

## Institutions with Thomas Nelson Articulation Agreements

American Public University  
 Bellevue University  
 Cambridge College  
 Capella University  
 ECPI University  
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Hampton University - Engineering & Nursing only  
 James Madison University  
 Kaplan University  
 Norfolk State University  
 Old Dominion University  
 Radford University  
 Southern New Hampshire University  
 St. Leo University  
 Strayer University  
 The Apprentice School – Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding – Newport News  
 Troy University  
 University of Maryland University College  
 Victory University  
 Virginia State University  
 Virginia Tech - College of Engineering & College of Agriculture and Life Sciences only



**Articulation within the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) is a dynamic process. The most reliable source of transfer information is the admission office at a four-year college/university.**

**Students are encouraged to take a proactive role in confirming transfer information.**

**For college/university specific transfer information, contact an academic advisor of any Virginia community college or admission office of a four-year college/university and ask for a transfer guide.**

## Institutions with VCCS Guaranteed Admission Agreements

Bluefield College  
 College of William and Mary  
 Christopher Newport University  
 ECPI University  
 Emory & Henry College  
 Ferrum College  
 George Mason University  
 George Washington University  
 Hollins University  
 Liberty University  
 Longwood University  
 Lynchburg College  
 Mary Baldwin College  
 Norfolk State University  
 Old Dominion University  
 Radford University  
 Randolph College  
 Regent University  
 Regis University  
 Shenandoah University  
 Strayer University  
 Sweet Briar College  
 Troy University  
 University of Phoenix  
 University of Mary Washington  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Virginia - Engineering  
 University of Virginia's College at Wise  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Virginia State University  
 Virginia Tech  
 Virginia Union University  
 Virginia Wesleyan College  
 Western Governor's University

## Virginia Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities

Institution	Website
Christopher Newport University	www.cnu.edu
College of William and Mary	www.wm.edu
George Mason University	www.gmu.edu
James Madison University	www.jmu.edu
Longwood University	www.longwood.edu
Norfolk State University	www.nsu.edu
Old Dominion University	www.odu.edu
Radford University	www.radford.edu
University of Mary Washington	www.umv.edu
University of Virginia	www.virginia.edu
UVA College at Wise	www.wise.virginia.edu
Virginia Commonwealth University	www.vcu.edu
Virginia Military Institute	www.vmi.edu
Virginia State University	www.vsu.edu
Virginia Tech	www.vt.edu

### Hampton Campus

Room 221–Griffin Hall  
 99 Thomas Nelson Drive  
 Hampton, VA 23666  
 757-825-2790

Geronimo A. Sutphin at  
[transferadvising@tncc.edu](mailto:transferadvising@tncc.edu)

### Historic Triangle Campus

Suite 117  
 4601 Opportunity Way  
 Williamsburg, VA 23188  
 757-258-4300

[www.vccs.edu/students/transfers/](http://www.vccs.edu/students/transfers/)

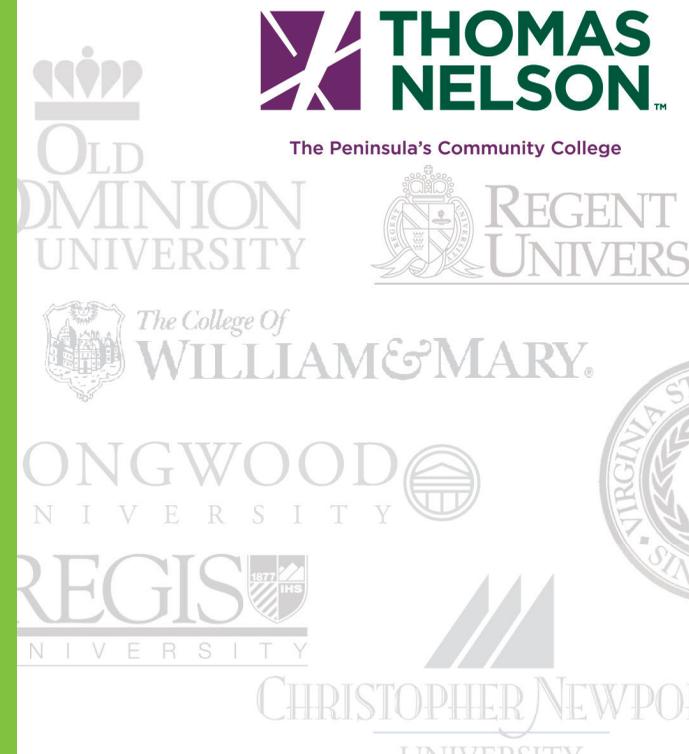
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# TRANSFER MADE EASY



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT TRANSFER

## 1. Do the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and Associate of Applied Arts (AAA) degree programs transfer to four-year colleges?

The Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Applied Arts degree programs are two-year degrees designed primarily to prepare students for employment in jobs in fine arts, music, photography, or a technical field. Although these curricula are not designed for transfer to a four-year college or university, in many cases the courses do transfer and there are some articulation agreements with four-year colleges for these programs. Students are encouraged to consult with their assigned advisor when planning their curriculum.

## 2. Are developmental courses transferable?

No. Only college level courses qualify for transfer to four-year institutions. Developmental courses are designed to meet specific objectives essential for entry into college level courses.

## 3. Am I required to apply to the four-year college and pay the application fee?

Yes. You must apply to the four-year college and pay the application fee when you submit your application. You must comply with that institution's application deadlines and admissions requirements.

## 4. When I transfer to a four-year college, will I continue paying the community college rate?

No. Upon transfer, you will be required to pay the four-year institution tuition rate.

## 5. What is an articulation agreement?

Representatives from four-year institutions have met with representatives of Thomas Nelson or the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) to decide what courses should be taken at Thomas Nelson to fulfill the general education and lower degree requirements of the four-year college. You must follow the articulation agreement exactly as it is written to receive full credit at the time of transfer. The Virginia state policy on transfer aims to enhance cooperation

and consistency among institutions of higher education in Virginia. To review the entire system wide policy, visit the <http://www.vccs.edu/students/transfers/website>.

## 6. What is guaranteed admission?

Virginia's community colleges offer students more than the opportunity to earn a degree or certificate. They provide a gateway to the Commonwealth's four-year colleges and universities. Through system-wide agreements, students who graduate from one of Virginia's 23 community colleges with an associate's degree and a minimum grade point average may obtain GUARANTEED admission to more than 20 of the Commonwealth's colleges and universities.

## 7. What if I want to transfer to a college or university that doesn't have an articulation/guaranteed admission agreement or out of the state of Virginia?

Because Thomas Nelson is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), our credits are transferable to most four-year colleges and universities. However, you will need to contact the college for specific course transfer information. Many colleges have transfer information on their website.

## 8. How many of my credits will the four-year institution accept?

Some four-year colleges will accept the AA and AS degrees for transfer in its entirety for fulfillment of General Education requirements. For those students who choose to transfer before completing a degree program, colleges will evaluate Thomas Nelson classes on a course-by-course basis. Most colleges require students to earn 24 – 30 credits to be considered a "transfer" student. If you do not meet their requirement, generally, you will apply as a freshman applicant and submit official transcripts from high school and college. You can contact the college as well as access "transfer guides" and information via the college's website. Grades of "C" or better are generally transferable.

## 9. What is the VCCS Transfer Grant?

Starting in 2007, students entering a Virginia community college have an opportunity to receive up to \$3,000 annually upon transferring to a four-year institution. Eligible institutions may provide an additional \$1,000 award to students who transfer beginning in fall 2015. Eligible institutions include Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, the University of Virginia at Wise, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia State University. Students must complete a transfer associate's degree with a 3.0 grade point average and meet financial eligibility requirements. The grant will be applied to tuition expenses at a four-year Virginia college or university, either public or private. The grant provides \$1,000 for all eligible students, with an extra \$1,000 for students who pursue undergraduate work in engineering, mathematics, technology, nursing, teaching or science.

## 10. What is the College of William & Mary co-enrollment program?

This agreement with The College of William and Mary allows Thomas Nelson students who have maintained a 3.5 GPA and completed a minimum of 15 credit hours in general education courses to enroll at both institutions at the same time. This program is for students who intend to earn an associate's and a bachelor's degree. To see if you qualify, you must complete an application and schedule an appointment with the Thomas Nelson/College of William & Mary Co-enrollment program Coordinator, Thomas Rockson ([rockson@tncc.edu](mailto:rockson@tncc.edu)).

## 11. Will I have the opportunity to meet with four-year college representatives at Thomas Nelson?

Yes. During the fall and spring semesters, monthly college fairs are held at the Historic Triangle and Hampton campuses. Old Dominion University has an advisor available by appointment at the Hampton and Historic Triangle campuses. Mary Baldwin College has an advisor available by appointment at the Historic Triangle campus. An advisor for the

University of Virginia Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program is also available by appointment at the Historic Triangle campus

## 12. How do I transfer to a four-year college?

You must apply to the four-year college by their deadlines. Most colleges will require you to pay an application fee and submit official transcripts from all colleges attended. You may also be required to submit high school transcripts and SAT/ACT scores.

## 13. What is a letter of intent?

A letter of intent is an application requirement for many colleges and universities. This is also a requirement for some guaranteed admission agreements that outline transfer guidelines and qualifications. This signed agreement indicates your interest and intent to transfer to a specific college. This provides the college with an opportunity to establish a relationship with a prospective student to facilitate a smooth transfer process.

## 14. What is the Robert and Gail Astor Scholarship for transfer?

Students can receive up to \$5,000 if they meet the following requirements.

- Be a United States citizen
- Be enrolled in a college/university transfer program at Thomas Nelson Community College
- Have successfully completed 30 credit hours prior to the semester in which the scholarship award would begin
- Have earned a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Provide documentation of intent to transfer to a fully accredited four-year public college or university in Virginia, either by submitting a copy of the college/university letter of intent, or the Thomas Nelson letter of intent from the Dean of Student Services or Director of Advising



The Peninsula's Community College