Guaranteed Admission Agreement
between ECPI University and Thomas Nelson Community College
for the
BS Computer and Information Science with a major in Cyber Security and Network Security

I. Overview

ECPI University and Thomas Nelson Community College, recognizing the need to facilitate the admission of transfer students from Thomas Nelson Community College to ECPI University as they pursue a bachelor's degree in Information Technology, resolve to adopt a guaranteed admission agreement (GAA). Thomas Nelson Community College students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

Thomas Nelson Community College graduates who participate in this GAA will be able to complete a BS degree in an accelerated time frame (as long as the student is available to take two classes per term). They will also have access to career services advising.

II. Agreement

A. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission under this GAA, a Thomas Nelson Community College student must graduate with an associate's degree in Information Technology from Thomas Nelson Community College within five years of his/her application to ECPI University and meet all of the ECPI UNIVERSITY admission requirements below. These students are referred to as "GAA students." GAA students may also pursue additional credits for transfer from Thomas Nelson Community College's certificate programs in Cisco Networking and Cybersecurity for Enterprise.

To be admitted under the terms of this agreement, GAA students must:
  a. Complete an interview with an admissions representative.
  b. Submit official transcripts for all academic work completed including documentation of an earned associate's degree in Information Technology from Thomas Nelson Community College.
  c. Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in the associate's degree.
  d. Achieve a C or better in all courses applied to the degree and have completed all courses applied to the degree within the past ten years. No distinction will be made for courses earned through dual enrollment, Advanced Placement or CLEP.

Students who transfer from Thomas Nelson Community College through this program will receive a 20% reduction in per semester charge for full time registration. This does not include book or learning resource charges.

The ECPI University application fee for Thomas Nelson Community College students will be waived.

B. Summary of Transfer Credits

The ECPI University's Cyber Security BS degree program is 120 credit hours.

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Table 1. Table of Course Equivalency (Curriculum as of January 2017)

Thomas Nelson Community College
Information Technology, AS Degree

ECPI University
Cyber Security, BS Degree

Course Number	Course Title	Cr	Course Number	Course Title	Possible Crdts from TNCC to ECPI	Crdts taken at ECPI Only
			CORE CURRICULUM (28 hours required)			
BUS100	*Introduction to Business*	*3*	BUS121	Introduction to Business	3	
ITP100	Software Design	3	CIS126	Introduction to Programming	3	
			CIS142	Introduction to Cloud Solutions		3
ITN109	*Internet & Networking Fundamentals*	*3*	CIS150	Introduction to Networking	*3*	
ITN171	*Unix I*	*3*	CIS206	Linux Administration	*3*	
			CIS228 or CIS127	Service Desk Fundamentals OR Introduction to Scripting		3
ITN260	*Network Security Basics*	3	CIS212	Principles of Cybersecurity	*3*	
ITD130	*Database Fundamentals*	*3*	CIS223	Introduction to Databases	*3*	
			BUS472	Applied Project Management		3
			BUS472L	Applied Project Management LAB		1
				THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer	3	
				Additional THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer credits	15	
				To take at ECPI UNIVERSITY		10
			Arts and Sciences (31 hours required)			
	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	CAP480	Arts and Sciences Capstone	3	
CST100	Principles of Public Speaking	3	COM115	Principles of Communication	3	
ENG111	College Composition I	3	ENG110	College Composition	3	
ENG112	College Composition II	3	ENG120	Advanced Composition	3	
HUM	Humanities	3	HUM205	Culture and Diversity	3	
MTH 161	Precalculus I	3	MTH131	College Algebra	3	
MTH 245	Statistics	3	MTH140	Statistics	3	
Lab Sci	Lab Science	3	PHY120	Physics	3	
Lab Sci	Lab Science Lab	1	PHY120L	Physics LAB	1	
SOC	Social Science	3	PSY105	Introduction to Psychology	3	
SOC	Social Science	3	PSY220	Positive Psychology	3	
				THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer	31	
				To take at ECPI UNIVERSITY		
			Self- Integration (9 hours required)			
ITN106	*Microcomputer Operating Systems*	*3*	CIS106	Introduction to Operating Systems	3	
ITE120	Principles of Information Systems	3	CIS115	Computer Applications	*3*	
			COR090	Career Orientation Seminar	0	

SDV100/ ITE119	College Success Skills/Information Literacy	4	FOR110	Essentials for Success	3	
				Thomas Nelson Community College to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer	6	
				Additional THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer credits	3	
			Required Courses (37 hours required)			
ITN156 *Basic Switching and Routing*			CIS202	Network Routing and Switching	*3*	
		4	CIS202L	Network Routing and Switching LAB	*1*	
ITN 155	*Switching, Wireless, and WAN Technologies (ICND2)- CISCO*	4	CIS204	Intermediate Routing and Switching	*3*	
ITN157	*WAN Technologies*	4	CIS207L	Routing and Switching LAB	*1*	
ITN262	*Network Communication, Security and Authentication*	4	CIS225	Network Protocols and Services	*3*	
			CIS245	Windows Client and Server		3
			CIS245L	Windows Client and Server LAB		1
			CIS251	Advanced Windows Server		3
			CIS256	Windows Active Directory		3
			CIS256L	Windows Active Directory LAB		1
ITE221	PC Hardware and OS Architecture	3	EET250	Computer Configuration I	3	
			CIS321	Network Scripting		3
ITN261	*Network Attacks, Computer Crime and Hacking*	4	CIS403	Ethical Hacking	*3*	
			CIS425	Advanced Defense and Countermeasures		3
			CIS495 OR CIS490	Cyber and Network Security Capstone OR Bachelor's Externship - CIS		3
				THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer	3	
				Additional THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE to ECPI UNIVERSITY AS to BS Transfer credits	17	
				To take at ECPI UNIVERSITY		20
Elective Courses*			**Elective Courses (15 credit hours)**			
			CIS220	Storage Area Networks and Disaster Recovery		3
			CIS220L	Storage Area Networks and Disaster Recovery LAB		1
			CIS253	Network Virtualization Fundamentals		3
			CIS253L	Network Virtualization Fundamentals LAB		1
ITD110	*Web Page Design I*	3	CIS282	Web Interface Design	*3*	
			CIS305	Advanced Linux Administration		
			CIS311	Web Site Management		
			CIS311L	Web Site Management LAB		
			CIS328	Email Services		
			CIS353	Network Virtualization Administration		

			CIS353L	Network Virtualization Administration LAB		
			CIS410	Security Systems Administration		
			CIS425	Advanced Defense and Countermeasures		
			CIS425L	Advanced Defense and Countermeasures LAB		
			CIS427	Enterprise Network Security		
			CIS490	Bachelor's Externship - CIS		
			CIS491	Externship - CIS Sr. I - a (1 credit)		
			CIS492	Externship - CIS Sr. I - b (1 credit)		
			CIS493	Externship - CIS Sr. I - c (1 credit)		
			CIS494	Externship - CIS Sr. II (2 credit)		
			EET251	Computer Configuration II		
			EET251L	Computer Configuration II LAB		
			EET282	Wireless Security		
ITN263	Internet/Intranet Firewalls and E-Commerce Security	4	CISELE		3	
	HIS course	3		Elective Credits	3	
MTH261	Applied Calculus	3		Elective Credits	3	
	LAB Science	4		Elective Credits	4	

*A student can waive transfer for these courses in order to take additional technical ones.

Courses in **bold and italicized print** denote additional Thomas Nelson Community College technical and General Education courses that Thomas Nelson Community College students can transfer into ECPI University. For the technical courses, these can be used as the Transfer Elective listed on the Information Technology (340) Associate of Science Degree Planner. ITE119 and SDV100 are combined to meet the needs of FOR110. The IT AS degree also has additional 10 hours (MTH261, Lab Science, and HIS) that will come in as 10 hours of elective credits.

Note: Thomas Nelson Community College students can transfer a maximum of 80 credits into ECPI University's BS in Cyber Security (120 total credits).

C. Responsibilities of the Thomas Nelson Community College

1. Disseminate accurate information to Thomas Nelson Community College Information Technology program students regarding the general conditions of this agreement. Those provisions include the conditions for guaranteed admission to ECPI UNIVERSITY. This agreement will be posted on the Thomas Nelson Community College website as well as the Virginia Education Wizard, an online college planning site utilized by Thomas Nelson Community College students, faculty and staff.
2. Provide academic advising services to assist Thomas Nelson Community College students in choosing courses that will prepare them for their Information Technology major at ECPI University. The Thomas Nelson Community College will prepare faculty advisors and counselors to provide appropriate and accurate advising services related to students' plans to apply to ECPI University.

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3. Communicate with ECPI University representatives and the Computer Information Systems (CIS) Program Director to discuss proposed changes in the Thomas Nelson Community College program, which might impact or alter this agreement.

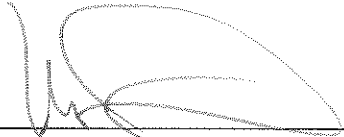## D. Responsibilities of ECPI University

1. Provide academic advising services to GAA students during the two terms prior to transfer to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to ECPI University.
2. Provide tracking data on performance of transfer students at ECPI University, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, ECPI University courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from ECPI University, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from Thomas Nelson Community College and ECPI University and provided by July 1 of each year.

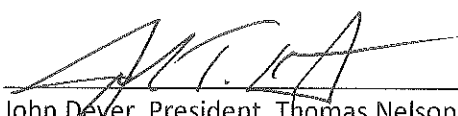## E. Responsibilities of the Student

1. Review and accept ECPI University policies and Information Technology -specific policies, if applicable, which are published in the ECPI UNIVERSITY official catalog.
2. Follow the ECPI University application and admission processes and timelines and apply through www.ECPI University.edu/ThomasNelsonCommunityCollege.

F. Review of the GAA

1. The Thomas Nelson Community College will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the Thomas Nelson Community College. ECPI University will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at ECPI UNIVERSITY.
    a. Representing ECPI University will be the University President or designees,
    b. Representing the Thomas Nelson Community College will be the College President or designees.
2. Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement shall be made only after consultation with an agreement among officials at both institutions. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA. A revised agreement will be signed by official at both institutions.
3. Both parties will communicate the conditions of the GAA to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents).
4. ECPI UNIVERSITY and Thomas Nelson Community College will review the GAA at a minimum of every three years and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provisions of the existing GAA.
5. The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice should be given at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination, and students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

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Mark Dreyfus, President, ECPI University

John Deyer, President, Thomas Nelson
Community College

January 2, 2019
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