TRANSFER AGREEMENT

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE of The College of William and Mary

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 Virginia State University and Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary of transfer policies, enhanced advising, and acceptance of equivalent courses. This agreement is in support of the State Policy on Transfer. Virginia State University agrees that Richard Bland College graduates who are accepted under the provision of the State Policy on Transfer will be designated as junior-level students.

- 1. Upon application, Virginia State University (VSU) will guarantee acceptance of all Richard Bland College graduates with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree who have earned a minimum grade point average of 2.3. This guarantee assumes that there are no other factors in a student's academic or personal record that might prevent acceptance. For guaranteed acceptance, applications must be received by June 1 for fall term and November 1 for spring term. Students with grade point averages below 2.3 or who apply after the stated deadlines also will be considered for admission but without the guaranteed acceptance.
- 2. Credits earned through examination (Advanced Placement, CLEP, or DANTES), and awarded credit at Richard Bland College, will be treated on an equal basis as credits earned at Richard Bland College.
- 3. Richard Bland College graduates may be required to complete any unfulfilled VSU upper-division general education requirements.
- 4. Acceptance in some programs at VSU is competitive; acceptance into VSU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the college or department offering the program. Students participating in this admission agreement should follow all special college and/or departmental application procedures and deadlines, as well as grade point requirements listed in the VSU catalog for native VSU students. Transfer students and native VSU students will be treated identically with regard to admission to programs. For example: School of Business, and Teacher Education.
- 5. Richard Bland College graduates transferring to VSU can generally expect to graduate in two years, assuming they take normal course loads, have met the specific prerequisites for their majors, and make satisfactory progress.

- 6. Students who are not native speakers of English must score at least 500 on the TOEFL examination and have the minimum grade point average of 2.3 in order to be guaranteed admission.
- VSU will offer accepted applicants from Richard Bland College consideration for available financial aid if they apply for aid by the recommended deadline of March 31 for the fall and November 1 for the spring.
- 8. The application fee will be waived for any Richard Bland College student who applies to VSU.
- 9. The faculty and staff of the two institutions will work together to maintain a course-by-course evaluation of all courses listed in the Richard Bland College Catalog. Richard Bland College faculty and advising staff will encourage prospective VSU transfer students to meet the spirit and content of the VSU general education requirements to the greatest extent possible in preparing for transfer. The Registrar and student advisors at VSU will offer counsel to Richard Bland College students who plan to transfer to VSU concerning degree requirements and programs of study.
- 10. Richard Bland College transfer students must sign a *Guaranteed Admission Letter of Intent form* to enroll at VSU.
- 11. Richard Bland College agrees to support this articulation agreement by indicating the relationship in appropriate literature and through its web site.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.

Official Signature

Richard Bland College

of the College of William and Mary

Title

Official Signature

Virginia State University

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Date