

## **GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**

**Between ECPI University**

**and**

**Sentara College of Health Sciences School of Nursing**

**For the Master of Science in Nursing Program**

ECPI University and Sentara College of Health Sciences (SCOHS) School of Nursing, recognizing the need to facilitate the admission of students from Virginia's colleges and universities as they pursue a master's degree, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA). SCOHS students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

### **Section I: General Admission Requirements and Eligibility**

To be guaranteed admission under this GAA, a SCOHS student or graduate must:

1. Complete a personal interview with ECPI University Admissions
2. Complete a Graduate Application for Admission and Enrollment Agreement
3. Be a graduate of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at SCOHS
4. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 for all undergraduate coursework
5. Have a current resume and unencumbered RN License

GAA students may expect the following:

1. GAA students accepted to ECPI University under the terms of this agreement will be admitted into the selected graduate program following verification that all other programmatic requirements have been met.
2. GAA students will be given the same consideration as native ECPI University students for registration, financial aid, student services, and any other opportunities open to native students enrolled in graduate programs.

Graduation from ECPI University:

1. GAA students must follow the approved curriculum outlines as identified by ECPI University.
2. GAA students will be required to meet graduation requirements as stated in the ECPI University Catalog and Student Handbook in effect at the date of submission of the Application Form (unless changes to the curriculum are required to meet state and/or accreditation guidelines).
3. Consistent with requirements for native students, GAA students who do not complete the graduate degree within the maximum time allowed set must graduate under the requirements listed in a subsequent ECPI University Catalog and/or Student Handbook.

### **Section II: Approved Curriculum for SCOHS GAA Students**

1. GAA students will discuss required courses and program requirements with specific program officials.
2. The approved curriculum will be based on the major and the discipline-specific requirements for the degree.

### **Section III: Benefits of the GAA for SCOHS Students**

1. GAA students will be assigned a program advisor and will receive continuous communication regarding programs and activities.
2. Upon receipt of the ECPI University Application, GAA students will be provided with an individualized curriculum plan from the assigned advisor.

### **Section IV: Responsibilities of SCOHS**

1. Disseminate accurate information to SCOHS nursing program students regarding the general conditions of this agreement. Those provisions include the conditions for guaranteed admission to ECPI University. This agreement will be posted on the SCOHS, Sentara Healthcare, and ECPI University websites.
2. Provide academic advising services to assist SCOHS students in choosing graduate programs that will best prepare them for their nursing career. SCOHS will prepare faculty advisors and counselors to provide appropriate and accurate advising services related to students' plans to apply to ECPI University.
3. Communicate with ECPI University representatives to discuss changes in the SCOHS program which might impact or alter this agreement.
4. Collaborate with ECPI University to promote the GAA among prospective and current SCOHS students.

### **Section V: Responsibilities of ECPI University**

1. Collaborate with SCOHS to promote the GAA among SCOHS students.
2. Provide tracking data on performance of transfer students from SCOHS, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, ECPI University courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from ECPI University, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness at ECPI University and the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Compliance at SCOHS and provided by July 1 of each year.

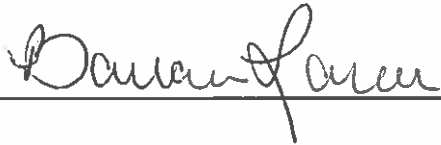
### **Section VI: Responsibilities of the Student**

1. Know and understand the requirements for the identified program at ECPI University.
2. Follow the ECPI University application and admission processes and timelines.
3. Complete all orientation requirements.

### **Section VII: Review of the GAA**

1. ECPI University will designate an official who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at ECPI University. SCOHS will designate an official responsible for all aspects of the GAA at SCOHS.
2. Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement shall be made only after consultation with an agreement among officials at both institutions. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA. A revised agreement will be signed by officials at both institutions.
3. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of the GAA to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents). SCOHS and ECPI University will review the GAA at a minimum of every three years and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulations. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provisions of the existing GAA.

4. The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice should be given at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination, and students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after the effective termination date.



Senior Vice President

ECPI University

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Date



Dean of the College

Sentara College of Health Sciences

April 6, 2016

Date