

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT

between

**The George Washington University and
Anne Arundel Community College**

This Guaranteed Admission Agreement ("Agreement") is effective as of the date last signed below, by and between **The George Washington University ("GW")**, on behalf of its School of Medicine and Health Sciences at the Virginia Science and Technology Campus ("SMHS"), a nonprofit corporation chartered by an Act of Congress, and **Anne Arundel Community College ("AACC")**, a public community college located in Arnold, Maryland.

WHEREAS, AACC offers an associate degree to students who have successfully completed the academic requirements of its program; and

WHEREAS, GW offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences ("BSHS") and a Master of Science in Health Sciences ("MSHS") to students who have successfully completed the academic requirements of its program; and

WHEREAS, GW and AACC recognize the need to facilitate the admission of students to GW who have successfully obtained an associate degree from AACC as they pursue a BSHS or a MSHS from GW, and resolve to adopt a guaranteed admission arrangement, in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

I. Program Overview

This Agreement applies to:

- A. Students who have completed an associate degree from AACC who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW; and
- B. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS and MSHS through an established dual degree program in Health Sciences.

II. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility

- A. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW and who have met the following criteria will have guaranteed admission to SMHS:
 - 1. Completed an associate degree from AACC with the required courses for the desired program;
 - 2. Completed each course with a grade of C or higher. If a course is repeated, only the higher grade will count;

3. Graduated with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher as well as an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher (as shown on the AACC transcript); and
4. Completed the GW application process.

B. Students who desire to obtain a non-clinical BSHS and MSHS through an established dual degree program in the Health Sciences and who have met the following criteria will have guaranteed admission to SMHS:

1. Completed an associate degree from AACC with the required courses, as set forth on GW's program webpages, for the desired program;
2. Have a cumulative GPA from all coursework of 3.3 or higher as well as a 3.3 GPA or higher in the associate degree; and
3. Completed the GW application process.

C. AACC students who do not satisfy the admission requirements set forth above for guaranteed admission may be considered for admission by GW, but admission will not be guaranteed.

III. Program Requirements

A. The prerequisites for eligibility students, who have completed an associate degree from AACC and desire a BSHS are outlined in the Health Sciences bulletin:
<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/medicine-health-sciences/>

The general education courses are required and may be completed as part of or in addition to the associate degree. The BSHS requires successful completion of 120 credit hours.

- General Education (A minimum of 19 credit hours completed at AACC)
 - 3 credits in English composition;
 - 3 credits in humanities;
 - 3 credits in college math (algebra, statistics, or higher)
 - 6 credits in social sciences
 - 4 credits of natural or physical science with lab
- Advanced Standing and Electives (Taken as part of a completed associate's degree)
- Health Sciences (Minimum 60 credit hours taken at GW)

The completion of an associate degree may not satisfy all prerequisites required for entry into all BSHS degree programs. For a detailed listing of program-specific prerequisite requirements, visit the School of Medicine and Health Sciences website at <http://smhs.gwu.edu/>.

IV. Program Benefits

A. The GW SMHS application fee (\$80.00 USD) for guaranteed admission pursuant to this Agreement will be waived. Profession-based Centralized Application System fees will still apply.

V. Responsibilities of AACC

A. AACC agrees to disseminate accurate information to AACC students regarding the conditions for the guaranteed admission to GW as set forth in this Agreement by posting the Agreement on the AACC's Transfer Agreements website

(<https://www.aacc.edu/resources/academic-services/transfer-services/transfer-agreements/>).

B. AACC agrees to provide academic advising services to assist AACC students in completing a qualifying degree program.

VI. Responsibilities of GW

A. GW agrees to provide academic advising services to AACC students who apply to SMHS to assist students in making a smooth transition from the community college to GW.

B. GW agrees to provide tracking data to AACC regarding the performance of AACC students at GW, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, GW courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from GW, and comparisons with non-AACC students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by AACC and GW and provided by July 1 of each year.

VII. Responsibilities of Both Parties

A. Each Party shall advise students regarding transfer opportunities under this Agreement, and shall advise students of financial aid opportunities and implications associated with the transfer.

B. Should either Party make changes to program requirements, the Party will inform the other Party immediately. The Agreement should be updated to reflect the changes and AACC will forward the revised Agreement to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

VIII. Responsibilities of Students

A. Students who apply to GW will be responsible for understanding the requirements for the BSHS or MSHS programs at GW.

B. Students who apply to GW will be responsible for following the GW application and admission processes and timelines.

IX. Miscellaneous

A. Term and Termination.

1. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years commencing as of the last date signed below. This Agreement may be renewed for additional periods if parties agree in writing.
2. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the parties in writing.
3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon one-hundred and eighty (180) days' notice in writing. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, AACC students accepted for admission to SMHS at the time any notice of termination is received shall be permitted to complete their program under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No new AACC students shall be admitted to SMHS after either party receives Health Sciences notice of termination.

B. Intellectual Property. Each institution reserves all ownership rights to the course materials they develop and utilize for their respective programs.

C. Review of Agreement.

1. AACC will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at AACC. GW will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at GW.
 - a. The GW representative will be the Dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
 - b. The AACC Representative will be Dean of Health Sciences.
2. Both GW and AACC agree to review the Agreement a minimum of every three (3) years and to recommend adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and course articulation.

D. Status of the Parties. The parties agree that no students or faculty of one party shall be considered an employee, agent, contractor, or representative of the other party for any purpose including, but not limited to, workers' compensation and employee benefits. The parties expressly understand and agree that this Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association among the parties, but is rather an agreement by and among independent parties.

E. Assignment or Subcontract. This Agreement shall not be assigned or subcontracted by a party without the written approval of the other party which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

F. Notices. All notices related to this Agreement shall be deemed properly issued if given in writing and hand delivered or sent by e-mail (receipt acknowledged), or mailed (registered or certified mail, return receipt requested), with all postage or other charges prepaid to:

If to GW:

Barbara L. Bass

Vice President for Health Affairs
Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Chief Executive Officer, The GW Medical Faculty Associates
The George Washington University Hospital, 6th Floor
901 23rd Street, N.W. Washington,
D.C.20037
Email: bbass@gwu.edu

With a copy to:
Mary Lynn Reed
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Office of Senior Vice President and General Counsel
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 250
Washington, D.C. 20037
(202) 994-6503
Email: mlreed@gwu.edu

If to AACC:
Tanya Millner, Ed.D.
Provost/Vice President for Learning
Anne Arundel Community College
101 College Parkway
Arnold, MD 21012
Email: tcmillner@aacc.edu

With a copy to:
Erin O. Parker
General Counsel
Anne Arundel Community College
101 College Parkway
Arnold, MD 21012
Email: generalcounsel@aacc.edu

G. Severability. If any provision of the Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term of this Agreement, to the extent that the substance of this Agreement remains intact, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

H. Waiver. Any waiver of any provision hereof shall not be effective unless expressly made in writing and executed by the party to be charged. The failure of any party to insist on

performance of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any rights granted hereunder or of the further performance of any such term, covenant or condition, and the obligations of the parties with respect thereto shall continue in full force and effect.

I. Compliance with Applicable Laws. The parties agree to comply with applicable laws, regulations, rulings, and standards and amendments thereto, of all entities that regulate, license, govern and/or accredit the parties, including, but not limited to, federal, state and local governmental entities.

J. Other Affiliations. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit any party from affiliating or contracting with any other entity for any purpose whatsoever.

K. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties regarding the subject matter of the Agreement and supersedes any prior agreements, releases, or stipulations, oral or written, and all other communications between the parties relating to such subject matter. This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement executed by the parties.

L. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which, when so executed and delivered, will be deemed an original, and all of which will constitute one and the same agreement. This Agreement may be executed electronically. If signing electronically, the signatory for each Party acknowledges and agrees that by physically signing and returning the signed Agreement electronically or applying an electronic signature, the signatory for each Party consents to signing this Agreement electronically with an intent to be bound by its terms. The signatory for each Party agrees that the electronic signature appearing on this Agreement is the same as a handwritten signature for purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility. The signatory for each Party understands that if the signatory does not wish to sign electronically, the signatory may print and sign this Agreement and return it to the other Party. A copy of the Agreement will be sent to the other Party after execution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE and THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first above written.

The George Washington University

By:  _____

Date: 1/13/22

Barbara L. Bass
Vice President for Health Affairs; Dean, School of Medicine and Health Science;
Chief Executive Officer, The GW Medical Faculty Associates

Anne Arundel Community College

By:  _____
Tanya Millner (Jan 11, 2022 09:00 EST)

Date: Jan 11, 2022

Tanya Millner, Ed.D.
Provost/Vice President for Learning
Anne Arundel Community College

By:  _____
Elizabeth Appel (Jan 10, 2022 20:32 EST)

Date: Jan 10, 2022

Elizabeth Appel, MSW, LCSW-C
Dean, School of Health Sciences
Anne Arundel Community College