

# ADMISSION GUIDELINES FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer applicants are considered for admission provided they present evidence of good standing at all previous institutions; and to be competitive they should present a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 from all accredited institutions to be considered for admission to VCU. Priority application review will be given to applicants who have completed at least 30 credits at their former institution(s). Candidates with fewer than 30 semester (45 quarter) hours also will be reviewed on the basis of their high school performance and SAT/ACT scores (if younger than the age of 22). Transfer candidates who have earned fewer than 30 semester credits/45 quarter credits and who are 21 years of age or younger must submit SAT or ACT results and also must meet specific guidelines listed in the Freshman undergraduate admission guidelines (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/admission-university/admission-guidelines/>) section of this chapter. The undeclared major is not open to students with 60 or more college credits. Transfer applicants will be notified of an admissions decision on a rolling basis until the class is filled. Priority application review will be given to students who apply and submit all required documentation by the recommended application deadline.

Some programs have additional requirements for admission as a transfer student. Transfer applicants should consult the appropriate area of this Bulletin or the departmental website for admission requirements.

Transfer applicants who are not admitted with degree status may be eligible to enroll as nondegree-seeking students as determined by the Office of Admissions.

Transfer applicants ineligible to return to a former institution because of an academic suspension may not enroll at VCU for a period of one year for the first suspension and five years for the second suspension.

Transfer applicants who have been suspended from another institution for nonacademic or disciplinary reasons are referred to the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs for preadmission clearance.

Additional information for transfer students is available on the VCU Office of Admissions website (<http://ugrad.vcu.edu/apply/transfer/>) as well as the VCU Transfer Center's (<http://transfer.vcu.edu>) website.

## University undergraduate transfer policy

All credits taken at regionally accredited institutions that meet the VCU transfer requirements may be posted to the VCU transcript. However, there may be a difference between the credits VCU will post and the credits each VCU department/school will apply to the desired degree program. Students should meet with their program advisers, who will assist them in determining their VCU degree requirements and will advise them on what transfer courses the program specifically will apply toward their degree requirements. Regardless of how many transfer credits are accepted, students must satisfy all VCU graduation requirements noted in the graduation checklist (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/ugrad/ugrad-graduation-app/>), including the following:

- Completion of at least 25 percent of the semester-hour credits required for their bachelor's degree program at VCU
- Completion of at least 30 of the last 45 semester-hour credits required for their bachelor's degree program at VCU

## State policy on transfer agreement

VCU welcomes applications from Virginia community colleges and Richard Bland students who have earned the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science or Associate in Arts and Science degrees, or approved A.A.&S. or A.S. programs in general studies (see number 8). Students holding these degrees will have junior standing and, as long as they have earned a minimum grade of C in all the transferable courses, will be considered to have met all lower-division general education requirements for Monroe Park Campus programs with the exception of certain lower-level and upper-level program requirements that also apply to native students. (See below for more information about requirements for all students.) Students should closely follow the detailed course suggestions offered on the Transfer Center (<http://www.transfer.vcu.edu/vccs/>) website for Virginia Community Colleges and Richard Bland College. By selecting certain courses to fulfill requirements within the three associate degree programs, additional lower-division courses needed after transfer to VCU can be held to a minimum. Additional information about VCU's guaranteed admission agreements (<http://www.ugrad.vcu.edu/apply/transfer/agreements.html>) with Virginia community colleges and Richard Bland College, including detailed eligibility requirements is available on the Undergraduate Admissions website.

Additionally:

- Students must make proper application for admission to VCU.
- Only courses with minimum grades of C are transferable.
- Credits needed to meet major prerequisites will be based on the Course Equivalency Tables (<http://www.transfer.vcu.edu/vccs/course-equivalency.aspx>) or agreements resulting from program-to-program transfer agreements. (See the list of agreements (<http://www.ugrad.vcu.edu/apply/transfer/agreements.html>)).
- Students will not be required to repeat courses that have been satisfactorily completed at a Virginia community college except in cases where special restrictions apply to all students.
- Applicants to degree programs that are competitive are not guaranteed admission but will be evaluated on the same basis as native students.

For students with any of the associate degrees from a VCCS institution or Richard Bland College, VCU degree requirements in effect at the date of the student's admission to the VCCS or RBC associate degree program will be used in certifying the student for graduation if the student has not interrupted his or her associate degree more than two consecutive semesters (excluding summer sessions).

Requirements of native students which would apply to associate-degree holders are:

1. **Writing requirements:** The core education program writing requirement at VCU includes UNIV 111, UNIV 112 and UNIV 200. Students who successfully complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 at the community college with a minimum grade of C in both classes have fulfilled all core education program writing requirements (UNIV 111, UNIV 112 and UNIV 200) at VCU.

For associate degree holders, completion of ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 at RBC with a minimum grade of C in both classes will fulfill the UNIV 111, UNIV 112 and UNIV 200 requirement. For RBC students who transfer without an associate degree, ENGL 101 at RBC=UNIV 112 at VCU; ENGL 102 at RBC=ENGL 215 at VCU; and ENGL 200 at RBC=UNIV 200 at VCU.

2. All bachelor's degree programs in the College of Humanities and Sciences, School of Social Work and VCU Life Sciences require competency through the elementary level of a foreign language; some majors require competency through the intermediate level.
3. Mathematics/statistics: All bachelor's degree programs in the College of Humanities and Sciences have mathematics/statistics requirements that must be met. See specific program for required courses and their equivalents.
4. The School of Social Work requires a 2.5 GPA for admission to upper-level courses. The School of Business requires a minimum GPA for admission to upper-level course work. Please contact the Office of Undergraduate Studies in the School of Business for the current minimum GPA required. The School of Mass Communications requires a 2.5 GPA for admission to upper-level work. For students pursuing careers in early or secondary education through the Extended Teacher Preparation Program of the College of Humanities and Sciences and the School of Education, a 2.8 GPA and successful completion of the Praxis I examination are required for entry into Teacher Preparation, a stage in the program after the student has completed at least 60 credits. For students applying to majors in the School of the Arts, a portfolio evaluation for visual arts applicants and an audition for performance applicants are required.
5. The professional baccalaureate programs within the schools of Social Work, Nursing and Allied Health Professions, the Dental Hygiene Program in the School of Dentistry, and the doctoral programs in physical therapy and pharmacy have specific program-related lower-level requirements that must be completed to apply to and enter health sciences programs and to achieve success in the programs, if admitted.  
  
The health, physical education and exercise science programs have specific lower-level requirements related to state-approved program status, professional certification and entry into the practicum sequence. Specified science courses are prerequisite for entry into upper-level kinesiology and exercise science courses.
6. Transfer work from some occupational or technical programs is reviewed under specific conditions for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program and the special program in nursing for community college R.N.-degree holders who wish to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
7. Students wishing to transfer to the College of Engineering must have a 3.0 GPA with no grades below a C. Also, minimum grades of B must be attained in mathematics, science or engineering courses to be considered for transfer. Transfer students from the VCCS will follow the admission agreement for engineering ([http://www.ugrad.vcu.edu/pdfs/GAA\\_Engineering\\_VCCS.pdf](http://www.ugrad.vcu.edu/pdfs/GAA_Engineering_VCCS.pdf)).
8. The A.A.&S. and A.S. programs in general studies are considered transfer degrees by VCU.
9. Senior capstone experience: All bachelor's degree programs require the completion of a senior capstone experience within the major as part of the VCU core curriculum.
10. Detailed information about the Virginia Community College/VCU and Richard Bland College/VCU transfer-equivalent courses (<http://www.transfer.vcu.edu/vccs/course-equivalency.aspx>) is available on the Web.

## Virginia Commonwealth University/Virginia Community College System Guaranteed Admission Agreement with Teacher Education Provision Admission

The VCU Pre-teacher GAA in the area of an arts and sciences core leads to a transferable associate degree (A.A.&S., A.A. or A.S.) that will facilitate entry into a PK-6 teacher education program. In addition, a student must earn at least a 2.8 GPA at VCU and have passed Praxis I before formal admission to the teacher preparation program. Additional information about this agreement ([http://www.ugrad.vcu.edu/pdfs/PreTeacherEducation\\_agreement.pdf](http://www.ugrad.vcu.edu/pdfs/PreTeacherEducation_agreement.pdf)) is available on the Undergraduate Admissions website.