

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AND TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN
READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

Preface

Reading Area Community College (RACC) and Villanova University, College of Professional Studies (CPS) enter into this Guaranteed Admission and Transfer Agreement to facilitate the transfer of RACC students to all majors offered through CPS exclusively under the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies.

This transfer agreement applies to all RACC AA and AS graduates applying for the BIS degrees.

Under the Guaranteed Admission and Transfer Agreement, RACC students will be guaranteed admission into the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) degree programs, as outlined above, with a maximum of 90 credits that are applicable to the Villanova University, CPS BIS degrees on the condition that they:

1. Have graduated from RACC with an Associate in Arts (AA) degree or Associate in Science (AS) degree earning a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5;
2. Complete an "Intent to Enroll" form; and
3. Satisfy all other CPS application requirements.

A RACC student admitted with third-year (junior) status to CPS will be able to complete the BIS degree at Villanova University, CPS, provided the student completes one of the associate degree programs at RACC specified above and completes and appropriately sequences their remaining course work at Villanova University, CPS. RACC shall encourage students to make themselves aware of the Villanova University CPS degree requirements early in their tenure at RACC to facilitate a smooth transition, preferably before completing 30 college credits.

CPS agrees to accept the general education embedded in the RACC AA and AS degrees as meeting the requirements with the following exceptions:

Theology 1000 (Faith, Reason, and Culture)

ACS 1000 (Core Humanities Seminar: Ancients)
which must be completed at Villanova University

Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 total credits at CPS for a 'bachelor's degree. Students must have earned a C or higher in courses taken at RACC for those credits to be eligible for transfer.

To facilitate the transfer of RACC graduates to Villanova University, CPS in accordance with the foregoing guarantee, the parties agree to the following:

Obligations of CPS

1. To attend regularly scheduled day and evening transfer events at RACC.
2. Provide RACC with Villanova collaterals to distribute upon request.
3. To invite RACC students who have completed an "Intent to Enroll" form to informational/advising meeting(s) with Villanova University, CPS faculty, and staff to provide opportunities for students to meet with CPS staff and faculty for information sessions and advising.
4. Villanova University, CPS will send written confirmation to all RACC students who complete an "Intent to Enroll" form and meet the conditions outlined in the Preface. Students must confirm their intention to matriculate at Villanova University, CPS by the posted deadlines for the Fall, Spring, or Summer terms and satisfy all other CPS admissions requirements, including the completion of a CPS admissions application. RACC students who complete an "Intent to Enroll" form will be governed by the CPS BIS degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation.
5. To waive the application fee for students who apply to Villanova University, CPS pursuant to this Agreement.
6. To consider for the Community College Scholars merit tuition rate program, all qualified graduates from RACC who are admitted to Villanova University, CPS BIS degrees pursuant to this agreement. Eligible students with an overall grade point average of 3.00-3.49 will receive a 20% tuition reduction, and those with a 3.50-4.00 will receive a 25% tuition reduction for each course taken at Villanova University, CPS, for a total of six semesters.
7. To consider Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) scholarships for all those qualified graduates admitted to Villanova University, CPS pursuant to this Agreement. A varying number of PTK renewable scholarships are available. Currently, a 3.5-grade point average is required for consideration, and eligible students must enter Villanova University, CPS BIS degrees after completion of their RACC academic program (without attending another school in-between). They must also be enrolled in a degree-seeking program. The number of semesters for renewal will be based on the student's grade level upon enrollment to Villanova University. Non-US citizens and students with previous bachelor's degrees are not eligible for the PTK scholarship.
8. To ensure these students will be provided with Villanova University, CPS financial aid information and receive full consideration for Villanova University, CPS financial aid, in addition to the scholarship listed above upon matriculation at Villanova University, CPS.
9. To support and accept the Transfer Agreement that allows the RACC general education courses for the AA or AS degree to fulfill the majority of Villanova University, CPS BIS Core requirements. Students may have additional Core requirements to complete depending upon RACC classes that are transferred in as free electives. The transfer agreement does not alter the requirements of the student's major field of study or its admissions standards as identified in

the Villanova University catalog. Please note that degree requirements may update from year to year.

10. RACC graduates entering Villanova University, CPS under the terms of this agreement, will go through the Villanova University CPS transfer process and therefore must meet all applicable requirements and deadlines pertaining to orientation, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. In addition, they will abide by the policies and procedures and any revisions thereof that apply to all Villanova University CPS students.

11. To ensure that RACC Guaranteed Admission students matriculate into a Villanova University, CPS with BIS degree outlined in this agreement. As a student of Villanova University, they have all of the rights and privileges of other Villanova University CPS students.

Obligations of Reading Area Community College

1. Publicize this Agreement to prospective and current RACC students in its promotional literature, campus signage, and make arrangements for Villanova University, CPS recruiters and advisors to visit RACC and meet with prospective and current Guaranteed Admission students.

Student Obligations

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2. Complete an "Intent to Enroll" form to enroll in the Guaranteed Admissions agreement.

3. Submit an official transcript(s) from all universities and/or colleges attended to Villanova University, CPS.

4. To transfer courses into Villanova University, CPS, students must have a passing grade of "C" or better.

5. Satisfy all other Villanova University, CPS application requirements.

Joint Obligations

1. Consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing significant changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement and keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both Villanova University, CPS and RACC will review this Agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both RACC and Villanova University, CPS, sign the revised document.

2. Collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this agreement, Villanova University's academic requirements, and the process of transferring to Villanova University, CPS.

3. RACC and Villanova University, CPS jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of Guaranteed Admission.
4. Each institution will designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the Guaranteed Admission and Transfer Agreement between the two institutions.
5. Exchange aggregated data and documents, as appropriate, that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this transfer arrangement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions.
6. Facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between their faculties related to this agreement, general education, degree requirements, and other academic matters.

Revision, Renewal, and Termination of this Agreement

The Villanova University's CPS Office and the appropriate offices at RACC are responsible for identifying and communicating with each other about changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

This Agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing for students entering Villanova University, CPS BIS on or after December 1, 2021. It will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new Agreement or formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to Villanova University, CPS BIS degrees under the terms of this Agreement.

Other Provisions of this Agreement

Assignment. Neither party shall assign this Agreement to another without the written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment shall be void.

No Third-Party Beneficiaries. None of the benefits obligations of either party shall run to or be enforceable by any student or other third party.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes any prior and/or contemporaneous discussions, representations, or agreements, whether written or oral, of the parties regarding its subject matter.

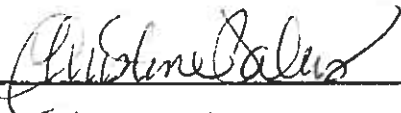
The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from RACC into Villanova University, CPS and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

The undersigned representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated:


VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY


READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By:


Name: Christine Palus
Title: Dean, College of Professional Studies
Date: 12/12/2020

By:


Name: Dr. Susan Looney
Title: President
Date: 12/1/22


Name: Ms. Cynthia Seaman
Title: Sr. VP of Academic Affairs/Provost
Date: 11/28/22