## Richard Bland College of the College of William and Mary and Shenandoah University Transfer Agreement

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to assist students at various levels of higher education to achieve their goals in an efficient and timely way. This purpose may be achieved through the coordination between Shenandoah University and Richard Bland College of the College of William and Mary with transfer policies and advising. This agreement is in support of the State Policy on Transfer. Shenandoah University agrees to admit graduates of Richard Bland College, based on the State Policy on Transfer and the provisions outlined within this agreement.

- 1. Upon Application, Shenandoah University will guarantee acceptance of Richard Bland College graduates with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree who have carned a minimum grade point average of 2.5. This guarantee assumes that there are no other factors in a students' academic or personal record that might prevent acceptance. Students with grade point averages below 2.5 may still be eligible for admission but without guaranteed acceptance.
- Scores on credits earned through examination (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, CLEP or DANTES), and awarded credit at Richard Bland College, must be sent directly to Shenandoah University to insure transfer of credit. Credits taken at another institution other than Richard Bland College will be evaluated upon receipt of official transcripts.
- 3. Richard Bland College graduates will be considered to have completed all Shenandoah University general education requirements, unless a missing general education requirement is imbedded within the students' curriculum.
- 4. This agreement guarantees admission to the university but acceptance for some programs at Shenandoah University is only on a competitive basis. Students transferring from Richard Bland College must meet the same prerequisites, GPA, and other admission criteria as other transfer or native students applying to those programs. Students participating in this admission agreement should follow all special academic unit application procedures and grade point requirements listed in the Shenandoah University catalog. Transfer students and native Shenandoah University students will be treated identically with regard to admission to programs.
- 5. Richard Bland College graduates transferring to Shenandoah University can generally expect to graduate in two years, assuming they take normal course loads, have met specific prerequisites for their majors, and make satisfactory progress.
- 6. Students transferring from Richard Bland College will be required to complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of upper division coursework at Shenandoah University to be eligible for graduation. No Richard Bland College courses may be applied toward the requirement for the 30 upper-level course credits. Transfer credit will not be granted for Richard Bland College courses numbered below 100. Two courses with essentially the same content (as

determined by Shenandoah University) cannot be counted toward the same degree requirements.

- 7. To ensure inclusion in the financial aid process, it is recommended that applicants from Richard Bland College complete the necessary paperwork by March 1. Students will still be able to complete the financial aid process even if materials are received after March 1. However, more responsibility will be on the student to complete the process.
- 8. The faculty and staff of the two institutions will work together to maintain a list of one-to-one equivalencies of courses listed in the Richard Bland College catalog. Richard Bland College advising staff will encourage prospective Shenandoah University transfer students to meet the spirit and content of the Shenandoah University general education requirements to the greatest extent possible in preparing for transfer. During advising, Richard Bland College staff will inform students of Shenandoah University's policy of accepting all transfer credits with a grade of C- or better. The Assistant Director of Transfer Admissions will offer counsel to Richard Bland College students who plan to transfer concerning degree requirements and programs of study.
- 9. Richard Bland College agrees to support this articulation agreement by indicating the relationship in appropriate literature and through its web site.
- 10. This agreement may be amended as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.

This transfer agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice shall be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. Upon termination, the agreement will remain in effect for two additional years to accommodate students currently pursuing the articulated program at Richard Bland College.

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