

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

### *Purpose*

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) facilitates the transition for students who have completed the Honors Program at Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) into 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 a transfer-oriented Associate of Science (AS) degree.
- Successfully complete the PVCC Honors Core curriculum of 15 credits with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (4.0 scale) and be in good standing in the Honors Program at PVCC;
- Apply for admission to VCU as a transfer student by the published application deadlines for spring or fall admission;
- Be accepted to VCU; and
- Submit a separate application for admission to the VCU Honors College by the deadline of November 15 for spring admission and April 15 for fall admission.

### *Admission*

- VCU guarantees admission to the VCU Honors College to eligible students who complete the Honors Program at PVCC.

### *Additional Terms*

- As part of the application to the VCU Honors College, in lieu of seeking a letter of endorsement from a PVCC faculty member, PVCC transfer applicants on track to complete the PVCC Honors Program will include a letter of endorsement from the PVCC Honors Program coordinator confirming that the applicant has a cumulative 3.5 or better Grade Point Average and is on track to graduate with honors.
- Upon acceptance to the VCU Honors College, PVCC transfer applicants will be assigned to a cohort, and the cohort will work together towards the completion of a capstone project, which will include curricular and co-curricular assignments. Additionally, students must complete 14 honors credits, including the capstone course. Students will also be required to earn 25 engagement points per academic year and maintain a cumulative 3.5 Grade Point Average in order to graduate with University Honors.
- If any of the Honors College program requirements are modified subsequent to the signing of this MOU, PVCC transfer students will be held to the revised program requirements. Any PVCC transfer student accepted into the VCU Honors College under this agreement shall be bound by those program requirements in effect at the time of acceptance to VCU.
- Students who do not complete the PVCC Honors Core Curriculum can still apply to the VCU Honors College through the general admission process.

*Benefits to PVCC students admitted to the VCU Honors College*

- PVCC Honors Program students are eligible to participate in events and programs organized by the VCU Honors College, such as Berglund Seminars and Diverse Converse Conversations.
- PVCC Honors Program students will have access to Honors College advisors to discuss honors requirements.
- PVCC transfer students who enter the VCU Honors College are eligible to graduate with University Honors, the highest accolade possible for VCU undergraduates. The distinction will appear on the student's transcript and diploma.
- Eligible for the following:
  - Honors-only scholarships
  - Priority registration
  - Honors housing
  - Study abroad scholarships
  - Undergraduate research opportunities

*Notice of Change or Termination*

- This MOU shall commence July 1, 2019, with the intent to admit the first students in the VCU Honors College in Spring Semester 2020 or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.
- The terms of this agreement shall be reviewed and revised as needed every three years. Either institution may withdraw from this MOU by notifying the other no less than one academic year before the intended date of determination. 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.

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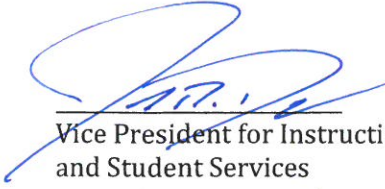
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