



Memorandum of Understanding

Agreement between Vanguard University and incoming Bethany University Students

What can Vanguard offer Bethany students who transfer to Vanguard?

- Vanguard University has been named one of the top 10 baccalaureate colleges in the west for three successive years by *US News and World Report* and *Princeton Review*. Vanguard students express levels of satisfaction with their professors and academic programs that far exceed the satisfaction levels of students at other private universities nationally and in the west (*Student Satisfaction Inventory 2011*; Noel-Levitz). Vanguard students experience powerful professional preparation in an environment of academic excellence and spiritual vitality. You will find below a list of the outstanding academic programs offered at Vanguard.
- Vanguard's mission is to equip students for Spirit-empowered lives of Christ-centered leadership and service. The Vanguard community is uniquely equipped to bring the reality of the Gospel into the cultural milieu of California and the Pacific Rim.
- Generous academic scholarships are available to incoming transfer and freshman applicants. **Vanguard is committed to awarding a generous financial aid package to Bethany students for the 2011-12 academic year utilizing all available aid options.** Admissions counselors will be available for family financial aid consultations after financial aid packages are awarded.
- Different institutions award aid packages in different ways. Student and families should compare the overall package being offered at whatever institutions they might be considering and compare the financial costs and aid as well as the other benefits offered (location, spiritual vitality, academic program, faculty quality) when making a decision. Students and families should also consider whether the financial aid offered by a university is a special arrangement for one year only or whether it will be sustained throughout a student's time at the university. Vanguard's financial aid programs are not special one-year arrangements for Bethany students, but are consistent with Vanguard's regular financial aid regime and are continuously available. You can find examples comparing students' packages at Bethany and Vanguard below.
- Detailed tuition and cost information for Undergraduate Programs is available online at <http://financialaid.vanguard.edu/undergraduate/costs/>. Tuition (12-18 units of credit) is \$13,700 per semester. Upper-division on-campus dorms are \$2,300 per semester and the most commonly selected meal plan (15 meals per week) is \$2,075.

- Types of institutional financial aid at Vanguard are numerous:

Transfer academic scholarships range from \$3,000-10,000 annually based on entrance GPA and are renewable upon maintaining the renewable GPA.

Freshman academic scholarships range from \$7,000-12,000 annually based on entrance GPA and are renewable upon maintaining the renewable GPA. Additional criteria, including but not limited to, strong standardized test scores and/or National Merit recognition, may result in freshman academic scholarship eligibility being increased up to \$14,000 annually.

Merit aid in the form of academic scholarships, department talent scholarships, and ministry grants. Vanguard University awards need-based

Need-based aid in the form of Vanguard Need Grants based on Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) determined by the Department of Education based on FAFSA information.

Ministry grants of \$1,000 annually are available to those involved in full-time Christian service as ordained or licensed ministers and missionaries, or their dependents.

International students attending Vanguard University are eligible for department talent scholarships. However, at this time in the recruitment cycle, limited funds are available. International students are not eligible for academic scholarships.

Athletic scholarships: If space is still available on a Vanguard team and if a Bethany University student tries out for the team and is selected, Vanguard will determine whether athletic aid is available. At this stage, most athletic aid has been distributed, but a small amount of athletic aid remains to be awarded. Bethany University student-athletes who are interested in exploring the possibility of playing for a varsity team at Vanguard University should contact Athletic Director Bob Wilson at bwilson@vanguard.edu.

- All of the above mentioned forms of institutional aid are considered “gift” aid and do not require repayment. Detailed academic scholarship and ministry grant information is available online at www.vanguard.edu/bethany.
- Vanguard’s average institutional aid package is \$8,397. Vanguard’s average aid packaging including institutional, State and Federal aid is \$18,175. A student from Bethany will be eligible for substantial financial aid from Vanguard, and that eligibility will continue throughout their years at Vanguard. However, there is no guarantee that the total amount a student pays at Vanguard will be the same as what they would have paid at Bethany. Net tuition will be determined on an individualized basis.
- International students attending Vanguard University are eligible for talent (departmental) scholarships (e.g., athletics, music, theatre, and forensics). However, at

this time in the recruitment cycle, limited funds are available. International students are not eligible for academic scholarships.

- Bethany University students accepted for admission to undergraduate programs at Vanguard University will be charged a reduced enrollment deposit of \$125 to secure a seat in the class. The regular enrollment deposit is \$400.
- Bethany University students who meet the admission criteria for the School for Professional Studies, which is designed for working professionals with at least five years of work experience, may apply to transfer into one of the listed programs above. School for Professional Studies offers lower tuition than the traditional undergraduate program: \$325 for general education units; \$450 for major units (except for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing which is \$515 per unit).

How many of a Bethany student's units will transfer to Vanguard?

- Vanguard University will apply as many units as possible from Bethany University toward completion of a degree program at Vanguard. Our expectation is that we will be able to transfer virtually all Bethany units to Vanguard.
- The Dean of the College at Vanguard will work with department chairs to assist Bethany students to the greatest extent possible to complete their Vanguard degrees within the same number of semesters as they would have needed to complete their Bethany degrees.
- Vanguard University will offer students a 48 business hour turnaround on transcript evaluations so that students can know as quickly as possible how many units they will need in order to complete a degree at Vanguard.
- Vanguard University will accept transfer units that have been earned by Bethany students at other institutions (accredited or non-accredited) and transcribed by Bethany according to their transfer policies and articulation agreements.
- Vanguard University's transfer policies require that students complete a minimum of 24 of the last 30 units and at least one-half of an academic major at Vanguard. However, given the extenuating circumstances surrounding the closure of Bethany University, Vanguard will consider making exceptions for Bethany students only. For example, if a Bethany senior has only one semester of coursework remaining, Vanguard will consider waiving the policy above in order that this Bethany student may complete their degree

within one semester. This determination will be made by the Dean of the College in dialogue with the Registrar and the department chair.

- Vanguard University's transfer policy states that "Transfer students who have not fully met the core curriculum requirements of Vanguard University may be allowed to satisfy these deficiencies by substituting similar courses from those that were accepted. The Registrar will make such determinations." In the case of Bethany students, and given the unique circumstances, Vanguard will offer maximum latitude to the Registrar, in collaboration with the Dean of the College, to recognize all general education courses from Bethany University to meet the core curriculum requirements of Vanguard University. Credit for courses receiving less than a grade of "C-" will not transfer, unless specifically approved for a Bethany transfer by the Dean of the College. Transfer evaluations will be overseen by the Dean of the College in collaboration with department chairs and the university Registrar.

How does a Bethany student apply to Vanguard?

Bethany University students are encouraged to start the application process by **July 1, 2011 or soon thereafter**. The application and admission requirements are available online at www.vanguard.edu/bethany. The \$45 application fee will be waived for all Bethany University students.

For additional information please contact:

admissions@vanguard.edu

800.722.6279 Toll-free

714.966.5400 Phone

714.966.5471 Fax

Unofficial transcript(s) of all college work must be submitted to Undergraduate Admissions for admission consideration. Upon acceptance, official final transcript(s) must be sent to Vanguard University no later than **August 1, 2011**. If transferring less than sixty (60) units, an official final high school transcript is required, but not necessary for initial application review.

What if you are a graduate student?

- Detailed tuition and cost information for Graduate Programs is available online at <http://financialaid.vanguard.edu/graduate/costs/>. Tuition for graduate programs are as follows:
 - o Graduate Education: \$479 per unit

- Graduate Religion: \$426 per unit
 - Graduate Psychology: \$687 per unit
- Vanguard offers an approved single-subject, and multiple-subject California teaching credential programs. The Vanguard University Graduate Education program is currently exploring with the Bethany Graduate Education program and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing the possibility of having Bethany student teachers complete their student teaching in their current schools under the supervision of a Bethany professor contracted with Vanguard University.
 - The Director of the Graduate Clinical Psychology program at Vanguard University is currently in dialogue with the Director of Graduate Psychology at Bethany about possible opportunities for transfer for Bethany's graduate psychology students.

What if you are an online student?

- Vanguard offers a variety of online courses in the School for Professional Studies, primarily in general education. At this time, Vanguard does not offer degree programs online, but has received preliminary approval from WASC to offer a B.A. in Early Childhood Education online beginning January 2012. Vanguard's Director of Online Learning is currently in dialogue with the online director at Bethany about other possible ways in which Vanguard might serve Bethany's online students.

What academic programs does Vanguard offer?

Undergraduate Programs:

- Accounting
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Biology (with emphases in Botany and Ecology, Education, Neuroscience or Pre-Medical Studies)
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Communication (with concentrations in Communication Studies or Cinema/Digital Media)
- Cultural Anthropology
- English (with emphases in Literature and Textual Analysis or Writing)
- History/Political Science
- International Business
- Kinesiology

- Liberal Studies (with multiple emphases)
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Music (with emphases in Music Education, Music Ministry, or Performance)
- Music and Worship Arts
- Psychology
- Religion (with concentration in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Leadership Studies)
- Sociology
- Theatre (with concentrations in Performance/Directing, Technical/Design, or Musical Theatre)

School for Professional Studies Programs:

- Business (with concentrations in Information Technology and Organizational Management)
- Psychology (concentration in Human Development)
- Religion (concentration in Ministry and Leadership)
- Nursing (Bachelor of Science in Nursing for students who already hold the RN)
- A fifth major, Early Childhood Education, has received preliminary approval by WASC, subject to Commission approval, and is projected to begin in January 2012. This major will be offered online.

Graduate Programs:

- Master of Arts in Education (including single and multiple-subject California teacher credentialing programs)
- Master of Science in Clinical Psychology
- Master of Arts in Leadership Studies
- Master of Theological Studies

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