

*GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES
BETWEEN
JOHN TYLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE (JTCC)
AND
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY (VCU)*

PURPOSE

- Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) is pleased to guarantee admission to John Tyler Community College (JTCC) students with an Associate of Science (A.S.) in General Studies – Science Specialization into the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree programs in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS), School of Allied Health Professions at VCU according to the terms of this agreement which is intended to support the State Policy on Transfer. A further purpose of this agreement is to improve the coordination between VCU and JTCC of transfer policies, acceptance of equivalent courses, and to enable enhanced advising at both institutions for students planning to pursue Clinical Laboratory Sciences. This agreement establishes a partnership between JTCC and VCU for the benefit of students. JTCC students who do not meet the terms of this agreement may still apply and will be considered for regular transfer admission, although admission will not be guaranteed.

ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

- JTCC will promote and advertise this articulation agreement on its website and other publicity material. Representatives of JTCC and VCU will call attention to this articulation agreement when advising students.
- VCU accepts applications from students who wish to transfer directly from JTCC to VCU to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) transfer applications are considered for students who earn the A.S. degree and who apply for fall admission.

Responsibilities of GAA Applicants

- 1) Upon the completion of 15 credits at JTCC, submit the VCU-JTCC online GAA *Letter of Interest* to enroll to the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University, PO Box 980583, Richmond, VA, 23298-0583. Alternately, students may complete the online form at <http://www.ugrad.vcu.edu/apply/transfer/letter-of-interest.aspx>. VCU representatives with important information to ensure a successful transfer to VCU will periodically contact students who complete the letter of interest.
- 2) Meet with a JTCC faculty advisor prior to the completion of 30 credits towards their degree program to ensure degree progress and completion.
- 3) Apply for JTCC A.S. degree graduation by the published deadline for graduation as specified by JTCC.

- 4) Complete the application steps for the Clinical Laboratory Science program as outlined on the admissions website (<http://www.ugrad.vcu.edu/apply/laboratory/Default.aspx>) by the application deadline of April 1.
- 5) Upon acceptance to VCU, submit the required enrollment deposit within 30 days of receipt of admission letter.

Admission Requirements

JTCC students who graduate with an A.S. degree and meet all of the following criteria will be guaranteed admission to the VCU B.S. in Clinical Laboratory Sciences program:

- 1) Apply by April 1 per the VCU transfer application deadline.
- 2) Earn a minimum cumulative JTCC GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and no individual grade lower than a "C" at the time of application to be granted junior standing at VCU.
- 3) Complete a minimum of 60 credits to include the following prerequisites: 6 credits of English Composition, 3 credits of College Algebra or higher mathematics, 12 credits of chemistry (8 credits of college chemistry and 4 credits of organic chemistry or quantitative analysis), 12 credits of biology (anatomy and physiology recommended), 3 credits of humanities or fine arts and 3 credits of social sciences.
- 4) Submit two recommendations from JTCC science or math instructors that highly recommend or recommend the applicant without reservation.
- 5) Receive a satisfactory rating on interview.
- 6) VCU will consider JTCC students who have not completed the A.S. program for admission into its B.S. programs. However, the course equivalencies as stated in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Transfer Program Table are based on the completion of the associate degree program prior to transfer. Course credit cannot be given for transfer courses in which the student earned below a "C" grade. Students who transfer prior to the completion of the associate degree program will have their courses evaluated individually per the VCU Transfer Guide. Therefore, students are encouraged to complete the associate degree prior to matriculating to VCU.
- 7) Students can transfer credits back to JTCC from VCU.

Acceptance and Application of Transfer Credit

- 1) Students completing an A.S. degree at JTCC who meet all other requirements of this agreement will be considered to have met all of VCU's lower division university general education requirements and will be granted junior standing.
- 2) Courses listed in this program will be reviewed as needed, by both institutions to ensure continuity of instruction, curriculum, and evaluation. The attached "Clinical Laboratory Sciences Transfer Program Table" lists the respective transfer credits that will be awarded by VCU for courses offered by JTCC students for transfer under the terms of the Agreement. This table will be updated as curricula evolve. VCU will work with students who have a *Letter of Interest* on file to ensure that curriculum changes made after the Letter is received

but prior to matriculation to VCU will not negatively impact the admissions decision. There is a limit of 63 credits that may be transferred to VCU from JTCC and course equivalency and transfer credits should be limited to those courses required for the student's selected major.

- 3) VCU will maintain an online transfer equivalency database allowing students to view course equivalencies. Wherever possible, this information will be maintained with the most recent VCCS information compared to the most recent VCU course offerings.
- 4) The benefits of this agreement, including junior standing and the waiver of all lower-division general education requirements are indicated on the transfer credit evaluation and are contingent upon receipt of the final JTCC transcript. It is the student's responsibility to provide a final degree transcript to the VCU Office of Admissions.

Update/Report/Relationship

- VCU and JTCC agree to meet regularly to review this agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purpose of monitoring this agreement.

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Amendments and Term of Effect

- 1) This agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. All course-by-course transfer guides and transfer credit equivalency databases may be amended as needed.
- 2) This master agreement will go into effect for those JTCC students entering VCU Fall Semester 2014, and remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 90 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of 2 years.

Presidential Signatures



President of John Tyler Community College

2/14/14

Date

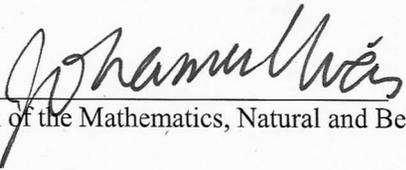


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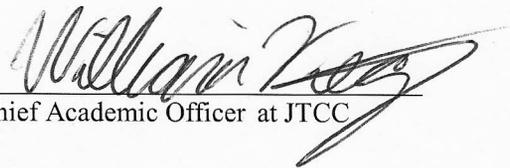
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2/18/14
Date


Chief Academic Officer at JTCC

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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Clinical Laboratory Sciences Transfer Program Table

Requirement	JTCC Course	Credits	VCU Course	Credits
Biology	BIO 101-102 or BIO 141-142	8	BIOL/Z 151-152 Or BIOL 205 + PHIS/Z 206	8
	BIO 205 or BIO 206 or BIO 256	4	BIOL/Z 209 or BIOL 218 or BIOL/Z 310	4
		12		12
Chemistry	CHM 111	4	CHEM 101+CHEZ 101	4
	CHM 112	4	CHEM 102+CHEZ 102	4
	CHM 241	3	CHEM 301	3
	CHM 245	2	CHEZ 301	2
		13		13
English	ENG 111	3	UNIV 111+UNIV 112	3
	ENG 112	3	UNIV 200	3
		6		6
Mathematics	MTH163 or higher ¹	3	MATH 151 or VCU equivalent	3
	Math elective (MTH163 or higher)	3	VCU Equivalent	3
SDV course	SDV100	1	Not transferable	
History electives	2 courses of the following: HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 11, HIS 112, HIS 121, HIS 112 or other approved HIS course	6	VCU Equivalent	6
Social/Behavioral Science	2 courses with the following prefixes: PSY, SOC, ECO, GEO, PLS, and HIS	6	VCU Equivalent	6
Literature elective	Any 200-level English literature course, exclusive of composition and creative writing	3	VCU Equivalent	3

¹ Students who complete the General Studies degree may use MTH158 in place of the MTH163 required in the Science Specialization.

	courses.			
Physical Education/Health elective		1	VCU Equivalent	1
Humanities elective	A conceptual humanities from JTCC approved list	3	VCU Equivalent	3
Transfer electives	Courses from approved JTCC transfer course list	4	VCU Equivalent	4
Total		61		≥60