

GUARANTEED TRANSFER AGREEMENT

REGENT UNIVERSITY AND BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

The purpose of this Guaranteed Transfer Agreement (GTA) is to assist students at various levels of higher education to achieve their educational goals at their college of choice in an efficient, timely and affordable manner. This purpose may be achieved through the mutual partnership between Regent University and Blue Ridge Community and Technical College centered on coordinating transfer policies, enhancing advising, and establishing the acceptance of equivalent courses. Regent University agrees that Blue Ridge Community and Technical College graduates who are accepted under the provision of this GTA Policy will be designated as junior-level students.

1. Upon application, Regent University will guarantee acceptance of all Blue Ridge Community and Technical College graduates with an Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), or articulated Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree who have earned a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5. Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from any other institutions attended. This guarantee assumes that there are no other factors in a student's academic or personal record that might prevent acceptance.
2. AA and AS students admitted under this GTA will be considered to have met all of Regent University's General Education requirements as per university policy defined in the current undergraduate catalog. Since this is a general waiver, its terms are not affected by transfer decisions on individual General Education courses.
3. Paragraph 1 above only applies to students holding the AAS degree if those students are transferring into the Regent University Bachelor of Applied Science degree program. Holders of the AAS degree who wish to transfer into any other Regent University degree program will have their course credits reviewed and applied on a case-by-case basis. As specified in the Regent University undergraduate catalog, a reduced number of general education courses are required for Bachelor of Applied Science students at RU, but those general education course requirements must be satisfied by equivalent courses taken as a part of the Blue Ridge degree program, or, if not yet taken, by courses taken at Regent University. Regent will review the granting of general education course completion for Blue Ridge AAS courses on a case-by-case basis.
4. Credits earned through Advanced Placement, CLEP, DANTES, International Baccalaureate, German Abitur, and United Kingdom "A" Level examination and awarded credit at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College will be assessed for transferability by Regent University according to current policy and procedure as defined in the undergraduate catalog. Applicant test scores must be provided directly from the administering agency. Regent University will consider other transfers of credit on a course-by-course basis according to current policy and procedure as defined in the undergraduate catalog. Credits taken at an institution other than Blue Ridge Community and Technical College will be evaluated upon receipt of official transcripts from the original credit-awarding institution. If the credit applied to the associate degree

includes credit not recognized by Regent University, the student will still receive junior status.

5. Blue Ridge Community and Technical College graduates transferring to Regent University can generally expect to graduate in two years, assuming they take full-time course loads, have met specific prerequisites for their majors, and make satisfactory progress. However, Regent University cannot guarantee that the transfer student from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit hour minimum that is required for graduation. The student will be informed at the time his or her major program of study is approved if there are any course requirements that would require credit hours beyond the 120 minimum needed for graduation at Regent University. In all cases, students are required to meet the degree requirements contained in the undergraduate catalog.

6. Acceptance in some programs at Regent University is competitive; therefore, acceptance into Regent University does not imply admission to these programs without further action by the school, college or department offering the program. Students participating in this admission agreement should follow all special school, college and/or departmental application procedures and deadlines and be aware of grade point requirements listed in the specific course catalog for the native students on each individual campus. Transfer students and native students will be treated identically with regard to admission to programs.

7. Students transferring from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College will be required to complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of in-major courses at Regent University to be eligible for graduation. Transfer credit will not be granted for Blue Ridge Community and Technical College courses numbered below 100. Two courses with essentially same content (as determined by Regent University) cannot be counted toward the same degree requirements.

8. The faculty and staff of the two institutions will work to maintain a course-by-course evaluation of all courses listed in the Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Catalog. Blue Ridge Community and Technical College faculty and advising staff will encourage prospective Regent University transfer students to meet the spirit and content of their educational pathway to the greatest extent possible in preparing for transfer. The admissions advisors at Regent University will offer counsel to Blue Ridge Community and Technical College students who plan to transfer concerning degree requirements and programs of study.

9. Blue Ridge Community and Technical College students will be admitted under the auspices of the undergraduate catalog in effect at the time of their application with Regent University and may continue with the degree requirements as specified in this catalog for up to four academic years, as long as the student's chosen major has not been discontinued. In the event that should happen, Regent University will work with the student to devise an alternative plan.

10. Blue Ridge Community and Technical College agrees to support this articulation agreement by indicating the relationship in appropriate literature and through its web site.

11. This agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific program articulation without

affecting the currency of the master agreement. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed. Both Blue Ridge Community and Technical College and Regent University agree to notify each other of any significant curricular changes to facilitate the timely and accurate academic advising of students.

12. This transfer Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice shall be effective only if given 90 days prior to the intended date of termination. Upon termination, the agreement will remain in effect for two additional years to accommodate students currently pursuing the articulated program at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College.

Peter G. Checkovich, Ed.D.
President
Blue Ridge Community and Technical College

Date: _____

Gerson Moreno-Riaño, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Regent University

Date: _____