

North Island College - University of Victoria Guaranteed Admission for NIC Transfer Students Agreement

Preamble

As signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding - Vancouver Island Public Post-Secondary Network and building upon the success of the *North Island College - University of Victoria Dual Admission Agreement*, North Island College and the University of Victoria will collaborate to strengthen transfer and degree completion opportunities for students of the North Island College region. North Island College and the University of Victoria will work together to facilitate admission and transfer for North Island College students into select programs at the University of Victoria. This agreement guarantees successful NIC transfer students a place at the University of Victoria in eligible programs of study.

Signed in 2010, The *North Island College - University of Victoria Dual Admission Agreement* expresses the intention of both institutions to expand degree completion opportunities for residents of the North Island College region. This Guaranteed Admission for NIC Transfer Students Agreement recognizes North Island College's success in preparing students for university studies. The agreement provides North Island College transfer students with guaranteed admission and transfer to the University of Victoria in eligible programs of study. In so doing, this agreement opens the door to the University of Victoria for mature learners, secondary school leavers and students transitioning careers, by guaranteeing admission and course transfer to the University of Victoria to those who achieve academic success at North Island College.

Programs of Study

This agreement provides eligible North Island College students with guaranteed admission and course transfer to the University of Victoria in eligible programs of study.

North Island College students may apply for guaranteed program admission and course transfer into the following faculty/program areas:

North Island College
University Studies - Arts
University Studies - Science

The University of Victoria
Computer Science
History in Art
Humanities
Science
Social Sciences

Guaranteed admission and transfer opportunities may be offered in other program areas in future years. Additional program areas shall be included as addenda to this agreement.

Student Eligibility

To be eligible for the program, students must take 24 credits of university transfer courses at North Island College and achieve a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 (calculated on the most recent 24 credits) prior to entering studies at the University of Victoria. Students are responsible for making application to the University of Victoria and ensuring that their courses transfer to their intended program of study at the university.

Guaranteed admission is available to both Canadian and international students.

Commitment of the Institutions

Principles of Collaboration

North Island College and University of Victoria agree to collaborate to ensure the success of this partnership. In doing so, both institutions will observe the following principles:

- Mutual recognition that the needs of students are paramount;
- Mutual respect for the autonomy of each institution, including recognition and respect for the educational values, policies, collective agreements, strategic plans and operational processes of each institution;
- Open communication, discussion and dialogue; and
- Equitable division of resources to support this activity.

Planning and Operational Principles and Processes

The success of this agreement relies on a close working relationship between North Island College and University of Victoria. Both institutions agree to observe the following planning and operational principles:

- Joint recognition of application, admissions and transcript exchange procedures;
- Joint development of recruitment and marketing plans and materials;
- Commitment to faculty and program area collaboration;
- Commitment to the early sharing of information regarding any program, service or policy change that will affect a program under this agreement;
- Sharing of institutional data about enrolment and success of students admitted under this agreement; and
- An annual review of the project.

Terms of Agreement

This agreement is in effect as of the date signed and remains in effect until written notice to end the agreement is provided by either institution. Either institution must provide written notice of termination of the agreement by the end of September before the next academic year.

Commitment to Students

North Island College and the University of Victoria agree that the successful completion of students enrolled at their institutions will be considered above all. Should the agreement not continue, both institutions commit to making arrangements so that the students complete the program in the manner expected upon admission.

Signed this day, October 5, 2011



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