RN to BSN Guaranteed Admission Agreement Between
Virginia Community College System and
Western Governors University

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Purpose

• To provide an affordable and expedited pathway to the BSN

• To address Virginia’s workforce need of more nurses with a BSN

• To allow students to maintain nursing employment in their region while earning their degree
Eligibility

• Graduate from a Virginia Community College with an associate of applied science degree in nursing

• Have an active RN license

• Current employment in a position that requires use of nursing knowledge and expertise

• Pass the WGU Readiness Assessment and intake interview.
How it works

11 CU  Accepted as requirement satisfied by VCCS AAS degree completion
27 CU  Accepted as transfer by VCCS coursework
50 CU  Accepted as transfer by unencumbered RN license
88 CU  Total minimum credits accepted for AAS degree and license

120 CU  Required for WGU BSN
-88 CU  AAS and RN license
32 CU  Remaining

**A student may also complete Precalculus I and College Composition II with a grade of C or better in addition to their standard course requirements and receive 6 additional CUs in transfer. These students will only have 26 CUs remaining at WGU.
Additional student benefits

1. The application fee for prospective GAA students will be waived.

2. GAA students will receive a 5% tuition discount, applied to all remaining WGU courses.

3. GAA students can apply for a Virginia Community College Nursing Scholarships for $1000 for their first year in the program ($500 per term). This is a competitive scholarship that will be awarded to ten students annually and can be used in addition to the 5% tuition discount.
Degrees and Programs

Bachelor's Degree Programs

- B.S. Nursing (RN to BSN)
- B.S. Nursing (Prelicensure)
- B.S. Health Informatics

Master's Degree Programs (Capstone required):

- M.S. Nursing—Specialization in either Leadership & Management or Nursing Education (RN to MSN AND BSN to MSN)
- M.B.A. Healthcare Management
Imagine....a student-centric university where..

- Students can enroll any month
- Working students can be full time and access FFA
- Each student is assigned to an ‘academic personal trainer’ (mentor)
- Students progress at their own pace
- The curriculum is made up of real-world competencies
- Learning takes place when the student engages
Costs and time to completion

- Tuition with discount = $3,090 per term
- Resource Fee = $145 per term
- One-time nursing fee = $350
- Total tuition fees and books for 1 year = $6,820

RN to BSN – 1 year = $6,820
or 18 months = $10,055

RN to MSN – 2 years = $13,290
or 30 months = $16,525
Questions

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See full GAA at:

www.vccs.edu/Students/TransferList.aspx