

University of Mary Washington and Germanna Community College Partnership Agreement

This Partnership Agreement ("the agreement") is made by and between Germanna Community College ("GCC") and the University of Mary Washington ("UMW"), a public university in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

I. Purpose

GCC and UMW agree to establish a transfer program between GCC's College Everywhere program ("College Everywhere") and University of Mary Washington's College of Business designed to ensure that eligible students who have matriculated from College Everywhere can easily transition into the Business Administration major bachelor's degree pathway at the University of Mary Washington.

The intent of this agreement is to encourage student achievement, increase bachelor's degree completion rates and improve access and equity by facilitating the transferability of college credits and creating a streamlined transition from an associate degree to a bachelor's degree.

Due to the accelerated nature of the College Everywhere program and online Business Administration courses offered by UMW, students may complete both an associate degree and bachelor's degree in approximately two and a half years.

II. Transfer Requirements

a. Guaranteed Admission

UMW guarantees acceptance into the business program at UMW for eligible students at Germanna Community College who fulfill all the steps below:

- Earn an Associate in Arts and Science degree in Business Administration from the College Everywhere program by the end of the summer semester for fall admission or by the end of the fall semester for spring admission
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75
- Have a minimum of 15 credits completed at time of application
- Fill out a Letter of intent form with UMW by March 1 for Fall admission or September 1 for Spring admission
- Priority application deadlines: April 1 for Fall admission or October 15 for Spring admission
 - For students wishing to take advantage of early advising and on-time registration, application deadlines are February 1 for Fall admission and September 15 for spring admission. Letter of Intent must accompany application.

GCC students who do not meet the requirements for guaranteed admission may still apply and will be considered for regular admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

UMW will waive its application fee for students participating in guaranteed admission.

b. Transfer of Credits

For all admissions to UMW, a maximum of 90 semester credits may transfer. For a course to qualify for transfer credit, the student must have earned at least a grade of C in the course. Credits earned prior to matriculation for AP, IB, CLEP, and other advanced standing will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

An official transcript showing the conferral of a transferable associate's degree will waive UMW's First Year Seminar, Writing and Speaking Intensive courses (except for those required for a major), and all courses required for the Methods of Investigation section of the general education requirements.

c. Faculty and Advising Collaboration

UMW and GCC agree that the faculties and staff of the two institutions will work together to maintain accurate and timely course-by-course evaluations of all courses in College Everywhere and at UMW. Both institutions agree that Pathway Guides will be reviewed annually. If, upon review, changes need to be made to either or both appendices, such changes may be made with mutual consent and without affecting this agreement.

Students are responsible for meeting the foreign language requirement. Intermediate competency in a second language may be demonstrated by: (1) completion of 201 or higher in a language including ASL; (2) completion of a Level IV course in high school as verified by high school transcript; (3) qualifying test score (i.e. CLEP, AP, IB, or SAT if taken prior to matriculation). Students have the option to complete foreign language online through GCC.

d. Scholarships

To maximize the opportunities available to eligible students participating in the College Everywhere and UMW guaranteed admission programs, UMW will keep GCC informed of all scholarship opportunities available.

Transfer Merit scholarships are awarded at the point of admission and are renewable for students who maintain full-time enrollment. Please refer to the admissions page for current scholarship information and requirements for renewal: <https://www.umw.edu/admissions/transfer/transfer-scholarships/>

e. Marketing

Both institutions agree to work on individual and joint promotional efforts for this program. However, GCC or UMW shall not use either name or its logos, trademarks, symbols, or pictures in any way without GCC or UMW's prior approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Each institution maintains the exclusive rights to use of its name, likeness, copyrighted materials, and trademarks.

f. Non-Discrimination in Admissions

UMW and GCC agree that all admissions shall be without discrimination based on race, color, ethnic or national origin, marital status, religion, sex or sexual preference, political affiliation, age, veteran status, physical disability, or family medical or genetic information. Both parties will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws.

III. Notices

Any notice or other communication required or permitted by this MOU shall be in writing and shall either be hand delivered, sent via overnight mail by a reputable overnight courier, such as Federal Express, or sent postage prepaid by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

If to GCC: Career and Transfer Services
 Germanna Community College
 10000 Germanna Point Drive
 Fredericksburg, VA 22408

If to UMW: Dean of the College of Business
 University of Mary Washington
 1301 College Ave
 Fredericksburg, VA 22401

The notices shall be effective on the date of delivery if delivered by hand, the date of delivery as indicated on the receipt if sent via overnight mail, or the date indicated on the return receipt whether or not such notice is accepted by the addressee.

IV. 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 upon mutual written agreement of the parties.

V. Severability

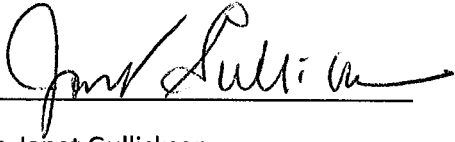
If any provision of this agreement is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term of this agreement, the validity of enforceability of the remaining provisions of this agreement shall not be affected thereby.

VI. 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 future performance of any such term, covenant or condition, and the obligation of the parties with respect thereto shall continue in full force and effect.

VII. Effective Date of Agreement

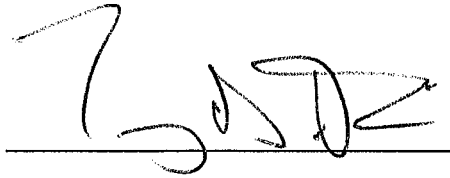
This partnership agreement will be implemented immediately upon execution of all signatures below and will remain in effect until terminated by either institution, provided written notice is given to the other party of the intention to terminate by April 30 of that year. In the event the partnership agreement is canceled, UMW agrees to honor admission and transfer-credit decisions already made.



Dr. Janet Gullickson
President
Germanna Community College

7/11/22

Date



Dr. Troy Paino
President
University of Mary Washington

7/11/2022

Date