

## GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT

### MARY BALDWIN UNIVERSITY RN TO BSN PROGRAM AND VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Mary Baldwin University (MBU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the admission of transfer students from Virginia's community colleges to MBU as they pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admissions Agreement (GAA). The agreement provides a pathway for students to progress from the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree directly to the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) program at MBU. VCCS students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

#### Section I: General Admission Requirements and Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission under this GAA, a VCCS student must:

- Earn a VCCS associate of applied science (AAS) degree in Nursing. All required nursing courses must be taken within the VCCS.
- Provide evidence of a current, unencumbered license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the Commonwealth of Virginia or state participating in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) prior to matriculation.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) on all college work attempted of 2.5 or better on a 4-point scale. All transferring coursework must reflect a "C" or better.
- Provide evidence of current employment as a RN or plans to practice concurrently with coursework.

Students meeting the above criteria are referred to as "GAA students". GAA students will be given the same consideration as other students, including MBU students, for registration, financial aid, and any other opportunities open to students with RN to BSN degree seeking standing.

#### Section II: MBU RN to BSN Program Requirements

A student who satisfies Section I of this agreement will enter the RN to BSN Program and must complete the following steps to earn the Baccalaureate degree from MBU:

- Successfully complete all RN to BSN, general education, and graduation requirements found in the MBU Academic Catalog in effect at the time of matriculation. Completion of the Associate of Applied Science in nursing degree program will guarantee completion of the MBU general education component of the undergraduate curriculum at MBU designated as College Learning Outcome #1. See the website ([http://www.marybaldwin.edu/health\\_sciences/vccs-course-equivalents/](http://www.marybaldwin.edu/health_sciences/vccs-course-equivalents/)) for a list of transferable courses that meet the additional general education requirements for the bachelor's degree. No distinction will be made by MBU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. In addition, credit for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, or other advanced standing programs will be accepted according to MBU policies in place at the time of enrollment as found in the MBU Academic Catalog.
- Earn a total of 120 credits, of which a minimum of 30 must be taken through MBU (see Appendix 1). MBU will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation.

### **Section III: Responsibilities of the VCCS**

1. Disseminate accurate information to VCCS nursing program students regarding the general conditions of this agreement. This agreement will be posted on the VCCS website as well as the Virginia Education Wizard, an online college planning site utilized by VCCS students, faculty, and staff.
2. VCCS colleges will provide academic advising services to assist VCCS students in choosing courses that will best prepare them for entering the RN to BSN Program at MBU.
3. Communicate with MBU representatives to discuss changes in VCCS programs, which might impact or alter this agreement.

### **Section IV: Responsibilities of MBU**

1. Provide academic advising services to GAA students prior to transfer to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to MBU.
2. Provide tracking data annually on the performance of GAA students at MBU, to include comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by the institutional research staffs at the VCCS and MBU.
3. Communicate with VCCS representatives to discuss changes in the MBU program that might affect GAA students.

### **Section V: Responsibilities of the Student**

1. Successfully complete the admission requirements for the RN to BSN degree program at MBU.
2. Follow the MBU RN to BSN program's application and admission processes and timelines.

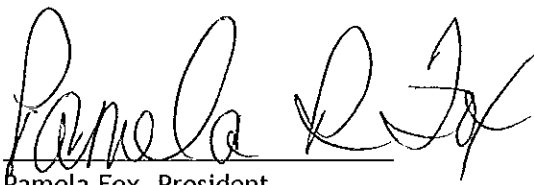
### **Section VI: Review of the Agreement**

1. The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. MBU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at MBU.
  - a. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the Director for Educational Policy, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.
  - b. Representing MBU will be the Program Director of the RN to BSN track.
2. Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement shall be made only after consultation with an agreement among officials at both institutions. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA. A revised agreement will be signed by officials at both institutions.
3. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of the GAA to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents). MBU and the VCCS will review the GAA at a minimum of every three years and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered by the provisions of the existing GAA.
4. The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice should be given at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination, and students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

## Appendix 1

Sample Student Transfer Summary	
66 credits	AAS degree in Nursing (VCCS)
30 credits	RN to BSN coursework (MBU)
15 credits	Prior Learning Credits (MBU) <i>(earned through a portfolio review process by MBU faculty that evaluates prior learning and work experience)</i>
9 credits	Additional general education course requirements
120 credits	Total credit hours for RN to BSN

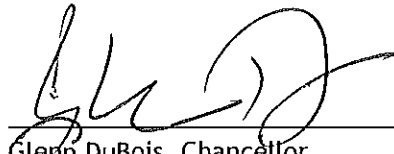
*Number of credits needed to meet graduation requirements depends on an individual student's general education coursework taken through the VCCS. Students will receive an individual transcript evaluation and be provided with a written degree plan at the time of enrollment.*



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Glenn DuBois, Chancellor  
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