

TRANSFER PLANNING TIPS

Admission Criteria

- Know the minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) for admission to the university itself. Certain majors & competitive programs may require a higher GPA.
- You may be able to transfer with fewer than the stated number of completed college credits, but will then need to meet freshman admission requirements.



Applying

- Observe the published submission deadlines for the semester you want to transfer. **Plan ahead – you can often begin your application a year in advance of when you transfer.**
- Is a separate application and deadline required for your major? This is often the case for Education, Social Work, Nursing or health-related programs.
- A “completed application” and admission decision dates vary and may depend on submitting transcripts, an essay, recommendation letters, portfolio or having an audition.

Application Fees

- Many schools have no application fee at all – this is becoming more common! Or they offer discounts in the fall prior to your transfer term.
- Fee waivers may be available for TRIO students, active military, veterans, and other student populations. Waivers may be available based on your income level, or simply by asking. Ask your advisor or college rep if you qualify for a fee waiver.



Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Many schools automatically determine your funding package based only on your transfer admission application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)). **Plan to complete both of these applications well before a school’s deadline** to receive full consideration for scholarships and other financial aid.
- Schools vary on whether they require an additional application to be considered for aid and scholarships from the school or even from your major department. **Definitely ask, and meet the deadlines!**