

**Honors Program Transfer Admission Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):  
Reynolds Community College and Virginia Commonwealth University**

*Purpose*

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) facilitates the transition for students who have completed the Honors program at Reynolds Community College (Reynolds) into a program of study at the Honors College at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU).

*Eligibility*

Eligible students are those who meet the following criteria:

- Earn an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) Degree;
- Complete the Reynolds Honors Program by fulfilling the Honors Core curriculum of 18-21 credits;
- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale;
- Submit an application for admission to VCU as a transfer student by the deadline of November 1 for spring admission or March 15 for fall admission;
- Submit a separate application for admission to the VCU Honors College by the deadline of December 1 for spring admission or May 1 for fall admission.

*Admission*

VCU guarantees admission to the VCU Honors College to eligible students who complete the Reynolds Honors Program.

*Additional Terms*

- As part of the application to the VCU Honors College, in lieu of seeking a letter of endorsement from a Reynolds faculty member, Reynolds transfer candidates on track to complete the Reynolds Honors Program will include a statement from a Reynolds Honors Program administrator confirming that the student is on track to complete the Reynolds Honors Program successfully.
- Upon acceptance to the VCU Honors College, Reynolds transfer candidates must complete 12 additional hours of honors credits at VCU as well as any additional requirements for their specific school and major (including completion of a capstone course in their major), and presentation of a dossier to the Dean and Honors Council in order to graduate with University Honors.
- If any of the requirements imposed on VCU Honors College students are modified subsequent to the signing of this MOU, Reynolds transfer students will be held to the revised requirements. Any Reynolds transfer student accepted into the VCU Honors Program under this agreement shall be bound by the requirements in effect at the time of acceptance.
- This MOU shall commence on January 1, 2016, with the intent to admit the first students into the VCU Honors College in Fall Semester 2017 or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.
- Students who did not complete the Reynolds Honors curriculum may still be admitted to the VCU Honors College through the general admission process.

*Benefits*


- Students participating in the Reynolds Honors Program are eligible to participate in events and programs organized by the VCU Honors College, such as the Berglund Seminar Series.
- Reynolds Honors students will have access to the VCU Honors College advisors.
- Reynolds transfer students who complete VCU's Honors College will graduate with University Honors, the highest accolade possible for VCU undergraduates. The distinction will appear on the students' records.
- Eligibility to participate in all VCU Honors activities, events, organizations
- Eligibility to reside in Honors housing
- Eligibility for Honors-only scholarships
- Eligibility for priority registration
- Eligibility for special library privileges

*Notice of Change or Termination*

Either institution may withdraw from this MOU by notifying the other no less than one academic year before the intended date of termination. No further admissions shall be made under this MOU after such notice is given, but students already admitted to VCU will be allowed to transfer into the VCU Honors College.

ATTEST:


Reynolds Community College

  
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President

1-29-2016  
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David R. Looper, Ed.D.  
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Ashley Bourne-Richardson, Ph.D.  
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Barry Falk, Ph.D.  
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