

## **AIMS Higher Agreement with UVA-Wise**

**The purpose of this agreement is to create an educational partnership that produces a dual-admission agreement for students who enter MECC as AIMS Higher scholarship recipients and who later wish to transfer to UVA-Wise to pursue and complete a four-year degree.**

- Applies to residents of Lee, Scott, Wise, and Dickenson Counties, and the City of Norton who begin their college enrollment as students at MECC
- Does not imply or guarantee admission to specific programs at UVA-Wise (education, nursing, and other programs)
- Requires students at MECC to meet and maintain eligibility for the AIMS Higher Program
- Applies only to associates degree in a college/university transfer program (Does not include AAS programs)
- Includes tuition assistance not available to other transfer students at UVA-Wise
- Will receive a UVA-Wise email address
- May pay the annual usage fee to receive a UVA-Wise CAVS card
- May use the John C. Wylie Library
- Requires completion of 20 hours of community service each year of enrollment at MECC and UVA-Wise
- Will be assigned an academic advisor at UVA-Wise while attending MECC
- Will be assigned a UVA-Wise student mentor
- Offers admission to UVA-Wise for the appropriate semester that follows completion of the associate's degree program at MECC
  - Must demonstrate full-time enrollment at MECC
  - Must complete coursework within 3 years at MECC
  - Must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and not earn a grade below "C"
  - Must remain in good standing while enrolled at MECC
  - Must participate in all required program events of the AIMS Agreement

The MECC AIMS Higher graduate who transfers under this agreement....

- Will not be required to apply for admission at UVA-Wise (must complete updated In-State Tuition Form)
- Will not be required to pay the UVA-Wise application fee
- Will pay no tuition at UVA-Wise (Federal financial aid, other grants or scholarships will reduce the amount of AIMS Higher scholarship)
- Will pay student fees required of UVA-Wise students
- Will be deemed to have met general education requirements at UVA-Wise (except for foreign language, unless taken at MECC)
- Will be granted junior class standing and may receive up to a total of 62 hours of transfer credit
- Will be allowed priority registration over other transfer students

While enrolled at UVA-Wise,

- Financial benefits will be in effect for up to three years after transfer,

- Participants must maintain consecutive enrollment and be full-time during each fall and spring semesters, (the program covers summer school), and
- Participants must demonstrate sound character and be in good standing at UVa-Wise

*Source: Partnership Agreement, 4/27/07*