

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

Purpose

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) facilitates the admission of students who have completed the Honors Program at Richard Bland College (RBC) and accepted into the Honors College at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU).

Eligibility

Eligible students are those who meet the following criteria:

- Be awarded an Associate of Arts (AA) or a transfer-oriented Associate of Science (AS) degree.
- Successfully complete the RBC Honors Program requirements and graduate with "RBC Honors Distinction" on transcript.
- Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (4.0 scale) upon application to VCU and upon graduation from RBC.
- Be accepted into VCU.
- Apply for admission to VCU as a transfer student by the published application deadlines for spring or fall admission.
- Submit a separate application for admission to the VCU Honors College by the deadline of November 15th for spring admission and April 15th for fall admission.

Admission

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

Additional Terms

- As part of the application to the VCU Honors College, RBC transfer applicants on track to complete the RBC Honors Program will include a letter of endorsement from the RBC Honors Program Coordinator confirming that the applicant has a cumulative 3.50 or better and on track to graduate with honors.
- Upon acceptance to the VCU Honors College, RBC 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 VCU Honors College program requirements are modified subsequent to the signing of this MOU, RBC transfer students will be held to the revised program requirements. Any RBC 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 RBC Honors curriculum can still apply to the VCU Honors College through the general admission process.

Benefits to RBC students admitted to the VCU Honors College

- RBC 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.
- RBC Honors Program students will have access to VCU Honors College advisors to discuss honors requirements.
- RBC 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.
- Eligibility for the following:
 - Honors-only scholarships
 - Priority registration
 - Special library privileges
 - 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 into the VCU Honors College in **Spring Semester 2020** or soon thereafter as administratively possible.
- The terms of this agreement shall be reviewed, revised as needed, and reaffirmed every three years. Either institution may terminate 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.

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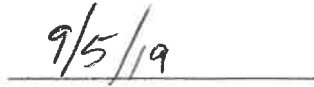
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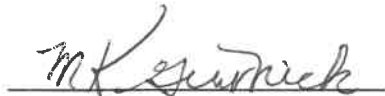
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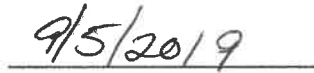
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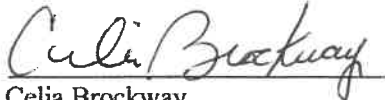
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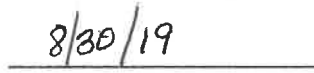
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