

Routing Form
Bloomsburg University Agreements – Division of SEM

Date: Nov. 30, 2020

Enclosed please find 2 originals of an agreement between Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Valley Forge Military College.

Kindly review and sign these documents. Please forward to the next office for processing as outlined below:

1. Review, approval and signature: Provost/VP Academic Affairs – Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson.
2. Review, approval and signature: President, Bloomsburg University – Dr. Bashar Hanna
3. Return all signed originals to: Billie Botsford, Enrollment Mgmt., 223 Greenly Center

Signed originals will be sent by our office to PASSHE legal for final approval and signature. Agreements must be completely executed by all parties at the university level prior to forwarding to university legal counsel. Counsel must be the last person to sign the contract.

Bloomsburg University will keep one fully-executed original agreement, the other will be sent to the partner institution.

Thank you for your attention to this request.



GUARANTEED PROGRAM-to-PROGRAM ADMISSION AGREEMENT

Between

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

and

VALLEY FORGE MILITARY COLLEGE

For

Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership Degree Program

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NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises hereinafter expressed and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

1. INTRODUCTION

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1. To demonstrate the establishment of a seamless Guaranteed Program to Program Admissions Agreement that involves the participating college and a 4-year Bachelor Degree granting institution.
2. To enable qualified graduates of Valley Forge Military College to build upon their education and training by earning a baccalaureate degree.
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5. To ensure recognition of the continuity of academic progress and transferability of credits between two year and four-year programs.

B. PROCEDURES

Valley Forge Military College (hereinafter referred to as "VFMC") agrees to publicize this Guaranteed Program to Program Admissions Agreement to prospective students on VFMC's Transfer webpage, as part of regular student recruitment, and inform qualified students matriculating at VFMC of the opportunity for admission to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as "BU") under the terms of this Agreement.

The following items are the responsibility of students participating in this guaranteed admissions program:

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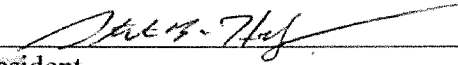
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4. Each Party will identify an appropriate contact person who will monitor compliance with the terms of this Agreement.
5. The term of this Agreement shall be five years commencing when all applicable signatures are obtained.

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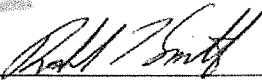
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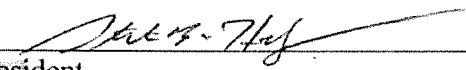
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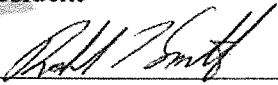
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