

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and**  
**The Virginia Community College System**

This Guaranteed Admission Agreement ("Agreement") is effective this July 1, 2014, by and between the George Washington University ("GW") School of Medicine and Health Sciences and Virginia Community College System ("VCCS").

WHEREAS, Virginia's community colleges offer an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Arts & Sciences (AA, AS or AA&S) to students who have successfully completed the required academic requirements; and

WHEREAS, GW, through its School of Medicine and Health Sciences, offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences ("BSHS") and a Master of Science in Health Sciences ("MSHS") to students who have successfully completed the required academic requirements; and

WHEREAS, GW and VCCS recognize the need to facilitate the admission of students to GW who have successfully obtained an AA, AS or AA&S degree from a Virginia community college

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

**I. Program Overview**

This Agreement applies to:

- A. Students who have completed an AA, AS or AA&S degree from a Virginia community college who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW; and
- B. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS and MSHS through an established dual degree program in the Health Sciences. Admission to clinical-based degree program in the GW School of Medicine and Health Science are competitive and not guaranteed under the terms of this agreement. Students enrolled in a dual degree program will earn a bachelor's and master's degree; the degrees are awarded sequentially at an accelerated pace.

**II. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility**

- A. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW and who have met the following criteria will be guaranteed admission to the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences:
  - 1. Completed an AA, AS or AA&S degree from a Virginia community college;
  - 2. Completed each course with a grade of C or higher. If a course is repeated, only the higher grade will count; and
  - 3. Graduated with a cumulative GPA in AA, AS or AA&S degree of 2.75 (as shown on the VCCS transcript).
  - 4. Completed the GW application process.
- B. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS and MSHS through an established dual degree

program in the Health Sciences and who have met the following criteria will be guaranteed admission to the GW School of Medicine and Health Science:

1. Completed an AA, AS or AA&S degree from a Virginia community college;
  2. Have a cumulative GPA in the AA, AS or AA&S degree of 3.3 or greater;
- C. Admission in some degree programs in the GW School of Medicine and Health Science is competitive; thus guaranteed admission to the GW School of Medicine and Health Science does not imply admission into these competitive programs without further acceptance by the department offering the program.
- D. The GW application fee for all students who apply for guaranteed admission pursuant to this Agreement will be waived.
- E. 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**

The BSHS requires successful completion of 120 credit hours<sup>1</sup>

- General Education (*21 credit hours completed at the VCCS college*)
- Advanced Standing and Electives (*39 credit hours taken as part of a completed AA, AS or AA&S associate degree*)
- Health Sciences (*60 credit hours taken at GW*)

The completion of the AA, AS or AA&S degree may not satisfy all prerequisites required for entry into the Pharmaceutical Sciences and Medical Laboratory Sciences degrees. For a detailed listing of prerequisite requirements, visit the School of Medicine and Health Sciences website, at <http://smhs.gwu.edu/>.

### **IV. Responsibilities of VCCS**

- A. VCCS agrees to disseminate accurate information to VCCS students regarding the conditions for guaranteed admission to GW as set forth in this Agreement by posting the agreement on the VCCS website as well as the Virginia Education Wizard.
- B. VCCS colleges agree to provide academic advising services to assist VCCS students in completing the AA, AS or AA&S degree.

### **V. Responsibilities of GW**

- A. GW agrees to provide academic advising services to VCCS students who plan to apply to GW School of Medicine and Health Science to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to GW.
- B. 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

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<sup>1</sup> The Pharmaceutical Science BSHS program requires more than 120 credits, containing additional Health Sciences courses completed at GW.

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.

## **VI. Miscellaneous**

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

1. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years and will commence on September 1, 2014, and shall expire on September 1, 2019. 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 one-hundred (180) days' notice in writing. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, VCCS students accepted for admission to GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences 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 Medicine under the terms of this Agreement after either party receives Health Sciences after notice of termination.

### **B. 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 Medicine and Health Sciences.
  - 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.

- C. **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:

Jeffrey S. Akman, M.D.  
Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
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:

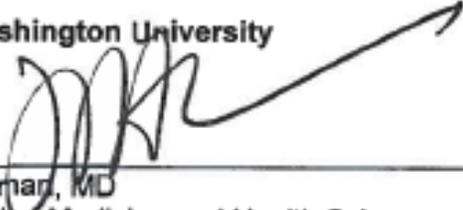
Vice Chancellor of Academic Services and Research  
Virginia Community College System  
101 N. 14th Street, 15th floor  
Richmond, VA 23219

With a copy to:

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

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:   
Jeffrey S. Akman, MD  
Dean, School of Medicine and Health Science

Date: 8/28/14

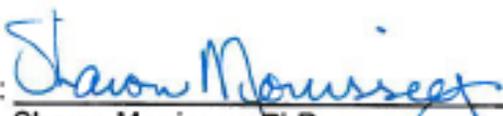
By:   
Steven Lerman, PhD  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: 8/19/14

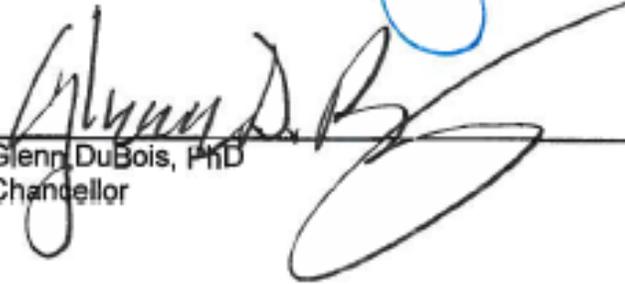
By:   
Steven Knapp, PhD  
President

Date: 8/9/14

**Virginia Community College System**

By:   
Sharon Morrissey, PhD  
Vice Chancellor, Academic Services and Research

Date: 8/7/14

By:   
Glenn DuBois, PhD  
Chancellor

Date: 8/11/14