



**DUAL ADMISSIONS TRANSFER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY**

Preface

Reading Area Community College (RACC) and Alvernia University (Alvernia) enter into this Dual Admissions Transfer Agreement (Agreement) to hceklkcv g j g tcpuht qhTACC uwf gpw vj Anxgtplcøu Baccalaureate Degree Programs. This Agreement applies to students who enter Alvernia as full-time or part-time undergraduate students.

Dual Admissions

Under this Dual Admissions Transfer Agreement, RACC students will be guaranteed admission with third year (junior) status at Alvernia on the condition that they:

1. Earn a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to attending Alvernia;
2. Submit a Dual Admissions Intent Form before completion of no more than 45 college level credits from all colleges/universities attended;
3. Graduate from RACC with an appropriate Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree, or Associate in General Studies (A.G.S.) Degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for Accelerated Baccalaureate and Online Programs (through Adult Education Admissions) and 2.5 for Traditional/Residential Baccalaureate Programs. (Please see below and Appendix A for a list of approved programs of study included in this Agreement);
4. Cqo r ngv Anxgtplcøu cf o kulkpu cr r necvkp kf gcm{ qpeg 45 etgf ku j cxg dggp getpgf cvRACC, or at least three months prior to the start of the semester in which they plan to begin their studies at Alvernia,

Once students submit their Dual Admissions Intent Form, they are strongly encouraged to meet with an Alvernia Transfer Admissions Representative and/or a RACC Academic Advisor, Counselor, or Program Advisor to develop a course taking strategy to maximize course transferability.

RACC graduates entering Alvernia under the terms of this Agreement go through the normal Alvernia transfer admissions process and therefore must meet all applicable Alvernia requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof that apply to all Alvernia students.

Transfer and Academic Guidelines

1. Credits earned at other institutions will be transferred to Alvernia. Alvernia will need official transcripts for evaluation of credit from other attended institutions, including military transcripts. Credit will also be awarded for AP, CLEP, etc. with appropriate documentation. Developmental courses are not eligible for transfer.
2. Graduates of approved RACC A.A., A.S., A.A.S., and A.G.S. degrees and who transfer to Alvernia will be waived from placement tests under this agreement.
3. The maximum number of semester hours that can transfer to Alvernia is 75. Students enrolled in an undergraduate program of study at Alvernia are required to complete a minimum of 123 credits with a residency credit minimum of 45 of the last 60 credits; at least half of the requirements in the major or area of specialization must be taken with Alvernia.
4. A full-time student admitted with third year (junior) status to Alvernia will be able to complete a bachelor's degree at Alvernia in two years (fall/spring/summer semesters) provided the student completes the appropriate associate degree at RACC and appropriately sequences their remaining course work at Alvernia.
5. Under this Agreement, Alvernia guarantees that all RACC credits from RACC programs of study listed in this Agreement will fulfill general education, elective, or major requirements in the corresponding Alvernia major that the

2. **Academic Scholarships:** Alvernia will award academic scholarships annually to all RACC graduates admitted to Alvernia pursuant to this Agreement. All scholarships may be renewed each year contingent upon the students submitting their FAFSA and remaining in good academic standing at Alvernia.

Traditional/Residential Programs (in Reading, PA): The following scholarships are given to qualified full-time undergraduate day-time students transferring from RACC for work toward their first bachelor's degree. Cumulative GPA includes RACC and any other colleges/universities attended:

Provost Scholarship: \$21,000 scholarship = **member of Phi Theta Kappa** or non-PTK student with final cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Bernardine Scholarship: \$19,000 scholarship = final cumulative GPA between 3.25 and 3.49.

Dean Scholarship: \$17,000 scholarship = final cumulative GPA between 3.0 and 3.24.

Transfer Scholarship: \$15,000 scholarship = final cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 2.99.

Traditional Programs also offers the following:

Alvernia Connects with Transfers - \$1000 scholarship for all transfer students who have filed the FAFSA (by date provided) Traditional/Residential Programs with at least a 3.0 final cumulative GPA.

Reading Collegiate Scholars Transfer Program - This program awards full tuition to select qualifying transfer students from Reading Area Community College (up to two students each fall semester). Recipients must live in the city of Reading, earned an Associate's Degree from RACC, maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and be enrolled full-time in the day academic division. Students may apply for this program on the [Alvernia website](#).

Accelerated Baccalaureate Degree Programs (Main Campus in Reading or other On-site Regional Campus): All adult/non-traditional learners receive discounted tuition however qualified students will also receive the following:

Dual Admissions Scholarship: \$1000/year

Awarded to dual admissions students who enroll at the Reading Main Campus or other On- site Regional Campus, at half-time or full-time enrollment, as a one-time award for their first year (or first two consecutive semesters).

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship: \$1000/year

Awarded to students holding current membership in PTK for continuous for full-time enrollment for up to 4 semesters and requires maintaining a 2.0 GPA.

PA Community College Transfer Award: up to \$2000 total for 4 semesters (\$500 each semester)

Awarded to transfer students with a final minimum cumulative RACC GPA of at least 2.0 and who enroll in at least half-time continuous enrollment.

***IF a student is enrolled FULL-TIME at Alvernia, they would qualify for both the PA Community College Transfer Award and the PTK Scholarship. A student will ALSO qualify for the Dual Admissions Scholarship IF the student declares Dual Admission with Alvernia before completing no more than 45 college-level credits from all colleges/universities attended.

3. **Financial Aid:** All students will be provided with Alvernia financial aid information and receive full consideration for Alvernia financial aid upon matriculation at Alvernia.

Financial Aid will be awarded to transfer students on the same basis as all Alvernia students. They will have equal access to all state and federal financial aid programs.

Students are strongly encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) before May 1st each year to determine if they are eligible for a state grant.

Programs of Study (Appendix A provides appropriate program-to-program transfer options):

Traditional/Residential Programs

Addictions and Mental Health Treatment

Athletic Training (5-yr program)

Biochemistry

Biology

Biology-Medical Laboratory Science

Business

*Accounting

The Agreement

To facilitate the transfer of RACC graduates to Alvernia in accordance with the foregoing guarantee, the parties agree to the following:

Obligations of Alvernia University:

1. Participate in student outreach (e.g.: transfer fairs, RACC campus visits, virtual open houses, etc.) at least twice each fall and spring semester.
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4. Invite enrolled RACC students to participate in this Agreement through the submission of a Dual Admissions Intent Form before completion of the credit limits.
5. Send Alvernia any Dual Admissions Intent Forms submitted to RACC advisors or counselors.
6. Provide information on the Alvernia dual admissions, academic, and admissions requirements online. Program-to-program curriculum Transfer Guides for specific programs of study will be available online for student use.

Joint Obligations:

1. Consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement, and keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both Alvernia and RACC will review this Agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both RACC and Alvernia sign the revised document.
2. Collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this Agreement, Alvernia's academic requirements, and the process of transferring to Alvernia and financial aid eligibility remaining to complete degree.
3. Develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of this Agreement.
4. Provide direct links between Alvernia and RACC websites.
5. Designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate this Agreement between the two institutions.
6. Facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between faculties from both institutions to review this Agreement as pertaining to general education/core requirements, degree requirements, and other academic matters that pertain to the maintenance of student satisfactory academic progress.
7. Conduct periodic reviews of course-to-course equivalencies and the applicability of those equivalencies to specific academic programs at RACC and Alvernia.
8. Develop program-to-program curriculum Transfer Guides that specify for RACC transfer students the RACC courses that satisfy major

Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

The Senior Vice President and Provost at Alvernia University and the Vice President for Academic & Student Success at Reading Area Community College or their designees, are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other, changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

Modifications to the terms and conditions of this Agreement may only be made by written agreement of the parties. Until such modification by mutual written agreement, the then-current terms of the Agreement shall remain in effect.

This Agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing, for students entering Alvernia on or after Fall 2021, and will continue in effect for five (5) years unless otherwise modified or terminated in accordance with this Agreement. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effect

Appendix A

The following Reading Area Community College associate degrees are included in this Agreement and correspond to *Traditional/Residential Programs* (begin on Page 11):

Reading Area Community College	Alvernia University Accelerated Baccalaureate (Adult Evening) Programs at Main Campus in Reading or Online (for other On-site Regional Campuses, please reach out to Alvernia Transfer Coordinator)
Accounting (A.A.S.)	Accounting (B.S.) ó

Reading Campus (B.S.):
Accounting

Business Management (A.A.S.)

Medical Office/Health Records Specialist
(A.A.S.)

Healthcare Administration- Reading Campus

	Finance Healthcare Administration Human Resource Management Management Sport Management
Art (A.A.)	Digital Media Marketing (B.A.)
Biological Science (A.A.)	Athletic Training
Biological Science (A.A.)	Athletic Training (5 year B.S., M.S.)
Biological Science (A.A.)	Healthcare Science (B.S.)
Biology (A.S.)	Biochemistry (B.S.)
Biology (A.S.)	Biology (B.S.)
Biology (A.S.)	Biology-Medical Laboratory Science (B.S.)
Biology (A.S.)	Environmental Science (B.S.)
Biology (A.S.)	Forensic Science (B.S.)
Biology (A.S.)	General Science (B.S.)
Business Administration (A.A.)	Business (B.S.)- with concentrations in: Accounting Economics Finance Healthcare Administration Human Resource Management Management Sport Management
Business Administration (A.A.S.)	Digital Media Marketing (B.A.)
Business Management (A.A.S.)	Business (B.S.)- with concentrations in: Accounting Economics Finance

Communications (A.A.)

Digital Media Marketing (B.A.)


Medical Coding and Billing Specialist (A.A.S.)	Healthcare Administration (B.S.)
Medical Laboratory Technician (A.A.S.)	Healthcare Science (B.S.)


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