

**Guaranteed Admission Agreement  
between  
ECPI University, Medical Careers Institute School of Health Science  
and  
Virginia Community College System  
For the RN-BSN Degree Completion Program**

**I. Overview**

ECPI University (ECPI) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the admission of transfer students from Virginia's community colleges to ECPI University as they pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing, resolve to adopt a guaranteed admission agreement (GAA). VCCS students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

**II. Agreement**

**A. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility**

To be guaranteed admission under this GAA, a VCCS student must graduate with an associate's degree in nursing from a Virginia Community College within five years of his/her application to ECPI and meet all of the ECPI admission requirements below. These students are referred to as "GAA students."

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

1. Complete an interview with an admissions representative and the BSN program director or his/her designee.
2. Submit official transcripts for all academic work completed including documentation of an earned associate of applied science (AAS) in nursing from a VCCS college.
3. Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in the AAS in nursing.
4. Achieved 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 or CLEP.
5. Provide evidence of a current, unencumbered license to practice nursing in the state of their residence.
6. Provide evidence (resume) of at least three months employment in the past year as a RN at the time of application and enrollment.

GAA Students may be accepted into one of the following tracks:

1. Acceptance to ECPI's Full-time RN-BSN Completion program that requires a minimum of nine terms (45 weeks) to complete. Each ECPI term is five weeks.  
OR
2. Acceptance to ECPI's Part-time RN-BSN Completion program that requires a minimum of 16 terms (80 weeks) to complete the coursework. Each ECPI term is five weeks.

## B. Summary of Transfer Credits

The ECPI RN-BSN degree program is 120 credit hours.

<b>Credits for BSN</b>
60 Credit Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Credits awarded at ECPI for the completion of a VCCS AAS degree in nursing</li></ul>
21 Credit Hours (Upper Level Arts & Sciences ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All VCCS AAS RN graduates with the following additional college coursework may transfer these credits in per the ECPI Transfer Credit Policy. The courses may be transferred in from VCCS schools or from other prior college coursework.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Advanced Composition, 3 hours (VCCS course—ENG112)</li><li>-Principles of Speech, 3 hours (VCCS courses—CST100 or CST110)</li><li>-Statistics, 3 hours (VCCS courses—MTH157, MTH240, MTH241, or MTH242)</li><li>-Introduction to Psychology, 3 hours (VCCS courses—PSY200, PSY201, or PSY202)</li><li>-Human Growth &amp; Development, 3 hours (VCCS courses—PSY231 or PSY232)</li><li>-Nutrition, 3 hours (VCCS courses—DIT121 and DIT122)</li><li>-Culture &amp; Diversity, 3 hours (VCCS courses—HUM100, HUM165, HUM201, HUM202, HUM211, HUM212, or HUM260)</li></ul></li><li>• For students without the courses listed above, they may be taken at ECPI during the RN-BSN Program.</li></ul>
39 Credit Hours (Upper Level Nursing Coursework is taken at ECPI)
<b>120 Total Credit Hours</b>

## C. Benefits of the GAA for VCCS Students

1. The ECPI application fee for VCCS students will be waived.
2. GAA students will receive a 5% tuition discount. This discount will be applied for the entirety of ECPI RN-BSN coursework.
3. GAA students can apply for the Virginia Community College Nursing Scholarships for \$1000 for their first year in the program (ECPI schedules 10 terms of instruction per calendar year). This is a competitive scholarship awarded by ECPI that will be awarded to ten students annually and can be used in addition to the 5% tuition discount.

## D. Responsibilities of the VCCS

1. Disseminate accurate information to VCCS nursing program students regarding the general conditions of this agreement. Those provisions include the conditions for guaranteed admission to ECPI. This agreement will be posted on the VCCS website as well as the Virginia Education Wizard, an online college planning site utilized by VCCS students, faculty and staff.
2. Provide academic advising services to assist VCCS students in choosing courses that will prepare them for their nursing major at ECPI University. The VCCS 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 representatives and the RN-BSN Program Director to discuss proposed changes in the VCCS program, which might impact or alter this agreement.

**E. 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.
2. Provide tracking data on performance of transfer students at ECPI University, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, ECPI courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from ECPI, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from VCCS and ECPI and provided by July 1 of each year.

**F. Responsibilities of the Student**

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

**G. Review of the GAA**

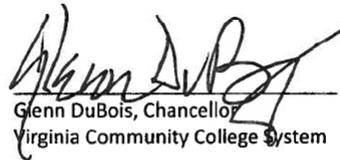
1. The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. ECPI will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at ECPI.
  - a. Representing ECPI will be the University President, or designees.
  - b. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the Director for Educational Policy, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.
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 and VCCS 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.

III. Signatures



Mark Dreyfus, President  
ECPI University

10/11/13  
Date



Glenn DuBois, Chancellor  
Virginia Community College System

10-7-13  
Date