

**ADMISSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**

SECTION I: PURPOSE

George Mason University (Mason) will offer admission to Howard Community College (HCC) students according to the terms of this Agreement. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate and communicate a clear pathway for admission to HCC students who intend to graduate with an HCC associate degree and transfer directly to Mason to earn their baccalaureate degree. HCC Associate of Arts (AA), or Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT), or Associate of Science in Engineering (ASE) degrees are considered for this Agreement. Only those HCC students who meet all the terms of this Agreement will be guaranteed admission. Students who present strong academic records but do not meet the terms of this Agreement may be considered for regular transfer admission.

SECTION II: ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Mason will accept transfer applications for the fall and spring semesters. Applicants should:

1. **Apply by March 1 for fall admission.** Fall applicants are expected to graduate in May. Summer graduates are not considered for fall admission.
2. **Apply by October 1 for spring admission.** Spring applicants are expected to graduate in December.
3. **Present a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.85 upon application to Mason.**
4. Complete English and Math Foundation courses with grades of C or better before applying to Mason.
5. Complete a minimum of 40 college-level credits toward the AA, AAT, or ASE at HCC.
6. Provide the Mason Office of Admissions with a final HCC transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.

If all coursework for the transfer degree is not completed at HCC, a 2.85 GPA is required on all prior college coursework.

SECTION III: ADMISSION TO MAJOR

Under this agreement, HCC applicants are eligible for direct entry into most Mason undergraduate majors without additional requirements. Certain majors have selective admission requirements that may exceed those listed in Section II. These majors include:

1. College of Engineering and Computing

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| a. Applied Computer Science, BS | f. Cyber Security Engineering, BS |
| b. Bioengineering, BS | g. Electrical Engineering, BS |
| c. Civil and Infrastructure Engineering, BS | h. Mechanical Engineering, BS |
| d. Computer Engineering, BS | i. Systems Engineering, BS |
| e. Computer Science, BS | |

Admission to an engineering or computer science major is competitive. For direct admission to the major, Engineering applicants must have completed MATH 181 and 182 with grades of A or B prior to application to Mason. For direct admission to the major, Computer Science applicants must have completed MATH 181 and CSMY 141 with grades of A or B prior to application to Mason.

2. College of Visual and Performing Arts

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| a. Computer Game Design, BFA | e. Music, BM |
| b. Dance, BFA | f. Theater, BA |
| c. Film and Video Studies, BA | g. Theater, BFA |
| d. Music, BA | |

Admission to a major within the College of Visual and Performing Arts is competitive. Applicants must successfully audition for Dance, Music, and Theater. Applicants to Computer Game Design and Film and Video Studies must successfully pass a portfolio review.

SECTION IV: PATRIOT TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

HCC students applying under this admission agreement are automatically considered for a non-resident **Patriot Transfer Scholarship**. Students with cumulative grade point averages of 2.85-3.49 are considered for a \$10,000 annual award. Students with cumulative grade point averages of 3.5-4.00 are considered for a \$12,000 annual award. Recipients must be classified as non-residents of Virginia and maintain full-time enrollment each fall and spring semester. The scholarship is offered for two (2) academic years. Students are required to maintain a minimum 2.75 Mason GPA.

SECTION V: EXCLUSIONS TO THE ADMISSION AGREEMENT

1. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to deny admission or the benefits of this Agreement to students who have been suspended, dismissed, or expelled for academic or non-academic reasons from any college or university. Under this Agreement, admission is only offered to students who graduate from HCC and transfer directly to Mason. Students who attend other institutions after HCC may be considered for regular transfer admission.
2. High school students who have earned an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation are not eligible for admission under the terms of this Agreement. Such students are considered freshman applicants with transfer credit.

SECTION VI: TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement will go into effect for those HCC students entering Mason for the fall 2025 semester. The initial term of the Agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years beginning with the fall 2025 semester and end after the spring 2031 semester. The Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year periods unless terminated by either party as set forth below.
2. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing written notice to other party of the intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 120 days prior to the intended date of termination. If this Agreement is terminated, the terms of the Agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of two (2) years.
3. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior oral or written Agreements with respect to the subject matter herein. **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 and transfer credit equivalency databases may be amended as needed.

4. All transfer students are subject to the enrollment and academic policies outlined in the George Mason University Catalog.
5. The Institutional Research Offices at HCC and Mason agree to share transfer student data in support of this Agreement.
6. Mason and the HCC agree to review this Agreement every three (3) years. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purpose of monitoring this Agreement.

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SECTION VII: THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES

There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

SECTION VIII: REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE PARTIES

Both institutions represent and warrant that the following shall be true and correct as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, and shall continue to be true and correct during the term of the Agreement:

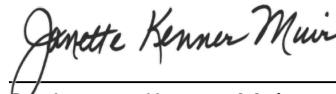
1. The institutions are, and remain, in compliance with all applicable federal, state, district, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to this Agreement, as amended from time to time.
2. Each institution has taken all action necessary for the approval and execution of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

**Dr. Shantay
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Dr. Shantay R. Grays
Provost and Executive Vice President
Howard Community College

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Vice Provost of Academic Affairs
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