of the College of Engineering range from 120 to 136. The College of Engineering will transfer from the community college up

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[2] Degree must be transferable, not an Associate of Applied Science.
[3] All course grades on the VCCS transcript, including repeated classes, may be used to calculate the overall GPA prior to degree being conferred.

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.

Native VCCS students are those students with credits from VCCS only. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, CLEP, and any other advanced standing credits will be re-evaluated by Virginia Tech upon enrollment. Virginia Tech considers any Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, advanced standing, military credit, or CLEP as part of a native degree. Non-native students are eligible for admission under the terms of this agreement, but will not automatically satisfy lower-division general education courses. Non-native courses will be evaluated individually. Virginia Tech will not award any credit for experiential learning.

Students without the engineering Associate Degree or with credits 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.

If admitted, no distinction will be made by Virginia Tech regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Virginia Tech will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed one-half of credit hours required for graduation.
Virginia Tech reserves the right to deny admission to students who have been dismissed or suspended for academic or disciplinary reasons or to those convicted of a felony or a serious misdemeanor impacting the safety of the university community.

VCCS transfer students applying to the College of Engineering may be eligible for Lifeline Scholarships administered by Virginia Tech. More information is available at http://www.finaid.vt.edu/types_of_aid/scholarships/vt-vccs-lifeline/index.html and http://www.finaid.vt.edu/types_of_aid/scholarships/presidential_campus_enrichment/vt-vccs-lifeline.html.

The College of Engineering also has a scholarship available to any VCCS graduate with a transferable engineering 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 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 II or fall term of admission application. Scholarship applications can be obtained from the Transfer Counselors at the VCCS sites offering transferable engineering associate degrees, or from the Engineering Department at the same VCCS sites.

SECTION 2: Guaranteed Admission Status

Guaranteed admission status will be granted to any Virginia community college student who has completed an engineering Associate Degree containing the following minimum core:

Subject/hour requirement	VCCS course numbers	VT course numbers
English Composition 6 hours	ENG 111 + 112	ENGL 1105 & 1106
Natural and Physical Science Minimum 12 hours	CHM 111 & PHY 231+232 or PHY 241+242	CHEM 1035 & 1045 and PHYS 2305 & 2306
Mathematics 8 – 18 hours	Required: MTH 173+174 (or 273+274). Additional preferred courses: For 2204: MTH 174 & 275 or 277 For 2214: MTH 279 or 291 For 1114: MTH 174 & 275 or 177or 275 For 2114: MTH 285	MATH 1225, 1226 Additional preferred courses: 2204 2214 either 1114 or 2114 (dependent on specific engineering major)
Social Sciences 6 hours	Any transferable equivalent.	6 semester hours
Humanities 6 hours	Any transferable equivalent.	6 semester hours
		Total= 38-48 semester hours of General Education (see details in Section 1)
Engineering Minimum 16 hours	Course numbers vary by site.	Preferably include transferable equivalents (determined at the time the course is taken) of ENGE 1024 + 1104/1114[4,5]; remainder of required hours to be equivalent based on student's choice of major, but likely to include any of the following: CS 1114 or 2505; ECE 1574, 2004 or 3054; ENGE 2324; ESM 2104, 2304 or 2204; or ISE 2014

Remaining credits will be accepted by the College of Engineering and may or may not satisfy the requirements of the degree program into which the student transfers. Subsequent graduation from the College of Engineering, therefore, is not assured within a two-year period of full-time study.

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[4] Transferability of ENGE 1024, 1104 & 1114 is determined on a college-by-college basis (not as a blanket approval for all VCCS colleges). Prospective transfers should consult the *Transfer Guide* (available on-line at www.vt.edu) to see if equivalents exist at their site.
[5] In Fall 2014 Virginia Tech will teach ENGE 1024, 1104 & 1114 under new course numbers (ENGE 1215 replaces 1024; ENGE 1216 replaces 1104 or 1114). VCCS sites will still transfer 1024, 1104 or 1114 credit taken in 2014/2015 academic year. Beginning Fall 2015, VCCS sites must have transferrable equivalents of ENGE 1215/1216 to satisfy freshmen engineering requirements at VT.

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 will include a description of this articulation agreement in both the Engineering and Admissions sections.

Checksheets, with graduation requirements for each engineering major, will be available in the Office of the Associate Dean for Engineering Academic Affairs. Checksheets are available to VCCS faculty and advisors through the Registrar's website at http://www.registrar.vt.edu/registration/degree_checksheet.php
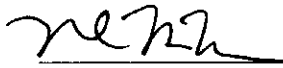
SECTION 4: Terms of Articulation Agreement

The terms of this articulation agreement shall be effective with the academic year beginning August 2014 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* fall 2014 will be expected to meet requirements of either this agreement, or the prior agreement for guaranteed admission through June 1, 2015. Any student applying for admission after June 1, 2015 is expected to meet the requirements of this agreement for guaranteed admission.
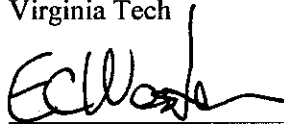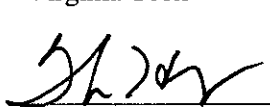
SECTION 5: Agreement Withdrawal

Either party to this agreement (the Virginia Community College System and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University'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 Polytechnic Institute and State University Provost, Dean of the College of Engineering, and the Vice Chancellor of Academic Services & Research of the Virginia Community College System.

Signed:

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Mark McNamee   Date
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Glenn DuBois   Date
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