

## **Guaranteed Admission Agreement Between West Virginia University and College of Southern Maryland**

THIS GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT is made and entered into on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2015, by and amongst West Virginia University (WVU) and College of Southern Maryland (CSM).

### **I. PURPOSE**

These guidelines are designed to facilitate and coordinate the articulation transfer processes and procedures, enhance advising, and promote the acceptance of equivalent courses/credits between WVU and CSM allowing for an efficient and effective transition from an Associate's degree to a Baccalaureate degree.

### **II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT**

#### **A. Admissions Practices**

1. WVU encourages applications from articulating CSM students who wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree program at WVU (post AA or AS).
2. Articulating CSM students who graduate with an AA or an AS degree and have a transferable GPA of at least 2.0 and are in good standing are guaranteed admission to WVU. Guaranteed admission to WVU does not mean such students are guaranteed admission to their articulated majors without satisfying the WVU major criteria.
3. Students transferring from CSM to *specific* WVU programs must meet the same prerequisites, grade point average (GPA) and other admission criteria, as other native or transfer students applying to WVU programs.

#### **B. Acceptance and Application of Credits**

1. General Education – Transcripts of students completing an AA or AS at CSM will be reviewed by WVU to determine which of the general education requirements are met.
2. Transferring CSM applicants must follow all course hierarchies as outlined by the approved WVU articulation pathway. The Quantitative Reasoning Assessment (QRA) may be required for certain major specific courses, e.g. MATH or CHEM. Further information is included in the advising sheets specific to those majors.
3. College level course credits and grades accepted by WVU are transferrable. Grades of F, I, or U will be considered failing grades generating 0.0 points in the incoming/starting WVU CGPA calculation.
4. WVU will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. WVU also reserves the right to evaluate courses/credits earned at non-TES (Transfer Equivalency System) institutions. Credit is not guaranteed for these sources and will be reviewed for credit consistent with WVU's standards and pre-established course equivalencies.
5. WVU will maintain course equivalency information and make this information readily available to CSM.
6. All credits and grades will be used in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average and total attempted and earned credits. Transfer credits from community colleges and junior colleges are limited to seventy-two

hours of lower-division courses. Students articulating from CSM will be required to complete their final 30 credit hours at WVU (in residence).

**C. Update/Report/Relationship**

WVU and CSM agree to review the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies annually. CSM will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement.

**D. Amendments and Term of Effect**

1. The curriculum transfer guides in effect at the time a student first enrolls at CSM will be honored by WVU if the student completes an AA or AS degree and successfully transfers to WVU within 4 years of that first enrollment at CSM.
2. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.
3. This master agreement will remain in effect for 4 years from signing or until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given one hundred eighty days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the CSM students accepted prior to the date of termination notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as the date of the signatures of their duly authorized representatives.



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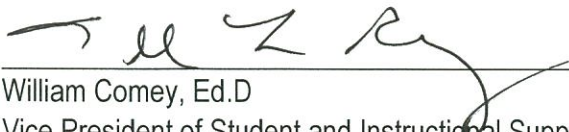
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