Guaranteed Admissions Agreement
Jefferson College of Health Sciences
and
Virginia Community College System

Jefferson College of Health Sciences (Jefferson) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the admission of transfer students from Virginia's community colleges to Jefferson as they pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admissions Agreement (GAA). The agreement provides a pathway for students to progress from the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree directly to the Registered Nurse – Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) program at Jefferson. VCCS students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

Section I: General Admission Requirements and Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission under this GAA, a VCCS student must:
1. Earn a VCCS associate of applied science (AAS) degree in Nursing.
2. Provide evidence of a current and incumbent license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the U.S.

Students meeting the above criteria are referred to as "GAA students." GAA students will be given the same consideration as students, including native Jefferson students, for registration, financial aid, and any other opportunities open to students with RN-BSN degree seeking standing. Students who graduated from AAS are admitted each FALL. Full-time and part-time tracks are available.

Section II: Program Requirements

Summary of Coursework for RN-BSN

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<th>Credits</th>
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<td>54</td>
<td>Awarded for current RN license and AAS degree in Nursing</td>
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<td>General education courses which may be transferred from VCCS (See Table 1)</td>
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<td>General education to be completed at Jefferson</td>
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<td>33</td>
<td>RN-BSN courses to be completed at Jefferson (See Table 2)</td>
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Specific general education courses earned at AAS program may count towards the general education requirement.

BIO 300 may be taken at Jefferson College or transferred from another institution. The required IPE courses (3 credits) must be taken at Jefferson.

No distinction will be made by Jefferson regarding college courses applicable to the transfer associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. In addition, credit for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, CLEP, Cambridge, and Armed Services experience will be accepted according to stated policies for acceptance of credit, which can be found in the Jefferson catalog for the year the GAA student enters Jefferson.

Section III: Responsibilities of the VCCS

1. Disseminate accurate information to VCCS nursing program students regarding the general conditions of this agreement. This agreement will be posted on the VCCS website as well as the Virginia Education Wizard.
2. VCCS colleges will provide academic advising services to assist VCCS students in choosing courses that will best prepare them for entering the RN-BSN program at Jefferson.
3. Communicate with Jefferson's representatives to discuss changes in VCCS programs, which might impact or alter this agreement.
Section IV: Responsibilities of Jefferson

1. Provide academic advising services to GAA students prior to transfer to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to Jefferson.
2. Provide tracking data on performance of GAA students at Jefferson, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, Jefferson courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from Jefferson, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from the VCCS and Jefferson and provided by July 1 of each year.

Section V: Responsibilities of the Student

1. Successfully complete the admission requirements for the RN-BSN degree program at Jefferson College. Refer to the Undergraduate Admissions section of the Jefferson College Academic Catalog or on the Jefferson College website (www.jchs.edu) for details.
2. Follow Jefferson’s application and admission processes and timelines.

Section VI: Review of the GAA

1. The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. Jefferson College will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at Jefferson.
   a. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services Research and the Director for Educational Policy, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.
   b. Representing Jefferson will be the Dean for Academic Affairs, the Chair of Nursing Department, and the Program Director, RN-BSN.
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 officials at both institutions.
3. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of the GAA to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents). Jefferson and the VCCS will review the GAA at a minimum of every three years or upon changes to the Program of Study 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 by the provisions of the existing GAA.
4. 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.

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