

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
Between
VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
and
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

East Tennessee State University (ETSU) and the Virginia Highlands Community College (VHCC) recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of undergraduate students from VHCC to ETSU as they pursue their educational goals. ETSU provides opportunities to help VHCC students experience a smooth transition to ETSU.

In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, VHCC and ETSU do hereby enter into the following Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA).

DEFINITIONS

“Transfer-oriented associate degrees” refers to VHCC Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees.

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at a VHCC with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on a four-point scale, who has earned a grade of “C” or higher in each course applicable to transfer-oriented associate degree, and who intends to transfer to ETSU.

“GAA Contact” refers to staff members designated at VHCC and by ETSU who work with prospective GAA students.

ACADEMIC ADMISSION AGREEMENT

GAA students will be guaranteed admission to ETSU and may expect the following:

1. All of the courses that are accepted by ETSU will be applied to the attainment of the Baccalaureate degree and no distinction will be made by ETSU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degrees that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.
2. ETSU guarantees the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the associate degree program from VHCC and will accept the student with junior standing. However, ETSU cannot guarantee that the student will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation at ETSU. Upon request, the academic advisor in the student’s major department will inform him/her if there are any course requirements that would require credit hours beyond the 120 minimum needed for graduation.
3. Acceptance in some programs in colleges and departments at ETSU is competitive; acceptance into ETSU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the college or department offering the program. Students participating in this admissions agreement should follow all special college and/or departmental application procedures and deadlines, as well as grade point requirements listed in the ETSU Undergraduate Catalog for native ETSU students. GAA Students and native ETSU students will be treated identically with regard to admission to competitive programs.

4. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will satisfy many general education requirements at ETSU. Additional courses may be necessary to fulfill all general education requirements. To assure that all general education requirements are met at VHCC before the point of transfer, students should follow existing VHCC/ETSU articulation agreements. In addition to general education requirements, GAA students will need to meet high school unit requirements, complete proficiency intensive courses, upper-level and all other University, college, and departmental requirements in order to obtain the baccalaureate degree from ETSU.
5. GAA students may select a catalog for degree requirements on the same basis as native ETSU students. Students may select the catalog in effect at the time of matriculation at VHCC or ETSU under the GAA and may continue with the selected catalog for up to six academic years.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be guaranteed admission to ETSU students must complete the requirements to become GAA students (graduate from a transfer-orientated degree program at VHCC with at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average on a four-point scale with intent to transfer to ETSU) and submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree and any other collegiate transcripts to the ETSU Office of Admissions. In addition, GAA students must have earned a grade of "C" or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program. To ensure transfer of all general education courses, students should follow requirements outlined in ETSU/VHCC articulation agreements.

NOTE: VHCC students not meeting these eligibility requirements are eligible to transfer to ETSU under regular admission standards for transfer students <http://www.etsu.edu/admissions/default.aspx> but will not be considered a GAA student.

Students who were previously enrolled at ETSU, were academically suspended or ineligible to continue at ETSU and transferred to VHCC to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree must meet regular ETSU admissions standards.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Any materials distributed by either institution which specifically references the GAA agreement and/or makes any general representation of the other institution must be approved by each respective party prior to use.

VHCC will:

1. Assist prospective GAA students in declaring intent to transfer to ETSU under the GAA.
2. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete a transfer-oriented associate degree.
3. Collaborate with ETSU to promote the agreement among prospective and current VHCC students.

ETSU will:

1. Review readmission applications of students suspended from ETSU with the consent of the student and notify the VHCC GAA Contact regarding the student's readmission status.
2. Provide information and materials for the admissions process.

3. Provide admissions counseling and academic advisement for GAA students.
4. Upon request provide tracking data on the academic performance of GAA students at ETSU.

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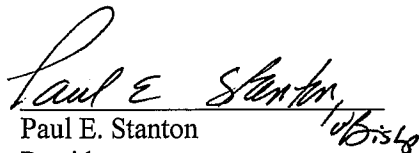
1. Assume primary responsibility for understanding-and following the requirements for a VHCC transfer-orientated associate degree, as well as degree requirements and the specific requirements for their intended major at ETSU, as stated in the ETSU Undergraduate Catalog.
2. Notify the GAA Contact at VHCC of the intent to transfer to ETSU under the GAA.
3. Meet ETSU deadlines for admissions.


Terms of Agreement:


This Guaranteed Admission Agreement between East Tennessee State University and Virginia Highlands Community College will begin fall 2011. This agreement can be dissolved at the request of either or both parties based on a future determination of unfeasibility and/or not being consistent with either institutions' policy, procedure, guidelines or mission. The agreement may be modified with both institutions agreement of the change request. Either party may terminate the agreement with 30 days written notice. Such termination would take effect at the end of the term.

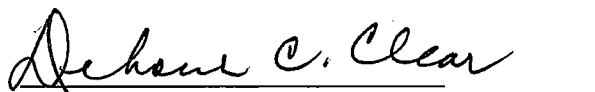
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