

The Bridge to ODU at VPCC

Virginia Peninsula Community College and Old Dominion University

Old Dominion University (ODU) and Virginia Peninsula Community College (VPCC) agree to adopt a bilateral VPCC Bridge to Old Dominion University Program. ODU agrees to provide special opportunities and benefits for VPCC Bridge to ODU Program participants to facilitate a straightforward transition from VPCC to ODU.

Students who do not meet the terms described in this agreement may apply to ODU under regular admission requirements. This pathway does not guarantee admission into ODU.

This agreement is designed to outline guaranteed admission requirements for two mutually exclusive VPCC student populations (dual enrolled high school seniors and transfer students). The defining characteristics of students in each population are delineated below.

Dual Enrolled Gators to Monarchs Program

Seniors who are dual enrolled in a transfer associate degree program while enrolled in high school and maintain a minimum 3.0 high school grade point average on a 4.0 scale are eligible for guaranteed admission to ODU under the terms of this agreement. Students with less than a 3.0 high school grade point average on a 4.0 scale, who seek admission to Old Dominion University immediately after high school graduation should apply as new first-time-in-college students and will be considered on an equal basis with all other first-time-in-college applicants. First-time-in-college students with a minimum 3.3 high school grade point average on a 4.0 scale participating in the VPCC dual enrollment program will receive automatic consideration for merit scholarships as part of the admissions process.

Students who elect to continue enrollment at VPCC beyond high school graduation will be considered eligible for admission as a transfer student under this admission agreement after the completion of at least 16 credits and a minimum cumulative college grade point average of a 2.5 and a minimum high school grade point average of 2.5. Please note-the 16 credits will need to be completed after high school graduation and while enrolled at VPCC.

Credit for Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Cambridge, Military Training/Experience, or other forms of credit for prior learning will be determined based on Old Dominion University equivalent courses and standards. Specific information is available at the following website:

<https://www.odu.edu/academics/academic-records/evaluation-of-credit/prior-learning>

VPCC Bridge to ODU Transfer Program

The VPCC Bridge to ODU Program is established exclusively for students from Virginia Peninsula Community College to develop and grow pathways to ODU by granting early access to advising, career development, success support services, and experiences while reducing time-to-degree for students interested in studying: Transfer-oriented associate degrees including the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as university-parallel transfer degrees.

The VPCC Bridge to ODU Program is available to VPCC students who:

1. Intend to transfer to Old Dominion University immediately after earning a Passport, completing the Uniform Certificate of General Studies (UCGS) or graduating from VPCC with a transfer-oriented associate degree including the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Fine Arts (AFA).
2. Have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale demonstrated on the official VPCC transcript.

Benefits of the VPCC Bridge to Old Dominion University for Students

VPCC Bridge to ODU students who are admitted under this agreement will gain access to the following benefits from Old Dominion University:

1. ODU Transfer Admissions Representative assigned to these students to be main POC.
2. ODU Admissions & ODU Transfer Center will provide an Emerging Monarchs/Transfer Tuesday event during the fall and spring semester on VPCC's campus based on an agreed upon schedule.
3. Provide transfer agreements for specific AAS degrees to promote seamless pathway to BS degrees.
4. Provide specialized, personalized pre-advising assistance at ODU and academic advising at VPCC.
5. Provide access to on-campus workshops and events such as financial literacy workshops, and faculty spotlights (VPCC and ODU).
6. Offer an application fee waiver when students are ready to re-apply to ODU.

Agreement Conditions

1. To be eligible for this agreement, students must be accepted into the Bridge to ODU at VPCC Program and must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale. Students must submit an official VPCC transcript to the ODU Office of Undergraduate Admission.

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2. VPCC students will have earned a Passport, UCGS, or associate degree prior to transferring to ODU. In addition, students must have earned a grade of “C” or higher in each community college course to receive transfer credit at ODU.
 3. If pursuing a transferable associate degree, students must submit their letter of Intent prior to application to ODU. Additional information regarding the Letter of Intent is available on the website: <https://itsapps.odu.edu/gaat/>
 4. VPCC transfer students are strongly encouraged to complete these requirements prior to transferring to ODU. The requirements can be met in one of the following ways:
 - a. Although we strive to graduate students with no more than 120 earned credits, because of course prerequisites, curricular requirements and/or student changes to major(s), ODU cannot guarantee that all students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within 120-credit minimum requirement.
 - b. ODU staff members will inform students at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in the ODU VCCS transfer guides and the student’s Degree Works audit.
5. Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, College Level Examination Program, Military Training/Experience, or other forms of credit for prior learning will be determined based on ODU equivalent courses and standards. Specific information is available at the following website: <https://ww1.odu.edu/academics/academic-records/evaluation-of-credit/prior-learning>

Reverse Transfer Agreement

An associate degree is an important milestone in a student’s education and can also be a significant credential for the student’s resume. VPCC Bridge to ODU students who transfer to ODU without completing all requirements for an associate degree may utilize ODU courses as part of the Reverse Transfer Agreement.

1. The Reverse Transfer Agreement applies to Bridge to ODU students who are enrolled in an Associate Degree Program included in the agreement who transfer to ODU prior to completion of the transfer associate degree.
2. For guaranteed admission to ODU under the Reverse Transfer Agreement, VPCC students must be enrolled in a transfer-oriented degree program with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale as demonstrated on the VPCC transcript.
3. Bridge to ODU students who do not meet the eligibility requirements listed above are eligible to apply for admission to ODU but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

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Responsibilities of Old Dominion University

ODU will:

1. ODU Admissions will send a letter with program information to inadmissible students who live in the Peninsula referring them to VPCC.
2. Guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented Associate Degree program at VPCC and inform students in writing at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation.
3. Disseminate accurate information to VPCC prospective transfer students regarding the conditions of this agreement and the Bridge to ODU program.
4. Provide Bridge to ODU students with information and programming on career exploration, financial literacy, and study skills. Provided through joint advising, and other support programs.
5. Assist students with the admission process and enrollment at ODU. ODU will provide students with pre-transfer advising assistance while students are enrolled at VPCC.
6. Provide VPCC with specific program planning degree maps to aid with advising and to assist students in their selection of VPCC courses prior to transfer.
7. Share feedback and success data with VPCC regarding the performance of Bridge to ODU, twice per semester.
8. Collaborate with VPCC to promote this agreement among prospective and current VPCC students who qualify.
9. Students will be redirected to the Bridge to ODU program when not admitted to university.

Responsibilities of Virginia Peninsula Community College

VPCC will:

1. Build a joint communication message to high school seniors who are dual enrolled at VPCC. The communication will highlight the Bridge Partnership and opportunities for the students to begin with VPCC and complete their bachelor's degree at ODU.
2. Code Bridge to accepted students, track enrollment data, and share twice a semester.
3. Identify students who are eligible candidates for the Bridge to ODU program and connect those students with admission and Transfer Center staff at ODU. Disseminate accurate information to VPCC transfer students regarding the conditions of this agreement and the Bridge to ODU program.
4. Allow ODU staff to reserve space for Bridge to ODU programs offered on-site at VPCC's campuses. ODU will be responsible for program content and delivery.
5. Collaborate with ODU to identify potential course equivalents so the student may choose courses which will serve as degree progress at both schools.


6. Assist ODU in advising students in the Bridge to ODU program and providing updated degree evaluations based on the student's enrollment in the transfer-oriented Associate Degree program at VPCC each semester for students in the Reverse Transfer Agreement.
7. Provide advising for students as they prepare for transfer to ODU to ensure a smooth transition, ensure students under this agreement complete the Letter of Intent, collaborate with ODU to promote this agreement among prospective and current VPCC students who qualify.

Review of the Agreement


The Director of Transfer Initiatives and Transfer Center and the Director of Undergraduate Admissions will be responsible for this agreement at ODU. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will be responsible for this agreement at Virginia Peninsula Community College.

Old Dominion University and Virginia Peninsula Community College will review this agreement every three years adjusting as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the process. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing agreement.

This agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice. Such notice should be given one year in advance of the date of definition; students who entered under the existing agreement may take advantage of these terms for two years after termination becomes effective.



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