



# Wingate University & Richmond Community College Gateway Agreement

Wingate University (WU) and Richmond Community College (RCC) enter into an agreement designed to improve transfer student access and success through a collaborative baccalaureate degree completion program. This agreement is designed to give academically qualified RCC students a seamless admissions process, high quality academic advising, and affordable access to a baccalaureate degree program at WU.

#### Partnership Objectives:

- Increase access to baccalaureate degree programs
- Improve retention and graduation rates at both institutions
- Provide students with a seamless transfer pathway
- Implement clear, student friendly, and adaptive policies, procedures, and processes
- Remove barriers that impede student success
- Optimize student services and resources
- Strengthen the partnership between Wingate and Richmond Community College

### Requirements:

- Complete the degree requirements at Richmond Community College for an Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Fine Arts (AFA), or Associate in Applied Science (AAS)
- Complete the FAFSA or Financial Responsibility Form
- Prior to enrolling at Wingate, students must submit a Wingate University admissions application by the specified deadline, send Wingate official transcripts from RCC, and meet Wingate transfer admissions requirements
- To register for classes at Wingate, students must submit an enrollment deposit and complete required items on the deposited student checklist by the specified deadline.
- For students currently enrolled at RCC, it is strongly recommended to participate in academic advising sessions with both RCC and WU academic advisors to ensure appropriate course selection and matriculation for seamless and efficient transfer

#### Wingate University agrees to provide:

- An established admission procedure and criteria for the Gateway to Wingate program, including opportunities for holistic reviews by both institutions.
- Data sharing, as it relates to Gateway to Wingate students and their performance at Wingate.
   For purposes of the agreement, the parties are considered to be "school officials with legitimate educational interests" under FERPA and may share Gateway to Wingate student data between them.

 A transfer student advisor routinely on the RCC campus for the purpose of meeting with prospective students to provide information, answer questions, and assist with the completion of the WU application process and other required forms. The advisor will also be readily available for digital communications.

#### Student Benefits:

Gateway to Wingate students who complete an Associate Degree at Richmond Community College with a cumulative GPA of 2.50, and are in good academic standing, will be guaranteed admission to Wingate University (note — admission to certain degree-completion programs are WU departmental decisions).

When enrolled, Gateway to Wingate students receive access to the following resources, free of charge:

- Student Success Services
- Collaborative academic advising
- Collaborative financial aid counseling
- Collaborative career counseling

Gateway to Wingate students are eligible for the Gateway Scholarship. The Gateway Scholarship recipients will pay no more than \$2,500 per year in tuition. The scholarship is available for up to 4 years or 8 semesters at Wingate as long as the student is in good academic standing (maintaining a 2.0 GPA). Please note the academic year is defined as the fall and spring terms. The Gateway Scholarship does not apply for courses taken during the summer and winter terms.

Gateway to Wingate students will pay no more than \$10,214 for room and board per year for standard housing and meal plan. Please note that room and board costs are subject to change on an annual basis. Students may elect to live on campus or commute.

Gateway to Wingate students living on campus at Wingate will pay no more than \$12,714 per year for tuition, room, and board. This does not include relevant fees (parking, health and wellness, technology, program fees for example) specialized program expenses, or winter and summer terms.

Wingate University and Richmond Community College commit to maximizing student success and an annual review of this partnership agreement.

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party, provided that Richmond Community College students who have already been admitted or enrolled at Wingate University may continue to take advantage of the terms of this agreement after its termination.

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## APPROVED:

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