



2020 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS TO UVM FOR VERMONTERS

The University of Vermont is committed to access, affordability, and student success and offers a variety of entry points and opportunities that align with the educational needs and goals of Vermonters.

DIRECT ADMISSION

UVM encourages applications for direct entry from a wide range of students from across the state and who will bring with them a diversity of backgrounds. UVM uses a holistic admissions review process that considers not only grades and standardized test results, but also trends in performance, the rigor of an applicant's academic program, extracurricular activities, special interests or abilities, goals, and teacher or high school counselor recommendations.

The university offers financial aid awards for students with demonstrated need, as well as scholarship awards recognizing academic achievements. UVM's Catamount Commitment means that lower-income Vermonters who are Pell-eligible receive federal, state, and institutional grants and scholarships covering the full four-year cost of tuition and comprehensive fees, as well as a waiver of the university acceptance fee. The Green and Gold Scholarship provides full tuition for the top academic achievers from each Vermont high school, and other special scholarships, like the Justin Morrill scholarship, offer Vermonters additional tuition assistance.

COLLABORATION WITH OUR VERMONT STATE COLLEGE PARTNERS

In recent years, UVM has collaborated with the Community College of Vermont (CCV) and the Vermont Technical College (VTC) to expand transfer pathways into every UVM school and college. These efforts reflect UVM's larger commitment to increasing access to a range of higher education opportunities that meet the needs of Vermonters.

CCV and VTC Pathways to UVM Programs (2+2)

The connections between the Vermont State College (VSC) system and UVM can be seen most clearly in the range of 2+2 arrangements established with CCV and VTC. These programs allow students to map a clear pathway to a UVM bachelor's degree from the moment they start at CCV or VTC, with guaranteed admission to UVM for qualified students. With this pathway, CCV and VTC graduates can enroll at UVM as juniors in a range of programs in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Grossman School of Business, and the College of Education and Social Services. New pathways are also being finalized that will allow students to pursue any of an additional 19 pre-professional or liberal arts majors, including opportunities in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Program participants with a grade point average of 2.8 or higher will receive up to a \$10,000 scholarship to UVM (\$2,500 per semester for four semesters).

For students who start at CCV or VTC but ultimately decide they want to pursue a four-year degree in programs offered only by UVM, such as programs in engineering or in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, we have collaborated with CCV and VTC to offer guaranteed admission pathways.

The RN to BS in Nursing program is an excellent example of collaboration between UVM and VSC, offering students the chance to extend the RN degree they receive from VTC to the BS credential offered by UVM. Like other relationships with VSC, the RN to BS program increases access to advancement by combining the flexibility, small program size, and affordability of a VSC credential with the additional training and increased earning potential of a UVM Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Ultimately, these pathway programs are designed to promote the transfer of associate's degree graduates from CCV or VTC to UVM.

Catamount Enrichment Learning Community

The Catamount Enrichment Learning Community includes several programs that provide access to UVM classes for non-degree students and, ultimately, admission to UVM degree programs: Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP), Spring Start, Catamount Enrichment Learning Community Online, and Pre-college programs.

GAP offers online and on-campus courses for high school graduates, non-traditional students, and veterans seeking a one-year pathway to UVM. Students who maintain a 2.7 average after completing at least 18 of those credits have clear entry pathways into six of UVM's seven undergraduate colleges.

Spring Start at UVM allows first year students to enroll in a pre-college Fall hybrid program featuring online and on-campus courses with a residential housing component. Learning support services are embedded in these classes with other community engagement activities.

The new Catamount Enrichment Learning Community Online program is designed to prepare students for college life and beyond by building study skills including writing, mathematics, and time management as well as developing meaningful connections with other students and identifying valuable University resources.

Pre-college programs allow high school students to enroll in college courses at UVM while taking their high school courses. These programs include Dual Enrollment, Academically Talented High School, and Summer Academy.

Transfer Admission – Special Institutional Circumstances

The University of Vermont stands ready to support and assist institutions whose circumstances necessitate the transfer of students to other institutions. The university will offer an abbreviated transfer admissions process and accelerated financial aid packaging. Eligible students may also receive [transfer scholarships](#) to help offset the cost of UVM attendance.

SUMMARY

Our Vermont higher education ecosystem needs to provide a variety of options to meet the needs and interests of Vermonters—needs and interests that may change over time. UVM's commitment to affordability and access includes several pathways to a UVM undergraduate degree, including financial support for students choosing traditional direct enrollment, 2+2 pathways, guaranteed admissions options, and other opportunities to join one of our programs as a transfer student from a VSC institution. UVM is prepared to continue rich conversations with VSC partners to explore new initiatives that will continue to meet the needs of Vermonters.

This document is intended to provide an overview of the University's entry points; other restrictions and requirements may apply and can be found in the University of Vermont Catalogue.