

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
AND
MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE

Mary Baldwin College (MBC) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from the community college to MBC, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA).

Definitions

“Guaranteed admission to MBC” refers to guaranteed admission to either the Adult Degree Program (open to both men and women), or the on-campus Residential College for Women.

“Transfer-oriented associate degrees” refers to VCCS Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees. This includes VCCS General Studies associate degrees that have been approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as transfer degrees according to the State Committee on Transfer (see website at <http://www/schev.edu/Students/GeneralStudiesWebtext.pdf>).

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a four-point scale (as shown on the VCCS transcript) and who intends to transfer to MBC.

Academic Admission Agreement

GAA students are guaranteed admission to MBC and may expect the following:

1. MBC will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits applied to the transfer-oriented associate degree program. No distinction will be made by MBC regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Completion of the associate degree while enrolled in high school will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement. In addition, credit for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, or other advanced standing programs will be accepted according to MBC policies in place at the time of enrollment as found in the MBC catalog. These policies will also guide the awarding of credit by examination and credit for professional schools, experience and training.
2. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the MBC general education component of the undergraduate curriculum, which at MBC is designated as

the College Learning Outcome #1¹, and grant the student junior standing.

3. GAA students may be able to complete all requirements for the MBC Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science within the 126-semester hour minimum for graduation from MBC, provided all requirements are successfully met for:
 - a. MBC Common Curriculum
 - b. An academic major of choice (all MBC students complete an academic major culminating in a senior project), and
 - c. An academic minor of choice (a minor is optional).
4. MBC will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 126 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.

Eligibility

To be admitted to the Residential College for Women at MBC, GAA students must be women.

To be admitted to either the Residential College for Women or the Adult Degree Program (open to both men and women), students must complete the following requirements to become GAA students

- submit the appropriate online application
- graduate from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a four-point scale (as shown on the VCCS transcript) with intent to transfer to MBC
- submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the MBC Admissions Office.
- have earned a grade of “C” or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program. Repeated courses will be accepted as long as the highest grade received was a “C” or higher.

GAA students who previously attended MBC and are on academic probation or suspension from MBC are guaranteed admission to MBC under this agreement on the condition that they are also reinstated or readmitted by the Scholastic Standing Committee or the appropriate (Residential or Adult Degree Program) Honor Council.

Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

1. GAA students admitted to MBC may orient immediately and are assigned the MBC catalog in effect at the time of their orientation with respect to the MBC Core Curriculum, and the Major. As long as the student maintains continuous enrollment in MBC, the catalog of entry will be considered the catalog of record with respect to graduation requirements at MBC.

¹ A community college student who has not completed a transfer-oriented degree may still be considered for admission to MBC, but he/she is not guaranteed admission and will not have satisfied the general education component of the undergraduate curriculum.

2. MBC does not charge an application fee.
3. GAA students can contact the MBC Admissions Office to obtain the name and contact information of MBC departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various MBC majors.

Responsibilities

GAA students must follow all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.

The community college will:

1. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.
2. Notify students of transfer opportunities to MBC under this GAA by posting links to the agreement on the VCCS Transfer Website (<http://www.vccs.edu/Students/Transfers.edu>) and the Virginia Education Wizard (www.vawizard.org).


MBC will:

1. Consider GAA students who enroll at MBC on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.
2. Provide tracking data on performance of GAA students at MBC, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, MBC courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from MBC, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from the VCCS and MBC and provided by July 1 of each year.

Review of the Agreement

MBC and the VCCS will review the GAA every three years to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA.


The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice. Such notice should be given one year in advance of the date of termination; students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.



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Date



Pamela Fox, President
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Date