College Transfer

STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL TRANSFER

Explore Colleges: Identify what is important to you when transferring. Is it location, majors offered, cost of tuition, size of school? Browse various school websites, follow them on social media and begin to narrow down your options.

Talk with college recruiters: Attend one of the several EACC transfer fairs or college recruiter days held each spring and fall semester to talk with a recruiter.

Consult your current advisor: Meet with your EACC advisor throughout the process to make sure you are on the correct degree path.

- Complete an EACC degree check sheet to stay on track https://www.eacc.edu/pages?id=260
- Review <u>www.adhe.edu</u> for the ACTS course transfer system or specific transfer equivalency guides that can be found on most college websites.
- Check for 2+2 articulation and transfer agreements between EACC and various 4 year institutions to help make your decision easier.

Visit prospective campuses: Visiting the campus can help you decide if a college is the right "fit" for you.

- Schedule your visit with an admissions advisor or the recruitment office or attend an EACC sponsored transfer visit.
- If there is time during the visit, bring a copy of your transcript to review your degree plan
- Collect contact information for admissions reps and campus resources such as the financial aid office, admissions office, counseling center etc.

APPLY: Submit an online application to the college(s) you chose. Pay the application fee. Submit your immunization record and request ALL past transcripts (high school/GED and college) to be sent to your college(s) of choice. <u>Remember your passwords and your student ID</u>.

Apply for financial aid: Complete the application at <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> and check with your EACC advisor and your transfer college website for scholarships, including transfer student scholarships. *If you receive benefits from VA, Workforce, AR Rehabilitation Services etc., complete necessary paperwork and stay in contact with your case worker through this process.

Activate your college account: As soon as possible after applying, activate your transfer school account. This will put you "in the loop" and allow you to receive school information and correspond with various departments within the college. *Watch your email and/or student page for your billing statement: set up a payment plan and make your payments ON TIME!

Living on campus? Complete a housing application ASAP and pay any deposits needed. Campus housing fills up fast, so do this soon! You can also explore off campus housing options.

Look out for your acceptance letter: If you do not receive an acceptance letter within a few weeks, follow up with the school to see if there is an issue within your application process.

Register EARLY: Meet with your advisor early and be sure you are cleared for registration as soon as it opens. Early registration is essential to get first chance at the classes you want.

Attend New Student Orientation: Attending this will help you make the best transition from community college to 4 year institution.

Engage on campus: There will be a "Welcome Week" of some sort during the first few days/weeks of the semester. Visit any information booths set up to learn of school events, clubs and resources. Make the most of your campus experience by getting involved. Utilize any resources, such as career services, health clinics and counseling centers, which are available to

students! Congratulations on transferring!

"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you." -B.B. King

