



**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY RN TO BSN PROGRAM
AND VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the admission of transfer students from Virginia's community colleges to SNHU as they pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admissions Agreement (GAA or Agreement). This Agreement provides a pathway for students to progress from the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing degree at VCCS directly to the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) program at SNHU. VCCS students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

Section I: General Admission Requirements and Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission under this GAA, a VCCS student must:

- Earn a VCCS (AAS) degree in Nursing. All required nursing courses must be taken within the VCCS.
- Provide evidence of a current, unencumbered license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the Commonwealth of Virginia or state participating in the National Council for State Authorization Agreements (NC-SARA) prior to matriculation.
- In order to be accepted unconditionally into the SNHU RN-BSN program, students must meet one of the following standards:
 - Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 with their conferred AAS Nursing -OR-
 - Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0-2.49 AND at least 9 credits completed after their conferral date of their conferred AAS Nursing that average to a 2.5 GPA or higher.
- Students may enroll in SNHU's RN-BSN program within three months of their graduation date, without holding a nursing licensure, if they meet all other admission requirements. After enrollment, the student will have three additional months to provide evidence of their nursing licensure in order to continue SNHU's RN-BSN coursework.

Students meeting the above criteria are referred to as "GAA Students". GAA Students will be given the same consideration as other students, including SNHU students, for registration, financial aid, and any other opportunities open to students with an RN to BSN degree seeking standing.



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Section II: SNHU RN to BSN Program Requirements

A GAA Student will enter the RN to BSN Program and must complete the following steps to earn the Baccalaureate degree from SNHU:

- Successfully complete all RN to BSN, general education, and graduation requirements found in the [SNHU Academic Catalog](#) in effect at the time of matriculation. Completion of the VCCS AAS in nursing degree program, plus the additional general education courses outlined in the VCCS to SNHU RN to BSN transfer pathway Appendix 1, will guarantee completion of the SNHU general education component of the undergraduate curriculum. No distinction will be made by SNHU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangement with high schools. In addition, credit for courses completed through the International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, or other advanced standing programs will be accepted according to SNHU policies in place at the time of enrollment as found in the SNHU Academic Catalog, which may include, but not be limited to, Dean approval.
- Earn a total of 120 credits, of which a minimum of 30 must be taken through SNHU (See Appendix 2). Provided however, in a case where there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for enrollment. SNHU will inform the student at the time of enrollment.
- This GAA is based on the current curriculum of both educational institutions. Each party is responsible for notifying the other of any substantive changes to the curriculum.

Section III: Responsibilities of the VCCS

1. Disseminate accurate information to VCCS nursing program students regarding the general conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement will be posted on the VCCS website as well as the Virginia Education Wizard, an online college planning site utilized by VCCS students, faculty, and staff.
2. VCCS colleges will provide academic advising services to assist VCCS students in choosing courses that will best prepare them for entering the RN to BSN Program at SNHU.
3. Communicate with SNHU representatives to discuss changes in VCCS programs, which might affect or alter this Agreement.



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Section IV: Responsibilities of SNHU

1. Provide academic advising services to GAA students through the admissions process prior to enrollment to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to SNHU. Students may contact academicalliances@snhu.edu for assistance prior to speaking with SNHU Admissions.
2. Provide data annually on the enrollment of GAA students at SNHU. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by the institutional research staffs at the VCCS and SNHU.
3. Communicate with VCCS representatives to discuss changes in the SNHU program that might affect VCCS students.

Section V: Responsibilities of the Student

1. Successfully complete the admission requirements for the RN to BSN degree program at SNHU.
2. SNHU offers six (6) term starts per academic year with rolling admissions. Students should work with SNHU Admissions to follow the SNHU RN to BSN program's application and admission processes to determine appropriate timelines.

Section VI: Review of the Agreement

1. The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. SNHU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at SNHU.
 - a. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Workforce Programs and the Director of Academic Programs and Policy, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admission Review Committee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.
 - b. Representing SNHU will be the Regional Director of Academic Alliances.
2. Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement shall be made only after consultation with an agreement among officials at both institutions. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA. Officials at both institutions will sign a revised agreement.
3. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of the GAA to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents). SNHU reviews agreements annually and will notify VCCS if amendments are required. VCCS will review the GAA every three (3) years and will advise SNHU if amendments are required. Any adjustments or amendments, as deemed appropriate, are to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation. Such changes will not





adversely affect students already enrolled and covered by the provisions of the existing GAA.

4. The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice should be given at least 90 days in advance of the effective date of termination, and students who are currently enrolled or in the process of enrolling into the RN to BSN program prior to the effective date will be grandfathered in to continue receiving the tuition discount offered until such time students complete or discontinue enrollment in their program.

Section VII: Miscellaneous

1. The parties grant to each other a non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use each other's trademarks and servicemarks in furtherance of the GAA detailed herein or in a manner solely for the purpose of identifying and communicating the existence of the relationship to VCCS students and alumni. Use of trademarks, servicemarks and logos will comply with use policies of the originating institution. The parties shall discontinue the use of the licensed marks and return any and all files and materials containing the licensed marks supplied by the owner at termination or expiration of this Agreement. Neither party grants to the other any interest in the other party's trademarks. Should either originating institution request, in writing, that a particular use of the originating institution's trademarks and/or servicemarks be discontinued, the non-originating institution shall cease and desist such use of the trademarks and/or servicemarks.
2. The parties hereto will have the relationship of independent contractors for all purposes. Each will have complete control over its own performance and the details for accomplishing its own obligations under this Agreement. In no event will the agents, representatives or employees of one party be deemed to be agents, representatives or employees of the other.
3. This Agreement may be executed by a duly authorized representative of each party, either by electronic or facsimile transmission, each of which will be considered an original.



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Virginia Community College System to Southern New Hampshire University Online

- Students who transfer with a conferred associates degree are entitled to a 10% tuition reduction accessed through mySNHU.edu.
- This guide serves as a mapping tool for students. Individual student evaluations will vary.
- Please contact Admission at 1-800-668-1249 or Academic Alliances at AcademicAlliances@snhu.edu.

| VCCS Common Curriculum for Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing | Cr | Southern New Hampshire University Online BS Nursing | Cr |
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| Courses in bold are the associate degree required courses. | | General Education Core Requirements | 42 |
| ENG111 College Composition I | 3 | ENG 122 English Composition I | 3 |
| ENG112 College Composition II | 3 | ENG 123 English Composition II | 3 |
| General Education: College Option | 3 | SNHU 107 or Free Elective for students transferring 12+ credits | 3 |
| 100-level (or higher) Math Elective (including MTH154, 161, 165, 167 & 263) | 3 | MAT 130, MAT 135, MAT 136, MAT 140, MAT 230, or MAT 299 | 3 |
| Humanities Elective (ENG 200+, ART, HUM, ASL, MUS, PHI, REL, or Foreign Languages) | 3 | EFAH: Fine Arts and Humanities Requirement (ENG, FAS, HUM, LIT, MUS, PHL, LAR, LAS, LFR, LSP, LAN, LMA, HUM 100, or HUM 200) | 3 |
| Fine Arts and Humanities Elective (ENG 200+, ART, HUM, ASL, MUS, PHI, REL, and Foreign Languages) | 3 | EFAH: Fine Arts and Humanities Requirement (ENG, FAS, HUM, LIT, MUS, PHL, LAR, LAS, LFR, LSP, LAN, LMA, HUM 100, or HUM 200) | 3 |
| PSY200 Principles of Psychology | 3 | PSY 108 Introduction to Psychology (ESBS) | 3 |
| PSY230 Developmental Psychology | 3 | PSY 211 Lifespan Development (ESBS) | 3 |
| BIO141 Human Anatomy & Physiology I | 3* | BIO 205 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (ESTM) | 3 |
| BIO142 Human Anatomy & Physiology II | 3* | BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II (ESTM) | 3 |
| BIO150 or 205 Introductory Microbiology | 3* | BIO 212 Microbiology (EGED) | 3 |
| MTH155 Statistical Reasoning OR MTH245 Statistics I | 3 | IHP 340 Statistics for Healthcare Professionals | 3 |
| WAIVED | ** | IDS 400 Diversity | 3 |
| General Education: College Choice (ASL, ARA, ART, BIO, CHM, CHI, CSC, DAN, ECO, ENG, ENV, FRE, GEO, GOL, GER, GRE, HBR, HIN, HIS, HUM, ITD, ITE, ITN, ITP, ITA, JPN, KOR, LAT, MAR, MTH, MUS, NAS, PHI, PHT, PHY, PLS, POR, PSY, REL, RUS, SSC, SOC, SPA, OR VTN) | 3 | General Education Requirement (ENG, FAS, HUM, LIT, MUS, PHL, LAR, LAS, LFR, LSP, LAN, LMN, ATH, ECO, HSE, POL, PSY, SCS, SOC, BIO, CHM, GEO, GRA, IHP, IT, MAT, SCI, or HIS) | 3 |
| SNHU Online Transfer Requirement | | | 45 |
| Students who hold an active unencumbered Registered Nurse license are awarded 45 credits for pre-licensure nursing coursework. | | | |

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| SNHU Online Major Course Requirements | | | 30 |
| NUR 300 Scholarly Inquiry | | | 3 |
| NUR 305 Information Management and Patient Care Technologies | | | 3 |
| NUR 315 Pathophysiology for Nurses or NUR 540 Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan | | | 3 |
| NUR 325 Patient Assessment and Health Literacy or NUR 545 Advanced Health and Literacy Assessment | | | 3 |
| NUR 350 Community and Population Health | | | 3 |
| NUR 400 Systems Leadership for Continuous Quality Improvement | | | 3 |
| NUR 440 Research & Evidenced-Based Practice | | | 3 |
| IHP 420 Ethical and Legal Considerations of Healthcare | | | 3 |
| IHP 450 Healthcare Management and Finance | | | 3 |
| NUR 490 Transformational Capstone | | | 3 |
| Virginia Community College System Courses | | SNHU Free Electives | 6** |
| Excess Credits from Biology Courses | 3 | | |
| SDV/HLT Requirement | 1 | | |
| Free Elective | 2 | | |
| Virginia Community College System Credits | 90 | SNHU Online BS Nursing Credits Required | 120 |

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** Excess general education credits are transferred as free elective credit, if available.*

***Students who complete Virginia Community College System's Common Curriculum for AAS in Nursing will have their IDS-400 requirement waived and 3 credits added to their Free Elective section*



| Sample Student Transfer Summary | |
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| <i>AAS Nursing degree (VCCS) to BS Nursing (SNHU)</i> | |
| <i>28 Credits</i> | <i>AAS Nursing degree (VCCS) General Education Coursework</i> |
| <i>45 Credits</i> | <i>AAS Nursing degree (VCCS) 39 Credits NSG Coursework and 6 Credits awarded by SNHU through PLA for documentation of an active and unencumbered RN license</i> |
| <i>17 Credits</i> | <i>Additional VCCS general education courses to meet SNHU BS Nursing requirements</i> |
| 90 Credits | Transfer Credit Opportunity |
| <i>3 Credits Waived</i> | <i>SNHU IDS-400 Course Waiver for VCCS Nursing Transfer Students</i> |
| <i>30 Credits</i> | <i>SNHU RN-BSN Major Coursework</i> |
| 120 Credits | Total Credits Required for SNHU BS Nursing |

**Number of credits needed to meet graduation requirements depends on an individual student's general education coursework taken through the VCCS. Students will receive an individual transcript evaluation and be provided with a written degree plan at the time of enrollment.*





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