Transfer Admission Memorandum of Understanding:

Northern Virginia Community College Honors and Radford University Honors Academy

Purpose
This memorandum of understanding (MOU) facilitates the transfer of honors program students between Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and Radford University.

Eligibility
To be eligible for admission into the Radford University Honors Academy, NOVA students must:

- Successfully complete an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at NOVA. The applied associate degrees are not considered transfer-oriented degrees.
- Successfully complete the NOVA Honors Core Curriculum of 18-21 credits and be in the Honors Program at NOVA.
- Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (4.0 scale) upon application to Radford University and upon graduation from NOVA.
  - Students who have attended multiple institutions must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale at NOVA and each previous institution.
  - All work attempted at NOVA and any other institution(s) attended will be included in the GPA considered by Radford University.
  - Students must provide transcripts from all institutions attended.
- Be admitted to Radford University.
- Be admitted to the Radford University Honors Academy. Admission to the Honors Academy is space-limited (new honors students typically number 75 each fall semester and 25 each spring semester). Students must complete the separate Honors Academy application and meet its specific deadlines (http://www.radford.edu/content/honors-academy/home/prospective-students.html).

Implementation

- Students who receive the NOVA Honors Certificate of Completion and are admitted to the Radford University Honors Academy will receive 12 credit hours toward the honors Core Curriculum requirements at Radford University. Additional courses (e.g., study abroad) might be accepted at the discretion of the Radford University honors director.
- To graduate with the Highlander Scholar distinction from Radford University, NOVA transfer candidates must complete 15 additional honors credit hours at Radford University, including a 3-hour honors capstone project. The course requirements are described on the Radford University Honors Academy website (http://www.radford.edu/content/honors-academy/home/current-students.html).
- If any of the requirements imposed on Radford University Honors Academy students are modified subsequent to the signing of this MOU, NOVA transfer students will be held to the revised requirements. Any NOVA transfer student accepted into the Radford University Honors Academy under this agreement shall be bound by the requirements in effect at the time of acceptance.
• This MOU shall commence on August 1, 2016, with the intent to admit the first students in December 2016 or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.
• Students who did not complete the NOVA Honors Core Curriculum may still be admitted to Radford University Honors Academy on a case-by-case basis. In such cases, honors credit for completed NOVA honors courses can be assigned at the discretion of the Radford director.
• The NOVA and Radford directors will maintain open communication to facilitate the successful transfer of students between the two programs.

Benefits
NOVA transfer students who are admitted to the Radford University Honors Academy will be eligible for the following:
• graduation as Highlander Scholars with designated honors regalia,
• honors distinction on students' transcript and diploma,
• participation in all Radford University Honors Academy activities, events, organizations,
• residence in honors housing (as available with the Radford University Housing and Residential Life student agreement),
• priority course registration,
• honors advising from Honors Faculty Fellows, and
• honors scholarship (currently $500/semester for students active in the program).

Notice of Change or Termination
Either Honors program may request modification of this memorandum to reflect changes in one or both programs. In the event that agreement cannot be reached on modifications, 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, but students already admitted to Radford University will be allowed to transfer into the Radford University Honors Academy.
ATTEST:

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