

# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

## For Social Work

Between  
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (Reynolds)  
And  
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)

For students planning to pursue Social Work at VCU.

Purpose: This memorandum of understanding has been developed within the framework of the Virginia State Policy on Transfer (<http://www.schev.edu/students/StatePolicyOnTransfer.pdf>) to facilitate the transition for students with Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees in Social Sciences at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (Reynolds) into the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree program in the School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Reynolds will advertise this program to the general public within the Reynolds service area. The program will be promoted in the Reynolds catalog, website and other publicity material. Representatives of Reynolds and VCU will call attention to this articulation agreement when advising students.

### **Eligible Students:**

Eligible students are those who meet the following criteria:

- a) Earn an Associate of Science degree in Social Sciences at Reynolds Community College;
- b) Earn a minimum cumulative college-level grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and
- c) Earn an individual grade no lower than a B in HMS 100 Introduction to Human Services and HMS 121 Basic Counseling Skills.
- d) Earn an individual grade no lower than a C in all other courses listed on the Pre-Social Work Track Transfer Program Table.

### **Admission to Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work:**

VCU School of Social Work guarantees admission into its BSW program with junior standing to eligible students who have completed the A.S. in Social Sciences at Reynolds.

### **Transfer of Credits:**

A maximum of 63 credits from the Reynolds A.S. in Social Sciences degree will be accepted and applied toward completion of the BSW degree program. The attached "Pre-Social Work Track Transfer Program Table" lists the respective transfer credits that will be awarded by VCU for courses offered by Reynolds for transfer under the terms of the Agreement. This table will be updated as curricula evolve. Courses listed in this program will be reviewed, as needed, by the faculty of both institutions to ensure continuity of instruction, curriculum, and evaluation.

Students can transfer credits back to Reynolds from VCU, pursuant to Reynolds policies.

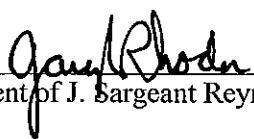
### **Additional Terms:**


1. Reynolds students who have not completed the A.S. program will be considered for admission into VCU's BSW program according to the VCU general admissions policies. Students who transfer prior to the completion of the Associate degree program will have their courses evaluated individually by the VCU Transfer Center. The course equivalencies as stated in the Pre-Social Work Track Transfer Program Table are based on the completion of the Associate degree program prior to transfer, and are not guaranteed to students who enroll at VCU prior to completion of the A.S. degree at Reynolds. Therefore, students are encouraged to complete the Associate degree prior to matriculating to VCU.
2. VCU course credit cannot be given for transfer courses in which the student earned below a "C" grade.

3. Students who elect to pursue a different degree program at VCU will be subject to a reevaluation of transferable credits to their elected course of study.
4. Students who intend to transfer to VCU under the terms of this agreement must complete the online *Letter of Interest* after completing 15 transferable credit hours at Reynolds. The *Letter of Interest* form can be found on the VCU Office of Admissions website (<http://ugrad.vcu.edu/apply/transfer/agreements.html>). Students who submit the *Letter of Interest* will be contacted periodically by VCU representatives with important information to facilitate a successful transfer to VCU. VCU will work with students who have a *Letter of Interest* on file to ensure that curriculum changes made after the *Letter of Interest* is received but prior to matriculation to VCU will not negatively impact the admissions decision.
5. Students who intend to transfer to VCU under the terms of this agreement may be subject to a criminal background check conducted by agencies where BSW students complete their Field Education/internship.

The terms of this articulation agreement shall be reviewed every three years. Either party to this agreement may withdraw from this agreement by providing written notice one year in advance of their intention to withdraw to the primary contact at the other institution. The primary contact at Reynolds shall be the dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at (804-523-5263). The primary contact for the agreement and related matters at VCU shall be the BSW Program Director at (804-828-0456).

APPROVE:

  
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President of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

  
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President of Virginia Commonwealth University

7/8/2015  
Date

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Date

**REYNOLDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**PRE-SOCIAL WORK TRACK TRANSFER PROGRAM TABLE**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>VCU Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENG 111 College Composition I	3	UNIV 112	3
HMS 100 Introduction to Human Services (Social Work designated section with min. "B" grade)	3	SLWK 201	3
PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	3	PSYC 101	3
SOC 200 Principles of Sociology	3	SOCY 101	3
SDV 100 College Success Skills	1	Not Transferable	
SOC 210 Surv. of Phys. & Cult. Anthropology	3	ANTH 103	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>15</b>

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>VCU Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENG 112 College Composition II	3	UNIV 200	3
HMS 121 Basic Counseling Skills (Social Work designated section with min. "B" grade)	3	SLWK 230	3
MTH 163 or 170	3	MATH 131/141	3
BIO 101 General Biology I	4	BIOL/Z 151	4
PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC 304	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>

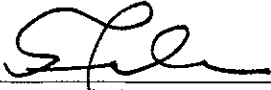
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>VCU Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ITE 115 or CSC 155	3	INFO 160, 161, & 162	3
ENG 210 Advanced Composition	3	ENGL 304	3
ENG Literature	3	ENGL (200 Literature)	3
BIO 102 General Biology II	4	BIOL/Z 152	4
HIS Elective	3	HIST	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>

<b>4<sup>th</sup> Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>VCU Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MTH 240 Statistics	3	STAT 210	3
PHI 111 or 220 (Ethics Course)	3	PHIL Ethics Course	3
HIS Course	3	HIST	3
HLT/PED Elective	1	HPEX Elective	1
Foreign Language Elective	3-4	FRLG	3-4
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13-14</b>		<b>13-14</b>

<b>Total Transferable Credits For Program</b>	<b>60-61</b>
<b>**Min. CUM GPA</b>	<b>2.50</b>

\*\* Students must earn a min. 2.5 cumulative grade point average to take advantage of this articulation agreement


VCU REVIEWERS:



Humberto Fabelo, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs  
School of Social Work

August 8, 2015

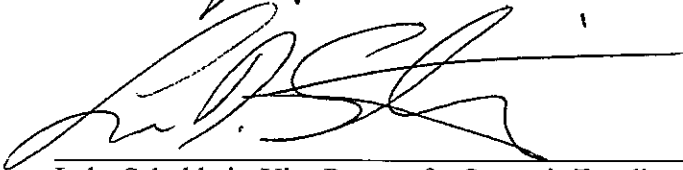
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James Hinterlong, Dean  
School of Social Work

August 10, 2015

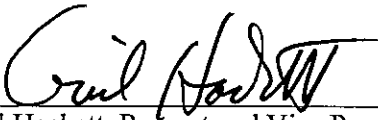
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Luke Schultheis, Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment  
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Date



Gail Hackett, Provost and Vice President  
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