

**DUAL ADMISSION AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY AND BRIGHTPOINT COMMUNITY**  
**COLLEGE**

Brightpoint Community College (BRIGHTPOINT) and Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) recognize the importance of providing a seamless and student-centered dual admission experience. BRIGHTPOINT and VCU enter into this dual admission agreement to provide eligible students an opportunity for simultaneous admission to both institutions. Through dual admission, BRIGHTPOINT students will receive coordinated support services from BRIGHTPOINT and VCU personnel to assist students in completing their associate degree at BRIGHTPOINT and continuing their academic journey toward a bachelor's (B.A.) degree at VCU. Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements described herein are encouraged to apply to VCU under the regular admission procedures of the University.

This dual admission agreement complements the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) between Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Community College System (see: <https://www.vccs.edu/transfer-programs/#statewide-transfer-agreements>). According to the GAA, students who complete a transfer-oriented associate degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 are guaranteed admission to the university. Acceptance into some degree programs at VCU is competitive; thus, guaranteed admission into VCU does not imply admission into these competitive programs without further acceptance by the school or department offering the program.

### **Section 1: Definitions**

#### **Dual Admission Agreement**

As stated in the "Public Higher Education Policy Guidelines for the Development of Transfer Agreements" (State Council of Higher Education for Virginia), a dual admissions agreement is "An agreement between two- and four-year institutions granting qualified students with simultaneous admission at both institutions of higher education and specifying applicable co-curricular requirements and privileges."

### **Section 2: Description**

The BRIGHTPOINT-VCU dual admission program is established to provide eligible students from BRIGHTPOINT Community College with the following benefits and services.

- 1) Dual admission status at both BRIGHTPOINT and VCU will result in guaranteed admission to the university and applicable VCU degree programs (see list of applicable VCU bachelor's (B.A.) degree programs in Appendix A: Transfer Pathways for Dual Admission) upon completion of an associate degree at BRIGHTPOINT with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher. NOTE: Appendix A will be edited each year as the list of applicable pathways expands and/or curricular changes are made.
- 2) Cost savings through 2+2 transfer pathways (whereby students complete at least 50% of their bachelor's (B.A.) degree requirements at BRIGHTPOINT Community College).

- 3) VCU transfer advising support through transfer major maps and appointments with VCU transfer advisors who will evaluate students' unofficial transcripts and assist students with selecting BRIGHTPOINT courses needed for their intended VCU bachelor's (B.A.) degree.
- 4) VCU email address.
- 5) Waiver of the transfer application fee.
- 6) A VCU student ID card upon acceptance into the dual admission program, granting access to VCU library services, campus facilities, cultural events, and eligibility to participate in VCU Recreation and Well-Being programs.
- 7) Invitations to virtual and in-person information sessions about the VCU application process, financial aid, VCU academic requirements, and career planning resources.
- 8) Streamlined enrollment and early registration process at VCU that includes an advising appointment with a VCU departmental academic advisor prior to enrollment at VCU who will assist students with understanding their bachelor's (B.A.) degree plan and registering for their first semester of courses at VCU.

### **Section 3: Eligibility**

The BRIGHTPOINT-VCU dual admission program is available to BRIGHTPOINT students who:

1. Intend to complete an eligible associate degree at BRIGHTPOINT and transition into a participating VCU bachelors' degree program (as listed in Appendix A: Transfer Pathways for Dual Admission) immediately after graduating from BRIGHTPOINT with an associate degree.
2. Enroll in the BRIGHTPOINT associate degree program identified as the most appropriate pathway to the selected VCU bachelor's (B.A.) degree (as listed in Appendix A: Transfer Pathways for Dual Admission).
3. Have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on the first 12 credits attempted at BRIGHTPOINT and a minimum GPA of 2.5 at graduation from BRIGHTPOINT. Note: Some pathways to VCU may require a higher minimum GPA.
4. Have earned no more than 30 college credits at the time of applying for dual admission (excluding AP, IB, CLEP, or any other credit earned by exam). High school dual enrollment credit and credit earned at other U.S. or international colleges/universities does apply to the 30-credit limit.
5. Submit the online VCU Dual Admission Declaration Form between 12 and 30 credits.

### **Section 4: Responsibilities of Virginia Commonwealth University**

VCU will:

1. Guarantee admission to VCU and to applicable programs listed in the transfer maps for BRIGHTPOINT, contingent upon completion of the associate degree with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher (as stated in the transfer map).
2. Accept all transferable coursework from the completed associate degree where students earned a minimum grade of "C."
3. Waive VCU general education requirements for students who complete a transfer-oriented associate degree.

4. Provide personalized academic advising and degree planning tools, including major maps.
5. Offer advising appointments and transition support during the students' enrollment at BRIGHTPOINT.
6. Host virtual and in-person information sessions for program participants.
7. Facilitate early course registration and orientation advising prior to VCU enrollment.
8. Assist with co-enrollment opportunities as applicable.
9. Share performance data and feedback with BRIGHTPOINT
10. Collaborate with BRIGHTPOINT on marketing and outreach.

### **Section 5: Responsibilities of BRIGHTPOINT Community College**

BRIGHTPOINT will:

1. Identify and inform eligible students about the BRIGHTPOINT-VCU Dual Admission Program.
2. Promote the program and VCU-led sessions across campuses.
3. Support course selection and academic planning in collaboration with VCU advisors.
4. Coordinate space and resources for VCU outreach on BRIGHTPOINT campuses.
5. Assist students with their transition to VCU.
6. Maintain communication with VCU for program success and support.
7. Send student transcripts to VCU upon request.
8. Notify VCU when participating students apply for graduation from BRIGHTPOINT.

### **Section 6: Review of the agreement**

The VCU official responsible for all VCU aspects of this agreement is the Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success or his/her/their designee. The BRIGHTPOINT officials responsible for all BRIGHTPOINT aspects of the agreement are the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Vice President of Student Affairs, or their designees.

This agreement shall remain in effect for an initial period of three (3) years (Appendix A: Transfer Pathways for Dual Admission will be reviewed and/or updated annually). This agreement may be renewed for set terms of three (3) years thereafter upon written agreement by both parties. This Agreement may be modified only by mutual agreement by the President of BRIGHTPOINT and President of VCU. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice.

The effective date of this Agreement is the date last signed by the President of VCU and the President of BRIGHTPOINT.



**VCU Review Documentation:**

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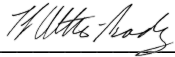
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Appendix A: Transfer Pathways for Dual Admission

## Brightpoint to VCU NEXT STEP Transfer Maps 2026-2027

| <b>VCU Degree</b>  | <b>Brightpoint Degree</b>      | <b>2026-2027 Transfer Maps</b>      |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Accounting (B.S.)  | Business Administration (A.S.) | Accounting                          |
| African-American Studies (B.A.)  | Liberal Arts (A.A.)            | African-American Studies            |
| Anthropology (B.S.)  | Liberal Arts (A.A.)            | Anthropology                        |
| Art History (B.A.)   | Liberal Arts (A.A.)            | Art History                         |
| Bioinformatics (B.S.)  | Science (A.S.)                 | Bioinformatics                      |
| Biology (B.S.)   | Science (A.S.)                 | Biology                             |
| Biomedical Engineering (B.S.)  | Engineering (A.S.)             | Biomedical Engineering              |
| Business with a concentration in human resource management (B.S.)          | Business Administration (A.S.) | Business: Human Resource Management |
| Business with a concentration in management/business administration (B.S.) | Business Administration (A.S.) | Business: Management                |
| Chemical and Life Science Engineering (B.S.)                               | Engineering (A.S.)             | Chemical Engineering                |
| Chemistry (B.S.)   | Science (A.S.)                 | Chemistry                           |
| Computer Engineering (B.S.)  | Engineering (A.S.)             | Computer Engineering                |
| Computer Science (B.S.)  | Computer Science (A.S.)        | Computer Science                    |
| Criminal Justice (B.S.)  | Criminal Justice (AAS)         | Criminal Justice                    |

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| Early Childhood Education and Teaching (B.S.ED)                      | Teacher Education (A.S.)       | Early Childhood Education and Teaching           |
| Economics (B.S.)   | Business Administration (A.S.) | Economics  |
| Electrical Engineering (B.S.)  | Engineering (A.S.)             | Electrical Engineering                           |
| Elementary Education and Teaching (B.S.ED)                           | Teacher Education (A.S.)       | Elementary Education and Teaching                |
| English (B.A.)   | Liberal Arts (A.A.)            | English  |
| Environmental Studies (B.S.)   | Science (A.S.)                 | Environmental Studies                            |
| Finance with a concentration in risk management and insurance (B.S.) | Business Administration (A.S.) | Finance: Risk Management and Insurance           |
| Finance (B.S.)   | Business Administration (A.S.) | Finance  |
| Foreign Languages/Spanish (B.A.)                                     | Liberal Arts (A.A.)            | Foreign Languages/Spanish                        |
| Forensic Science (B.S.)  | Science (A.S.)                 | Forensic Science                                 |
| Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies (B.A.)                           | Liberal Arts (A.A.)            | Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies              |
| Health, Physical Education & Exercise Science (B.S.)                 | Health Sciences (A.S.)         | Health, Physical Education & Exercise Science    |
| History (B.A.)   | Liberal Arts (A.A.)            | History  |
| Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (B.A.)                  | Liberal Arts (A.A.)            | Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness     |
| Information Systems (B.S.)   | Business Administration (A.S.) | Information Systems                              |
| Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS)                                      | Web Design (AAS)               | Interdisciplinary Studies-Entrepreneurial Design |
| International Studies (B.A.)   | Liberal Arts (A.A.)            | International Studies                            |

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| Marketing (B.S.)  | Business Administration (A.S.)                      | Marketing                             |
| Mass Communications with a concentration in advertising (B.A.)      | Mass Communications (A.S.)                          | Mass Communications: Advertising      |
| Mass Communications with a concentration in journalism (B.A.)       | Mass Communications (A.S.)                          | Mass Communications: Journalism       |
| Mass Communications with a concentration in media production (B.A.) | Mass Communications (A.S.)                          | Mass Communications: Media Production |
| Mass Communications with a concentration in public relations (B.A.) | Mass Communications (A.S.)                          | Mass Communications: Public Relations |
| Mathematical Sciences: Mathematics (B.S.)                           | Science (A.S.)                                      | Mathematics                           |
| Mechanical Engineering (B.S.)                                       | Engineering (A.S.)                                  | Mechanical Engineering                |
| Music (B.A.)  | Music (A.F.A.)                                      | Music                                 |
| Philosophy (B.A.)   | Liberal Arts (A.A.)                                 | Philosophy                            |
| Physics (B.S.)  | Science (A.S.)                                      | Physics                               |
| Political Science (B.A.)  | Liberal Arts (A.A.)                                 | Political Science                     |
| Psychology (B.S.)   | Psychology (A.S.)                                   | Psychology                            |
| Real Estate (B.S.)  | Business Administration (A.S.)                      | Real Estate                           |
| Social Work (B.S.W.)  | Human Services: Pre-Social Work Concentration (AAS) | Social Work                           |
| Sociology (B.S.)  | Liberal Arts (A.A.)                                 | Sociology                             |
| Supply Chain Management and Analytics (B.S.)                        | Business Administration (A.S.)                      | Supply Chain Management and Analytics |

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| Theatre (B.A.)                    | Theatre (A.F.A.)    | Theatre                    |
| Urban and Regional Studies (B.S.) | Liberal Arts (A.A.) | Urban and Regional Studies |