

The Bridge to CNU at VPCC

Virginia Peninsula Community College and Christopher Newport University

Christopher Newport University (CNU) and Virginia Peninsula Community College (VPCC) agree to adopt a VPCC Bridge to CNU Program. CNU agrees to provide special opportunities and benefits for VPCC Bridge to Program students which facilitates a smooth transition from VPCC to CNU.

Students who do not meet the terms described in this agreement may apply to CNU under the regular transfer admission process and will be considered for admission, although admission via the normal transfer admission path is not guaranteed.

Dual enrollment students who are enrolled in a transfer associate degree program while enrolled in high school are eligible for admission to CNU under the terms of this guaranteed admission agreement. Should such students seek admission to CNU immediately after high school graduation, these students must apply as new first-time-in-college students and will be considered on an equal basis with all other first-time-in-college applicants. If such students continue enrollment at VPCC beyond high school graduation, these students will be eligible for admission under this Guaranteed Admission Agreement after the completion of at least 15 credits.

Credit for Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Cambridge, Military Training/Experience, or other forms of credit for prior learning will be determined based on CNU equivalent courses and standards. Specific information is available at the following website:

<https://cnu.edu/admission/transfer/credit/>

VPCC Bridge to CNU Program

The VPCC Bridge to CNU Program is established exclusively for students from Virginia Peninsula Community College to develop and grow pathways to CNU by granting early access to advising, career development, success support services, and experiences while reducing time-to-degree for students interested in studying: Transfer-oriented associate degrees including the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Fine Arts identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as university-parallel transfer degrees. The VPCC Bridge to CNU Program is available to VPCC students who:

1. Intend to transfer to CNU immediately after graduating from VPCC with a transfer-oriented associate degree including the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Fine Arts.
2. Have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a four-point scale demonstrated on the official VPCC transcript.

Benefits of the VPCC Bridge to CNU for Students

VPCC Bridge to CNU students who are admitted under this agreement will gain access to the following benefits from CNU.

1. CNU will provide Bridge to CNU students, depending on their level of financial need and whether they have completed a transfer associate degree, with a College Transfer Grant and a CNU Bridges Grant.
2. The Transfer Admission Application Fee will be waived.
3. Students will be given priority consideration for university transfer housing at CNU.
4. While still enrolled at VPCC, CNU will provide Bridge to CNU students with early access to CNU resources, activities, and facilities including the University library, sporting events identified by the Athletic Department, and major scholarly events.
5. Students will receive pre-advising and administrative assistance with registering for their first semester of courses at CNU.
6. CNU will provide Bridge to CNU students with information and programming on career exploration, financial literacy, study skills, improved textbook reading, exam preparations, and notetaking.

Agreement Conditions

1. To be eligible for this agreement, students must be accepted into the Bridge to CNU Program and must be enrolled in transfer-oriented associate degrees including the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Fine Arts with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a four-point scale. Students must submit an official VPCC transcript to the CNU Transfer Center.
2. VPCC students will have earned at least 15 credits with a C or higher at VPCC before transfer to CNU.
3. Students must submit their Letter of Intent prior to their application to CNU. Additional information regarding the Letter of Intent is available on the website: <https://cnu.edu/admission/transfer/agreement/>

4. Students who have completed a transfer-oriented associate degree (associate of arts, associate of science, or associate of fine arts) at VPCC as indicated on the student's official transcript, will be awarded the following:
 - a. Junior-level class standing, consisting of at least 60 and no more than 66 credit hours, of college-level credit transferring to Christopher Newport University.
5. Satisfaction of CNU's liberal learning core curriculum requirements (Foundations and Areas of Inquiry) except the 200-level language requirement. If this requirement is not satisfied during completion of the associate degree, it must be completed after transfer to Christopher Newport University.
6. Completion of the Uniform Certificate of General Studies (UCGS) will award at least 30 credits of general education credits at CNU.
7. VPCC transfer students are strongly encouraged to complete either the requirements for the Uniform Certificate of General Studies (UCGS) or a transferable associate degree prior to transferring to CNU. The requirements can be met in one of the following ways:
 - a. Although CNU strives to graduate students with no more than 120 earned credits, because of course prerequisites, curricular requirements and/or student changes to major(s) CNU cannot guarantee that all students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum requirement.
 - b. During pre-transfer advising, students will be advised about degree programs and combinations of majors and/or minors which may result in more than 120 earned credits to satisfy degree requirements.

Reverse Transfer Agreement

An associate degree is an important milestone in a student's education and - a significant credential for the student's resume. CNU Bridge to CNU students who transfer to CNU from VPCC without completing all requirements for an associate degree may utilize CNU courses as part of the Reverse Transfer Agreement.

1. The Reverse Transfer Agreement applies to Bridge to CNU students who are enrolled in an associate degree program included in the agreement who transfer to CNU prior to completion of the transfer associate degree.
2. For guaranteed admission to CNU under the Reverse Transfer Agreement, VPCC students must be enrolled in a transfer-oriented degree program with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a four-point scale as demonstrated on the VPCC transcript.
3. When students transfer to CNU prior to completing all degree requirements at VPCC, CNU staff will coordinate with VPCC staff to identify CNU courses which will also satisfy those outstanding degree requirements at VPCC so that those courses will transfer to VPCC for conferral of the transfer-oriented associate degree.

4. Prior to enrollment at CNU each semester, CNU staff will coordinate with VPCC to evaluate potential CNU courses which will fulfill requirements for the VPCC associate degree.
5. Bridge to CNU students who do not meet the eligibility requirements listed above are eligible to apply for admission to CNU but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

Responsibilities of CNU

CNU will:

1. Guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program at VPCC and inform students in writing at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program or the UCGS will transfer to CNU as indicated above.
2. Disseminate accurate information to VPCC prospective transfer students regarding the conditions of this agreement and the Bridge to CNU program.
3. Provide Bridge to CNU students with information and programming on career exploration, financial literacy, study skills, improved textbook reading, test/exam preparation, and notetaking provided through joint advising, admission, and other programs.
4. Assist students with the admission process, enrollment at CNU, and advising. CNU will provide students with administrative assistance when registering for their first semester of classes at CNU.
5. Provide VPCC with specific program planning degree maps to aid with advising and to assist students in their selection of VPCC courses prior to transfer.
6. Share feedback and success data with VPCC regarding the performance of Bridge to CNU students.
7. Collaborate with VPCC to promote this agreement among prospective and current VPCC students who qualify.
8. Students will be redirected to the Bridge to program when not admitted to university.

Responsibilities of Virginia Peninsula Community College

VPCC will:

1. Identify students who are eligible candidates for the Bridge to CNU program and connect those students with the Transfer Center staff at CNU. Disseminate accurate information to VPCC transfer students regarding the conditions of this agreement and the Bridge to CNU program.
2. Allow CNU staff to reserve space for Bridge to CNU programs offered on-site at VPCC's campuses. CNU will be responsible for program content and delivery.
3. Collaborate with CNU to identify potential course equivalents so the student may choose courses which will serve as degree progress at both schools.

4. Assist CNU in advising students in the Bridge to CNU program and providing updated degree evaluations based on the student's enrollment in the transfer-oriented associate degree program at VPCC each semester for students utilizing reverse transfer.
5. Provide advising for students as they prepare for transfer to CNU to ensure a smooth transition, ensure students under this agreement complete the Letter of Intent, and contact CNU staff as needed for assistance or when concerns arise.
6. Collaborate with CNU to promote this agreement among prospective and current VPCC students who qualify.

Review of the Agreement

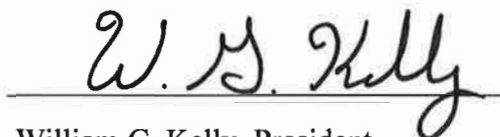
The Vice President for Student Success and Institutional Effectiveness will be responsible for this agreement at Christopher Newport University. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will be responsible for this agreement at Virginia Peninsula Community College.

Christopher Newport University and Virginia Peninsula Community College will review this agreement at least every year adjusting as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the process. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing agreement.

This agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice. Such notice should be given one year in advance of the requested termination date; students who entered under the existing agreement may take advantage of these terms for two years after termination becomes effective.



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