

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE**

Mary Baldwin College and Blue Ridge Community College, recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from BRCC to MBC, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA). MBC provides two special opportunities to help BRCC students experience a smooth transition to MBC.

BRCC students will receive individualized assistance in selecting both BRCC and MBC courses that meet MBC curriculum requirements by contacting the MBC advisor at BRCC. The MBC advisor will tell the students exactly how their community college courses will apply to the program they choose at MBC. This is especially important for students choosing to pursue teacher licensure.

In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote closer coordination of academic courses, programs, and degrees offered by our institutions, BRCC and MBC provide the following articulation agreement.

Academic Admission Agreement

A Guaranteed Admission Agreement student enrolled in an Associate in Arts & Sciences or an Associate in Applied Science degree program at BRCC, who meets MBC transfer admission requirements and completes all requirements for the Associate's degree, may enroll at MBC and expect the following:

1. MBC will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the associate degree program at BRCC.
2. However, MBC does not guarantee that the student will be able to complete all degree requirements within the 132-credit minimum required for graduation at MBC, nor does MBC guarantee that the associate degree will satisfy all general education requirements.
3. Students participating in this admission agreement should follow all special departmental and program application procedures and deadlines, as well as grade point requirements.

A Guaranteed Admission Agreement student is a student who:

1. Matriculates in an Associate degree program at BRCC;
2. Graduates with a minimum curriculum-specific** grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 on a four-point scale;

*** Curriculum specific GPA means that the student GPA will be calculated on the basis of all of the courses used toward graduation in the associate degree program at BRCC.*

The GAA student enjoys simultaneous guaranteed admission into Mary Baldwin College—whether in MBC’s residential program for women or its MBC/BRCC Adult Degree Program for men and women—and, accordingly, may expect the following:

1. All BRCC courses specified in the respective program-to-program agreement will be accepted in transfer by Mary Baldwin College and applied to the attainment of the baccalaureate degree (Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science). A listing of courses is available as an addendum to this agreement.
2. GAA students may be able to complete all requirements for the Mary Baldwin BA or BS within the 132-semester hour minimum for graduation from Mary Baldwin College, provided all requirements are successfully met for:
 - (a) General Education, including the Central Curriculum
 - (b) An academic major* of choice
 - (c) An academic minor** of choice

** All Mary Baldwin students complete an academic major culminating in a senior project.*

*** A minor is optional.*

Accordingly, Mary Baldwin College will inform the student at the time of entering the Guaranteed Admission Agreement if there appears to be additional course requirements beyond the 132 minimum semester hours needed for graduation or whether additional general education requirements still need to be met. Such courses will be specified in writing.

To be eligible for the GAA program, a student must:

1. Achieve a minimum overall curriculum-specific** GPA of 2.50 upon graduation from BRCC.
2. Submit an official copy of the most recent BRCC transcript to MBC.

Graduates from BRCC accepted into Mary Baldwin College under the terms of the Guaranteed Admission Agreement described herein will be treated according to the same policies as they apply to native Mary Baldwin students.

Procedural Agreement

Step 1. The student contacts the appropriate transfer counselor at BRCC and, if possible, attends a regularly scheduled Information Session held by the Mary Baldwin ADP faculty advisor on the BRCC campus. In cases where attendance at an Information Session is not possible, an individual appointment should be made with a Mary Baldwin representative.

Step 2. The student and her/his BRCC transfer counselor meet to review the program-to-program and GAA requirements. If the student wants to join the Adult Degree Program they should then provide transcripts and have a planning session with the on-site MBC/BRCC/ADP advisor. If they wish to join the residential college for women, the on-site ADP advisor will facilitate communication with the main MBC Admissions office to assist with planning.

Step 3. Final acceptance into Mary Baldwin College is contingent on the completion of an appropriate Associate Degree from BRCC with a minimum curriculum-specific GPA of 2.50. Upon graduation from BRCC, the achievement of the minimum GPA will be verified by an on-campus MBC admissions

counselor or Mary Baldwin College ADP faculty advisor, at which point final acceptance will be granted or denied.

BRCC students seeking admission into the residential college for women under the Guaranteed Admission Agreement need to submit an application to the MBC Office of Admissions by April 1 for the ensuing fall semester, or by November 15 for the ensuing spring. They must also arrange for official transcript copies to be sent to MBC from both BRCC and all other colleges/universities previously attended.

Students seeking admission into the Adult Degree Program need to submit an application to the MBC/ADP office at BRCC by July 31 for the fall semester, by November 30 for the spring semester, or by April 30 for the summer term. They must also arrange for official transcript copies to be sent to MBC from BRCC and all other colleges/universities previously attended.

Each accepted GAA student will work with an assigned a Mary Baldwin faculty advisor and will develop an approved degree plan, made up of General Education requirements, a major page, and, if applicable, a teacher licensure plan. Once the approved degree plan is developed, Mary Baldwin College guarantees that program requirements will not change, as long as the student is continuously enrolled at BRCC or MBC, and the student does not change majors. A student may declare or change her or his prospective academic major/minor at Mary Baldwin College only in consultation with the MBC faculty advisor to whom s/he has been assigned.

In addition, GAA students must obtain a minimum grade of “C” in each BRCC course they wish to transfer to Mary Baldwin. (A grade of “D” or “P” does not warrant transfer credit.)

Eligibility

The MBC adult program is open to both men and women, while the residential college is open only to women. Students who have previously been on academic probation or suspension at MBC are not eligible for the GAA.

Benefits to Blue Ridge Community College Students

1. BRCC students accepted under the Guaranteed Admission Agreement may orient immediately and have their program plan guaranteed under the MBC catalog in effect at the time of their enrollment in the GAA, as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment under GAA. The catalog of entry will be considered the catalog of record with respect to graduation requirements at MBC, provided an approved Degree Plan is on file with the MBC faculty advisor.
2. MBC waives its application fee for GAA students.
3. Transfer students will qualify for financial opportunities at MBC.
4. With respect to academic standards and requirements, GAA students are accorded all the same rights and privileges as native Mary Baldwin College students.
5. GAA students will receive regular information from MBC, including program announcements and invitations to student events.
6. GAA students will have the guidance of an on-site Mary Baldwin faculty advisor (for ADP students) or communications with the main admissions office (for rcw students)

in selecting those courses that satisfy Mary Baldwin requirements and, if applicable, the appropriate level(s) of Teacher Licensure.

Responsibilities of the Partnering Institutions

Blue Ridge Community College will:

1. Provide counseling to facilitate identifying and supporting students interested in the Guaranteed Admission Agreement.
2. Guarantee that all courses approved for each individual program of study designed under the GAA will be applicable to one of three approved associate degree programs at BRCC.
3. Distribute current curriculum information (MBC/BRCC Transfer Tips), Mary Baldwin College/GAA materials, and other information as needed to BRCC students enrolled in one of the approved associate degree programs.
4. Refer each BRCC student interested in the GAA to a Mary Baldwin residential college admissions counselor or the on-site ADP faculty advisor, as appropriate.

Mary Baldwin College will:

1. Provide for distribution of Mary Baldwin College/GAA application forms (both residential and ADP), transfer guides, and current MBC catalogs to interested students.
2. Provide current MBC curriculum requirements and advance notification of any impending changes in General Education, major, minor, and/or Teacher Licensure requirements to GAA students.
3. Approve each GAA applicant’s Degree Plan (normally prior to orientation and enrollment at Mary Baldwin College), and any appropriate subsequent changes, in a timely manner
4. Assist students who request GAA program changes and forward the appropriate changes to a Mary Baldwin admissions counselor (for residential students) or faculty advisor (for ADP students), for approval.
5. Provide current MBC information to all GAA students with regard to course, registration, deadlines, tuition and fee payments, and available financial aid.
6. Provide residential program GAA students current information on room and board, including residence hall and judicial board policies.

Approvals

Approval granted by:

James Perkins, President
Blue Ridge Community College

Pamela Fox, President
Mary Baldwin College

Date

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