



RADFORD UNIVERSITY

and

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU” or “Agreement”) is made by and between Radford University, a state agency and public institution of higher education of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hereinafter referred to as “UNIVERSITY,” and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, also known as Virginia Tech, a state agency and public institution of higher education of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hereinafter referred to as the “INSTITUTION.” The purpose of this MOU is to provide educational opportunities for Virginia Tech students to be guaranteed admission to the spring semester in the University’s Prelicensure BSN program.

Eligibility:

There are two pathways for Virginia Tech students to be eligible for guaranteed admission to the Radford University Prelicensure BSN program:

1. Guaranteed spring semester admission to the Radford University Prelicensure BSN for all Virginia Tech graduating seniors who have earned a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have completed the pre-requisites for the Radford University Prelicensure BSN; or
2. Guaranteed spring semester admission to the Radford University Prelicensure BSN for all Virginia Tech Department of Human Nutrition Foods and Exercise (HNFE) students with a GPA of 3.25 who have applied in the fall semester of their senior year and been accepted by Radford University and the College of Nursing to complete their final spring semester of senior year at Radford University.
 - a. Students will take Radford University’s Level 1 Prelicensure BSN coursework in the spring semester, which will then transfer back to Virginia Tech to complete their degree in HNFE.
 - b. These Virginia Tech graduates will then have the opportunity to complete their BSN degree from Radford University in an accelerated pathway over three continuous semesters (summer, fall, spring), earning their BSN in 12 months after graduation from Virginia Tech.

To be eligible for guaranteed admission, Virginia Tech students must:

- Complete the equivalency to the following Radford University pre-requisite courses by the end of the fall semester prior to entry:

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| CHEM 120 | Chemistry for Life (or two semesters of Chemistry with lab) |
| PSYC 230 | Lifespan Development Psychology |
| STAT 200 | Introductory Statistics |
| NUTR 214 | Introduction to Nutrition |
| BIOL 310 | Human Structure & Function I (A&P I) |
| BIOL 311 | Human Structure & Function II (A&P II) |
| BIOL 334 | Microbiology |

- Be admitted to Radford University.
- Apply for and be admitted to the College of Nursing Prelicensure BSN program.
- Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of
 1. either 3.00 (4.0 scale) for all graduating seniors,
 2. or 3.25 (4.0 scale) for all HNFSE seniors entering the accelerated pathway to the BSN, upon application to Radford University.
 - If a student has attended multiple institutions, they must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.0 scale at Virginia Tech and all previous institutions.
 - All work attempted at Virginia Tech and any other institution(s) attended will be included in the GPA considered by Radford University.
 - Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from all institutions attended.

Implementation

- Radford University College of Nursing will recognize the pre-requisite and general education credits completed at Virginia Tech and apply them toward the Prelicensure BSN curriculum.
- This MOU shall commence upon execution, with the intent to admit the first students in Spring 2026 or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.

Benefits

Virginia Tech students/graduates who are admitted to the Radford University Prelicensure BSN will be eligible for the following:

- Participation in all Radford University College of Nursing activities, events, organizations.
- Clinical rotation placement within 50 miles of the Radford University campus (Radford or Roanoke).

- Participation in the SIGMA nursing honors society Epsilon Psi chapter upon eligibility.

Notice of Change or Termination

Either institution may withdraw from this MOU by notifying the other no less than one academic year before the intended date of termination. No further admissions shall be made under this MOU after such notice is given. This MOU may be revised or modified only by mutual consent. All modifications must be in writing and signed by an official of the **UNIVERSITY** and **INSTITUTION**. The effective date of any modifications is the date of the final signature, unless otherwise expressly stated in the written modification.

Miscellaneous

- A. **Nondiscrimination.** The **University and Institution** subscribe to the policy of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on any basis prohibited by state or federal law.
- B. **Governing Law.** This MOU shall be construed, governed, and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- C. **Severability.** Should any portion of this MOU be declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such portion is deemed severable from the MOU and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain fully valid and enforceable.
- D. **Third-Party Beneficiaries.** No third party is entitled to rely on any of the representations, warranties and agreements of the Parties contained in this Agreement. No party assumes any liability to any third party because of any reliance on the representations, warranties and agreements of the parties contained in this Agreement.
- E. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Agreement and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement. A telecopy, facsimile, scanned copy (for example, in pdf or jpeg format) or other similar reproduction of a signature of this Agreement shall have the same effect as an original for all purposes.
- F. **Notices.** Any notice or other communication required or permitted by this MOU shall be directed to appropriate contacts below at the **University/Institutions**, or to such other address as may be specified in writing by the **University/Institutions**:

For **Radford**:


- a) Dr. Bethany Usher, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs,
usher@radford.edu
- b) Philip Crigger, Contracts and Agreement Coordinator, Procurement and
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For **Virginia Tech**:

Dr Renee Eaton, Undergraduate Program Director, rselberg@vt.edu

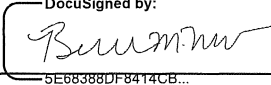
In witness whereof, the undersigned have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be duly entered into as of the date above written.

Radford University

By: 

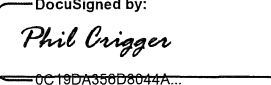
Wendy Downey, College of Nursing Dean

Date: 5-9-25

By: 

Dr. Bethany Usher, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs


Date: 10/21/2025 | 4:34 PM EDT

By: 

Phil Crigger, Contract & Agreement Coordinator

Date: 10/22/2025 | 8:08 AM EDT

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

By: 

Mario Ferruzzi, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Date: 9/4/25

By: 

Dr. Cyril R. Clarke, Executive Vice President and Provost

Date: 12.01.25