

**DUAL ADMISSION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY AND RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE**

Richard Bland College (RBC) and Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) recognize the importance of providing a seamless and student-centered dual admission experience. RBC and VCU enter into this dual admission agreement to provide eligible students an opportunity for simultaneous admission to both institutions. Through dual admission, RBC students will receive coordinated support services from RBC and VCU personnel to assist students in completing their associate degree at RBC 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 Richard Bland College (see: <https://transfer.vcu.edu/media/semss/transfer/VCUandRichardBlandCollege.pdf>). 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 RBC-VCU dual admission program is established to provide eligible students from RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE with the following benefits and services.

- 1) Dual admission status at both RBC and VCU will result in guaranteed admission to the university and applicable VCU degree programs (as listed among the transfer maps for RBC; see <https://majormaps.vcu.edu/transfer>) upon completion of an associate degree at RBC with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher. NOTE: the transfer maps for RBC 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 RBC).
- 3) VCU transfer advising support through transfer major maps and appointments with VCU transfer advisors.
- 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 RBC-VCU dual admission program is available to RBC students who:

1. Intend to complete an eligible associate degree at RBC and transition into a participating VCU bachelors' degree program (as listed among the transfer maps for RBC; see <https://majormaps.vcu.edu/transfer>) immediately after graduating from RBC with an associate degree.
2. Enroll in the RBC associate degree program identified as the most appropriate pathway to the selected VCU bachelor's (B.A.) degree (as listed among the transfer maps for RBC; <https://majormaps.vcu.edu/transfer>).
3. Have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on the first 12 credits attempted at RBC and a minimum GPA of 2.5 at graduation from RBC. Note: Some transfer pathways to VCU may require a higher minimum GPA at graduation from RBC. The GPA requirement will be stated on the transfer map.
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 RBC, 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 transfer maps.
5. Offer advising appointments and transition support during the students' enrollment at RBC.
6. Host virtual and in-person information sessions for program participants.



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