The Community College Route

To The Four-Year CSU Degree

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Why the Transfer Route?

Any student can benefit from starting his or her path to a public-four year degree at a California Community College

- Undecided on academic or career goals
- Have not met requirements for freshman admission
- Second chance at first choice four year institution
- Are not ready or able to leave home, there is a CCC near you!
- Want the affordability of community colleges
- Want additional academic preparation or exploration in specific academic areas
- Typically smaller class sizes
- **Students who do transfer do very well at the CSU**
Fueling California’s Workforce
CCC graduates and certificate earners:

*Keep you safe ~*  
80% of firefighters, EMTs and police officers are trained at our colleges

*Keep you healthy ~*  
70% of California nurses are educated at community colleges

*Innovate ~*  
48% of UC bachelor’s degree holders in STEM majors transferred from a community college
Why the Transfer Route?

Significant Saving in Completing 50% of the Bachelor’s Degree at the CCC

$46 a credit unit at the CCC

60-70 Semester Units transferable units

General Education CSU-GE Breadth or IGETC + Lower-Division Major Coursework
Transfer Student Behavior

Students Frequently

1. Attend Multiple Community Colleges
   *(AKA SWIRLING or GeoMobility)*

2. Work Full-Time or Part-Time

3. Stop In or Stop Out

4. Transfer Locally (Place-bound)
Choice of coursework at CCC is very important

- Students complete General Education (Obtain CCC GE certification)
- Students attempt to complete at least 18 sem. units of their lower-division major coursework
  - Critical to admission in many transfer majors

As with freshmen applicants:

- Transfers must meet minimum eligibility at CSU/UC
- Some campuses are more selective in their admission process
Student Should be Aware of the CSU Entrance Requirements for Their Intended Major:

- What is the minimum GPA for the preferred campus and/or major?
- Is their preferred campus impacted?
- Is their preferred major an impacted program?

- How much of the general education (GE) and the major preparation should the student complete before transferring?
CSU Minimum eligibility requirements for transfer

- **Upper-Division Transfer**
  - 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable coursework

- **Lower-Division Transfer**
  - Minimum grade point average of 2.0 or better in transferable coursework attempted

- Completion of the **CSU General Education requirements** in at least the four basic subjects (Golden Four):
  - Oral Communications
  - Written Communications
  - Critical Thinking
  - Quantitative Reasoning

- Good standing at the last institution attended
The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (STAR Act) aka The Associate Degrees for Transfer includes:

- 60 semester units/90 quarter units of coursework including General Education (CSU GE-Breadth or CSU-IGETC)
- 18 semester unit/27 quarter units of lower division coursework (defined by the CCC)
- No additional local graduation requirements required

The Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) degrees includes 36 popular majors to choose from, which cover 91% of the students transferring.

For more information visit www.ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com
Advantages to Pursuing this Transfer Pathway:

• Allows a student at the CCC to earn an Associate Degrees (AA-T/AS-T) while preparing for transfer to the California State University

• Clear Roadmap to lower-division coursework, eliminating unnecessary units

• Guaranteed priority admission consideration at the CSU

• Admission with Junior status

• Guarantee of completion with no more than 60 sem. units when admitted to a “Similar” CSU degree program.

Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (STAR Act / SB 1440)
Transfer is a Partnership

High Schools

Community Colleges

California State University
Student should be advised to:

• Work closely with their CCC counselors, transfer center staff and CSU counselors to develop a transfer plan early

• Develop, then follow, a plan, but update it regularly

• ASSIST (assist.org) is helpful but no substitute for personal academic advisement

• Review the admission and program information on the website of the CSU or UC campuses you are interested in transferring to.
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Tips for Transfer Success in CCC

If possible, attend full time, work part time

Four strong predictors for success:

1. full-time enrollment
2. continuous enrollment
3. work no more than 15 hours per week
4. complete transfer level English and math in first year of college

Helps to utilize financial aid efficiently

- Consult financial aid staff at your college for expert advice on grants, loans and scholarships
‘Best Advice’ for High School Students

#1 Improve college readiness:

Students should take rigorous college preparation courses throughout high school

- Take math all four years in high school
- Take advantage of the early assessments programs while in High School
- Community college assessment/placement exams

Students should consider concurrent enrollment opportunities which enable students to experience college while in high school

Students should consider taking advantage of community college summer sessions following high school graduation
‘Best Advice’ for High School Students

#2 Research their options

- Not all CCCs offer the same programs or opportunities
- Some CCCs offer more transferable courses in a major(s)
  - Explore colleges and majors at www.californiacommunitycolleges.edu

#3 Enroll in community college on time!

- Spaces available, enrollment is flat or slightly down
- The CCC admission process has several steps that should be completed early in the spring semester of 12th grade in order to register for classes when summer/fall registrations begins in late April or May
Steps for Enrolling at a California Community College

Advise your students on the CCC admission & enrollment steps:

• Apply online at www.CCCApply.org
• Schedule and take the assessment exams at the community college
• Attend the college’s new student orientation session
• Apply for financial aid prior to the March deadline (www.fafsa.gov) & Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW)
• Meet with a CCC counselor to schedule first semester classes
• Register for classes and pay registration fees on time
• Meet with a CCC counselor to create a long-term educational plan
Welcome to the new CCCApply.org. Choose a college, and you will be routed to the college's website for complete instructions to apply for admission online.

If you started an application from our previous website, or have a CCCApply email account, you can log into your account here, or log in by choosing to apply on the college's website.
Counselor Best Practices

- Starting in 9th grade
  - Include CCC and transfer information in student general college-going presentations
  - Ensure students are aware of academic expectations in CCC and transfer opportunities and requirements

- In High School:
  - Provide introduction to the transfer process workshops
  - Provide awareness of the enrollment timeline and matriculation process for CCC
  - Invite CCC representatives to speak with students
www.calstate.edu/transfer
www.calstate.edu/transfer/degrees
www.CCCApply.org
www.CSUMentor.edu
www.assist.org
www.ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com
www.ccctransfer.org (Intended for Counselors Only)
www.whodouwant2becom
www.icanaffordcollege.com