

Guaranteed Admission Agreement
Thomas Nelson Community College
and
Virginia Wesleyan College

Virginia Wesleyan (VWC) strives to become the college of choice for Thomas Nelson Community College (Thomas Nelson) students who desire to earn a bachelor's degree in a timely and affordable manner upon successful completion of an associate degree or 60-64 hours as outlined in the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) between VWC and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS).

The initial goal is to reach 60 admitted and matriculated transfer students from Thomas Nelson. Using the Guaranteed Admission Agreement between VWC and Thomas Nelson (TN-GAA), the following strategies are proposed as a means of increasing the number of Thomas Nelson transfer students. The basic tenets of this plan can be expanded to include other VCCS institutions and students.

Recruitment of Students

Under this agreement, VWC and Thomas Nelson will join in a collaborative effort to facilitate the transfer of students from associate degree programs to VWC programs. VWC will be invited to participate in on-campus transfer recruitment events sponsored by Thomas Nelson and upon request will be provided with graduate contact data (mailing address record) on an annual basis. VWC will also be listed as a transfer agreement institution on the Thomas Nelson website and information about the agreement will be included in other relevant materials.

Guaranteed Admission

Admission to VWC will be guaranteed for any Thomas Nelson student based upon the requirements as outlined in the GAA. Additional requirements or benefits based upon the TN-GAA will supersede those of the GAA.

Application Process

Thomas Nelson students applying for VWC guaranteed admission should complete a transfer application and submit all official college transcripts by July 1 for the fall term and November 15 for the spring term. VWC Enrollment Services will enroll new Thomas Nelson transfer students under the terms of the TN-GAA and advise the student appropriately based on the TN-GAA.

Early Commitment/Guaranteed Courses

It is not necessary for Thomas Nelson students to delay application until all coursework in their final semester of enrollment at Thomas Nelson has been completed. Admission may be granted with work in-progress. All Thomas Nelson students accepted to VWC under the TN-GAA and

who make a commitment by May 1 for the fall term, and October 15 for the spring term, will be guaranteed the courses needed to continue their educational goals.

Financial Aid

A merit scholarship will be awarded to each Thomas Nelson student accepted to VWC under the TN-GAA, based on cumulative GPA of all college work attempted. The award schedule set forth in the matrix below supersedes the awards set forth in the VCCS GAA, Section 3.5.

Thomas Nelson Cumulative GPA	Resident Student*	Commuter Student*
3.5 – 4.0	\$20,000 VWC Scholarship	\$14,000 VWC Scholarship
3.0 – 3.49	\$18,000 VWC Scholarship	\$12,000 VWC Scholarship
2.5 – 2.99	\$16,000 VWC Scholarship	\$10,000 VWC Scholarship
2.0 – 2.49	\$14,000 VWC Scholarship	\$8,000 VWC Scholarship

* Awarded annually, and not to exceed five semesters. Grades resulting in less than good academic standing or student conduct disciplinary action could impact award.

Students are also encouraged to apply for the Virginia Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program (\$1,000 annual award), Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG), Federal loans, and private loans and grants.

Articulation Agreements / Advising

Program-to-program articulation agreements will be developed, signed, and published to ensure a seamless transfer to VWC and timely graduation with a bachelor's degree. These agreements will be available to guide Thomas Nelson advisors, VWC transfer advisors, departmental faculty, and students at both institutions.

VWC will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 64 credits, and grant students junior status standing. No distinction will be made by VWC regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.

Completion of the transfer-oriented associate degree program will guarantee completion of the VWC 100-200 level general education components of the undergraduate curriculum. The one caveat is completion of VWC's Literary Textual Analysis (T) frame of reference in the general education requirements, which requires an English Literature course at Thomas Nelson in one of the following: ENG 125, 237, 241, 242, 243, 244, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 256, 273, or 274. Prior to degree conferral by VWC, all requirements for majors and minors must be completed, including any lower-division pre-requisites for upper-division courses. All requirements for graduation must be completed, including the foreign language requirement. Students who

complete French, German, Latin, or Spanish through the 101-102 sequence at Thomas Nelson will be considered to have met the foreign language graduation requirement at VWC.

Acceptance in some degree programs at VWC is competitive; therefore guaranteed admission into VWC does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the department offering the program.

At the time of commitment to VWC, the incoming Thomas Nelson transfer student will be assigned to a faculty advisor in his/her intended major. The faculty advisor will be responsible for meeting with the student to outline a plan for completing graduation requirements and assisting the student in selecting and registering for upcoming semester courses.

Responsibilities

Thomas Nelson will

- (1) Assist prospective TN-GAA students in declaring intent to transfer to VWC under the TN-GAA.
- (2) Advise students regarding the courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented degree program.
- (3) Make available to Thomas Nelson students enrolled in transfer-oriented degree programs information about the TN-GAA with VWC, including by posting the TN-GAA on the Thomas Nelson website.

Virginia Wesleyan College will

- (1) Consider TN-GAA students who enroll at VWC on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.
- (2) Provide Thomas Nelson with tracking data annually on the performance of TN-GAA students at VWC, to include comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by the institutional research staff at VWC and Thomas Nelson.

Review of Agreement

Both parties agree to abide by these guidelines and review the agreement periodically, but no less than every three years, to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the transfer process. The TN-GAA will require renewal based upon a three-year schedule. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing TN-GAA. Any addenda to this agreement should be agreed to by both parties. This agreement may be terminated by either college by submitting a written notice of

intent at least 90 days in advance. Students who entered or applied to VWC under the TN-GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

Effective October 1, 2016


Approved:

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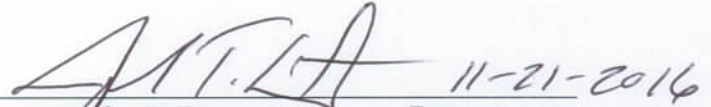
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