

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**The George Washington University**  
**and**  
**The Virginia Community College System**

This Guaranteed Admission Agreement ("Agreement") is effective this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012, by and between the George Washington University (GW), on behalf of its School of Nursing at the Virginia Science and Technology Campus, a nonprofit corporation chartered by an Act of Congress, and Virginia Community College System (VCCS).

WHEREAS, VCCS and its community colleges offer an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree ("ADN") to students who have successfully completed the academic requirements of its program; and

WHEREAS, GW, through its School of Nursing, offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing ("BSN") and a Master's of Science in Nursing ("MSN") to students who have successfully completed the academic requirements of its program; and

WHEREAS, GW and VCCS recognize the need to facilitate the admission of students to GW who have successfully obtained an ADN from Virginia's community colleges as they pursue a BSN and/or MSN and resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA).

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

**I. Program Overview**

This Agreement applies to:

- A. Students who have obtained an ADN from a nursing program in VCCS that is National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accredited who desire to obtain a BSN from GW;
- B. Students who have obtained (i) an ADN from a nursing program in VCCS that is NLNAC accredited; and (ii) a Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing; and who desire to obtain an MSN from GW.

**II. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility**

- A. For students who have obtained an ADN from a nursing program in the VCCS that is NLNAC accredited and desire a BSN, admission to the GW School of Nursing will be guaranteed if the students have satisfied the following requirements:
  - 1. Obtained an ADN from a nursing program in VCCS that is NLNAC accredited;
  - 2. Graduated with cumulative VCCS GPA in nursing of 3.0 as well as an overall GPA of 3.0;
  - 3. Have completed the required prerequisite coursework (see Section III

for details);

4. Provided evidence of a current, unencumbered U.S. license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN); and
  5. Provided evidence of current employment in a position that requires use of nursing knowledge and expertise at the time of application and enrollment as determined by GW.
- B. For students who have obtained an ADN from a nursing program in the VCCS that is NLNAC accredited and a Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing and who desire to obtain an MSN from GW, admission to the GW School of Nursing will be guaranteed if the students have satisfied the following requirements:
1. Obtained an ADN from a nursing program in the VCCS that is NLNAC accredited;
  2. Have completed a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university;
  3. Have a cumulative GPA from all coursework of 3.0 or greater as well as a 3.0 GPA in the nursing program;
  4. Provided evidence of a current, unencumbered U.S. license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN); and
  5. Complete the School of Nursing's bridge course, Dimensions of Professional Nursing (NURS6180), in the summer prior to matriculating at GW.
- C. VCCS students who do not satisfy the admission requirements set forth above for guaranteed admission may be considered for admission by GW, but admission will not be guaranteed.

### **III. Program Requirements**

- A. The prerequisites for eligibility for students who have obtained an ADN from a nursing program in the VCCS that is NLNAC accredited and desire a BSN are as follows:
1. Each applicant must complete the ADN to include the following prerequisite coursework with grades of C or better and a minimum cumulative nursing 3.0 GPA, prior to starting the program:
    - Human Anatomy and Physiology (6-8 semester hours)
    - Microbiology (3-4 semester hours)
    - Statistics (3 semester hours)
    - Nutrition (3 semester hours)
    - Ethics (3 semester hours)
  2. The following general education courses are required and may be completed in the ADN program:

- English (6 semester hours)
- Math (3 semester hours)
- Humanities/Social Sciences (12 semester hours).

Any of these general education courses not completed as part of the ADN may be applied toward the additional general education requirement noted in Table 1.

3. Completion of a work portfolio as set forth in Paragraph B below.

B. Students accepted to GW under the terms of this Agreement will be required to complete twenty-one (21) credits of GW coursework and submit a work portfolio in order to successfully complete the Bachelor of Nursing Science requirements. GW will determine whether each student's work portfolio is sufficient to obtain the requisite fifteen (15) credits required. If the student's work portfolio does not warrant fifteen (15) credits, the student will work with a GW advisor to either identify necessary GW coursework or modification of the work portfolio in order to satisfy the fifteen credits. The cost of the review of the work portfolio will be \$500, subject to periodic adjustments to this rate based on inflation.

<b>Table 1: Associate Degree to BSN program</b>	
Credits from Associate degree	69
Additional General Education Credits (taken at the community college in addition to the associate degree)	15
GW Work Portfolio review of clinical practice	15
GW required courses	21
*Patient Safety and Health Care Quality	3
*NPCR V: Epi and Community	3
*Research Methods I	3
*Nursing Leadership	3
*Concepts in Population Health	3
*Theoretical Foundations of Nursing	3
*Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology or Health Information and Technology	3
<b>Total BSN program credits</b>	<b>120</b>
* Designates courses offered for graduate credit to be applied toward an MSN	
If GAA students graduate with a BSN from GW with a cumulative GW grade point average of 3.0 or above, they will receive automatic admission to the GW MSN program within five years of completion of the BSN. MSN students must currently select from one of two tracks - Family Nurse Practitioner Program (33 credits) or Certified Nurse Midwife Program (34 credits). However, as additional tracks are offered, students may select from those tracks also.	

- C. The prerequisite for students who have obtained an ADN from a nursing program in VCCS that is NLNAC accredited and a Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing and who desire to obtain an MSN from GW is completion of a bridge course entitled "Dimensions of Professional Nursing." MSN students must currently select from one of two tracks - Family Nurse Practitioner Program (33 credits) or Certified Nurse Midwife Program (34 credits). However, as additional tracks are offered students may select for those tracks also.

#### **IV. Program Benefits**

- A. The George Washington application fee for all students who apply for guaranteed admission pursuant to this Agreement will be waived (Centralized Application System fees will still apply).
- B. Students who are admitted to GW pursuant to this Agreement will be eligible to apply for financial aid and scholarships, as available. Ten scholarships of up to \$5,000 per year will be available on a competitive basis for applicants admitted under the terms of this agreement.

#### **V. Responsibilities of VCCS**

- A. VCCS agrees to disseminate accurate information to VCCS nursing program students regarding the conditions for guaranteed admission to GW as set forth in this Agreement by posting such conditions on the VCCS website as well as the Virginia Education Wizard, an online college planning site utilized by VCCS students, faculty and staff.
- B. VCCS agrees to collaborate with GW to promote this Agreement to prospective and current VCCS students.
- C. VCCS colleges agree to provide academic advising services to assist VCCS students in choosing courses that will best prepare them for their nursing major at GW and to prepare faculty advisors and counselors to provide appropriate and accurate advising services related to students' plans to apply to GW.
- D. VCCS agrees to communicate with GW representatives to discuss any changes in the VCCS program which may impact or alter this Agreement.

#### **VI. Responsibilities of GW**

- A. GW agrees to provide academic advising services to VCCS students who plan to apply to GW School of Nursing to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to GW.
- B. GW agrees to collaborate with VCCS to promote this Agreement among VCCS students.
- C. GW agrees to provide tracking data to VCCS regarding the performance of VCCS students at GW, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, GW courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from GW, and comparisons with non-VCCS students. The

specific data elements of the report will be determined by VCCS and GW and provided by July 1 of each year.

## **VII. Responsibilities of Students**

- A. Students who apply to GW will be responsible for understanding the requirements for the nursing major at GW.
- B. Students who apply to GW will be responsible for following the GW application and admission processes and timelines.

## **VIII. Miscellaneous**

### **A. Term and Termination.**

- 1. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years and will commence on October 19, 2012, and shall expire on August 31, 2017. This Agreement may be renewed for additional periods if the parties agree in writing.
- 2. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the parties in writing.
- 3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days' notice in writing. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, VCCS students accepted for admission to GW School of Nursing at the time any notice of termination is received shall be permitted to complete their program under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No new VCCS students shall be admitted to GW School of Nursing after notice of termination is received by either party.

B. Intellectual Property. Each institution reserves all ownership rights to the course materials they develop and utilize for their respective programs.

### **C. Review of Agreement.**

- 1. VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at VCCS. GW will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at GW.
  - a. The GW representative will be the Dean of the School of Nursing.
  - b. The VCCS representatives will be the Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the Director for Educational Policy, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.
- 2. Both GW and VCCS agree to review the Agreement a minimum of every three (3) years and to recommend adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation.

- D. Status of the Parties. The parties agree that no students or faculty of one party shall be considered an employee, agent, contractor, or representative of the other party for any purpose including, but not limited to, workers' compensation and employee benefits. The parties expressly understand and agree that this Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association among the parties, but is rather an agreement by and among independent parties.
- E. Assignment or Subcontract. This Agreement shall not be assigned or subcontracted by a party without the written approval of the other party which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- F. Notices. All notices related to this Agreement shall be deemed properly issued if given in writing and hand delivered or sent by e-mail (receipt acknowledged), or mailed (registered or certified mail, return receipt requested), with all postage or other charges prepaid to:

If to GW:

Jean Johnson, Ph.D.  
Dean, School of Nursing  
The George Washington University Hospital, 6th Floor  
901 23rd Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037

With a copy to:

Mary Lynn Reed  
Senior Counsel  
Office of Senior Vice President and General Counsel  
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 250  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
(202) 994-6503 (Telephone)

If to VCCS:

Vice Chancellor of Academic Services and Research  
Virginia Community College System  
101 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 15<sup>th</sup> floor  
Richmond, VA 23219

With a copy to:

Director of Educational Policy  
Virginia Community College System  
101 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 15<sup>th</sup> floor  
Richmond, VA 23219

- G. Severability. If any provision of the Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term of this Agreement, to the extent that the substance of this Agreement remains intact, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
- H. Waiver. Any waiver of any provision hereof shall not be effective unless expressly made in writing and executed by the party to be charged. The

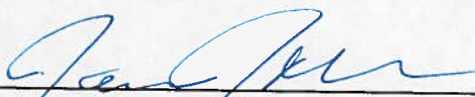
failure of any party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any rights granted hereunder or of the further performance of any such term, covenant or condition, and the obligations of the parties with respect thereto shall continue in full force and effect.

- I. Governing Law and Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The parties further agree that any action to enforce or construe any provision of the Agreement may be brought only in the Commonwealth of Virginia, notwithstanding the appropriateness of the jurisdiction of the courts of any other state.
- J. Compliance with Applicable Laws. The parties agree to comply with applicable laws, regulations, rulings, and standards and amendments thereto, of all entities that regulate, license, govern and/or accredit the parties, including, but not limited to, federal, state and local governmental entities.
- K. Other Affiliations. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit any party from affiliating or contracting with any other entity for any purpose whatsoever.
- L. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties regarding the subject matter of the Agreement and supersede any prior agreements, releases, or stipulations, oral or written, and all other communications between the parties relating to such subject matter. This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement executed by the parties.

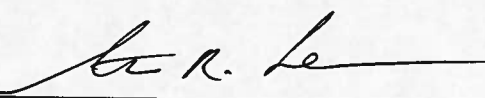
**[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Virginia Community College System and the George Washington University hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first above written.


**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

By:   
Jean Johnson, PhD  
Dean, School of Nursing

Date: 11-30-12

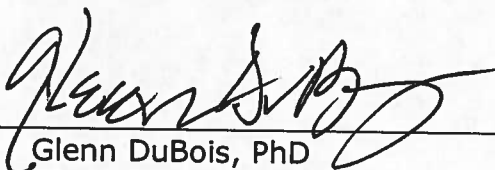
By:   
Steven Lerman, PhD  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: 11-30-12

By:   
Steven Knapp, PhD  
President

Date: 12-6-12

**VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

By:   
Glenn DuBois, PhD  
Chancellor

Date: 12-12-12