

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

SECTION I: PURPOSE

George Mason University (George Mason) will offer admission to Southwest Virginia Community College (SWCC) students according to the terms of this Agreement. **The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate and communicate a clear pathway for admission to SWCC students who intend to graduate with the SWCC Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Information Systems Technology (IST).**

SWCC students may pursue admission to the George Mason BAS-Cloud Computing or BAS-Cyber Security degree programs. For admission to BAS-Cloud Computing, SWCC students must earn the AAS, IST. For admission to BAS-Cyber Security, SWCC students must earn the AAS, IST, and Cybersecurity Career Studies Certificate.

Only SWCC students who meet this Agreement's terms 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

George Mason accepts applications for the fall and spring semesters. Applicants must:

- **Apply by March 1 for fall admission.** Fall applicants must graduate in May. Summer graduates are ineligible for fall admission.
- **Apply by October 1 for spring admission.** Spring applicants must graduate in December.
- **Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 upon application to George Mason and graduation from SWCC.**
- ENG 111, MTH 154, and MTH 155 must be completed with grades of C or better before applying to George Mason.
- Non-native English-speaking applicants are required to meet the University English Language Proficiency requirement for admission. ENG 111 and 112 or any George Mason approved exam satisfy the requirement. Refer to the Office of Admissions website for details, admissions.gmu.edu.
- Complete a minimum of 45 college-level credits toward the associate degree at SWCC.
- If all coursework for the associate degree is not completed at SWCC, a 2.5 GPA is

required on all prior college coursework for admission.

- Provide the George Mason Office of Admissions with a final SWCC transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.

SECTION III: GEORGE MASON VIRGINIA PROMISE GRANT

Southwest Virginia Community College students admitted under this Agreement are eligible for the George Mason Virginia Promise Grant. The grant, combined with other sources of gift aid, will meet the cost of standard tuition and fees at George Mason University. Eligible students must:

- Be a Virginia resident with full-time enrollment
- File a FAFSA or VASA by the priority deadline
- Be eligible for Virginia state grants and/or federal aid
- Have a family income of \$75,000 or less, or be eligible for a Pell Grant and an EFC less than \$25,000

SECTION IV: EXCLUSIONS TO THE ADMISSION AGREEMENT

- a. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to deny admission or the benefits of this Agreement to students suspended, dismissed, or expelled from any college or university for academic or non-academic reasons. Southwest Community College IST graduates must transfer directly to George Mason. Students who attend other institutions after SWCC must apply for regular transfer admission.
- b. 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 will be considered freshman applicants with transfer credit.

SECTION V: TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

- This Agreement will go into effect for those SWCC students entering George Mason for the **spring 2026 semester**. The Agreement's initial term shall be for three academic (3) years, commencing for those SWCC students entering George Mason for the **spring 2026 semester** and ending with the conclusion of the spring 2029 semester. The Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year periods unless terminated by either party as set forth below.
- Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such a notice will be adequate only if given 120 days before the intended termination date. Upon termination, the terms of the

Agreement contained herein will remain in effect for a maximum of 2 years.

- This Agreement constitutes the Parties' entire understanding of the subject matter herein. This Agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific course articulation without affecting the currency of the primary Agreement.
- All transfer students are subject to the enrollment and academic policies outlined in the George Mason University Catalog.
- George Mason and SWCC agree to review this Agreement every three years. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as the liaison to monitor this Agreement.

APPROVED



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