



# PATHWAY PRESS

Office of Transfer Pathways Monthly Newsletter

TO OUR 2024 GRADUATING CLASS: WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND SEE YOU ALL AT GRADUATION!



Join the Office of Transfer Pathways & Student Life and Leadership as we celebrate our graduating class of 2024!! During this event our graduates will sign a banner to show their commitment to transfer and continue their education.



CELEBRATING OUR  
**CLASS OF 2024**

Wednesday, May 8  
12 PM- 2 PM

JSQ, G Building, Student Lounge, 1st Floor



Join us for an unforgettable celebration as we honor the remarkable achievements of our graduating Class of 2024! The Office of Transfer Pathways, in partnership with the Office of Student Life and Leadership, invites you to mark this significant milestone alongside our graduates.

At this special event, our graduates will have the opportunity to participate in a meaningful tradition by signing a banner, symbolizing their dedication to their educational journey beyond community college. Whether they're transferring to a four-year institution, completing a certification program, or pursuing any other form of higher education, this moment encapsulates their commitment and ambition.

Together, let's rally behind our graduates, showing unwavering support for their perseverance and determination in pursuing their dreams. It's a day to celebrate not only their academic accomplishments but also their resilience and tenacity in the face of challenges. Join us in congratulating the Class of 2024 and wishing them success in all their future endeavors!

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**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
*Hudson is Home!*

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Hudson County Community College provides its diverse communities with inclusive, high-quality educational programs and services that promote student success and upward social and economic mobility.

# HCCC & Felician University Transfer Agreements



Felician University is a private, Catholic liberal arts institution located in Lodi, New Jersey. With a rich history dating back to 1942, Felician University offers a diverse range of undergraduate and graduate programs across various disciplines. The university is known for its commitment to providing a holistic education that combines academic excellence with ethical values and service to others. Felician University fosters a close-knit community where students can engage in meaningful learning experiences, participate in service initiatives, and develop their leadership skills. With a supportive faculty and a vibrant campus life, Felician University aims to empower students to become compassionate and knowledgeable individuals who can make a positive impact in their communities and the world at large.

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Listed below are the most common types of transfer agreements and how each of them works.

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned academic advisor.

HCCC Major	Bachelor Program	Type of Agreement
Accounting, AS	BS in Accounting Master in Business Administration (optional)	Articulation
Business Administration, AS	B.S. Business Administration Program Master in Business Administration (optional)	Articulation



## FACT

Felician University is that the campus is situated in a beautiful suburban area just outside of New York City, offering the best of both worlds: a serene campus environment conducive to studying and easy access to the vibrant cultural and professional opportunities of the nearby city.

# Transfer without Agreement

Are you considering transferring from a community college to a four-year institution that doesn't have an official articulation agreement in place? While articulation agreements can simplify the transfer process, they are not the only path to successfully transferring to your desired university. Here's a guide on how to navigate the transfer process effectively:

## Research the Transfer Policies:

Start by researching the transfer policies of the college you're interested in. Most universities have a dedicated webpage for transfer students where they outline their admission requirements, application deadlines, and credit transfer policies. This will give you a clear idea of what the university expects from transfer applicants.

## Course Equivalency:

Although there might not be an official articulation agreement, you can still compare the courses you've taken at the community college with the ones offered at the university. Check the university's course catalog to find courses that are like those you've completed. This can help demonstrate that you've covered the necessary prerequisites.

## Meet with Academic Advisors:

Make an appointment with academic advisors at both your community college and the university you're interested in transferring to. Discuss your plans, share your academic history, and ask for advice on how to make your transfer successful. They can provide guidance on course selection and ensure you're on the right track.

## Maintain Strong Grades:

A solid academic record is crucial for successful transfer, especially when there's no articulation agreement in place. Maintain a strong GPA and strive for excellence in your courses. Universities often prioritize transfer applicants who have demonstrated their academic potential.

## Flexibility in Electives:

Be prepared to potentially retake some courses or fulfill elective requirements that weren't directly covered in your community college curriculum. This flexibility will show your commitment to meeting the university's academic standards.

## Transfer Scholarships and Aid:

Check if the university offers transfer scholarships or financial aid opportunities. Even without an articulation agreement, some universities have specific awards for transfer students. Explore these options to ease the financial burden of transferring.

## Be Patient and Persistent:

Transferring can be a complex process, especially without an articulation agreement. Be patient and prepared for potential challenges. If you face any roadblocks, reach out to admissions representatives for clarification and guidance.

## Attend Transfer Events:

Many universities host transfer information sessions or events. Attending these can provide you with valuable insights into the transfer process and allow you to connect with university representatives.

Remember, while articulation agreements can streamline the transfer process, they are not the only path to success. By researching, preparing, and demonstrating your commitment, you can increase your chances of a smooth transfer to a college without an existing agreement.

# Transfer Student Timeline

The transfer student timeline is a comprehensive guide that outlines the various stages and key milestones a student typically experiences when transitioning to a new educational institution. This timeline serves as a valuable resource for transfer students, providing them with a clear understanding of what to expect during their journey. Whether you are considering transferring or have already embarked on this path, this timeline will serve as a valuable roadmap to ensure a smooth and successful transition to your new educational destination.

## Early Stages (0-15 credits):

- **Research:** Start researching potential transfer universities and their transfer requirements, including GPA, prerequisite courses, and application deadlines. Consider factors such as location, program offerings, and financial aid options.
- **Academic Advising:** Meet with an academic advisor at the college to discuss your transfer goals. They can guide you on the appropriate courses to take and ensure you are on track to meet transfer requirements.
- **General Education Courses:** Focus on completing your general education requirements, as these are typically transferable to most universities. Consult with your advisor to determine which courses fulfill these requirements.

## Mid-Stages (15-30 credits):

- **Target Schools & Career Services:** Narrow down your list of potential transfer universities based on your research and personal preferences. Visit their websites and attend transfer information sessions or college fairs to gather more information. Additionally, reach out to your community college's career services department for guidance on how your academic choices align with your long-term career goals. They can provide insights into which universities offer programs that best match your desired career path.
- **Major Exploration:** If you have an idea of your intended major, start exploring the prerequisite courses required by your target universities. Ensure that you are taking the necessary courses at your community college.
- **Maintain GPA:** Aim to maintain a competitive GPA, as many universities have minimum GPA requirements for transfer students. Strive for a GPA above the minimum requirement to enhance your chances of acceptance.

## Preparing for Transfer (30-45 credits):

- **Transfer Agreements:** Check if your community college has any transfer agreements or articulation agreements with specific universities. These agreements outline the courses that will transfer and fulfill major requirements at the receiving institution.
- **Visit Transfer Offices:** Visit the Transfer Pathways office at the college and the universities you are interested in to seek guidance and ensure you are on track. They can provide information on transfer scholarships, housing options, and other resources. Additionally, check in with your academic advisor during this stage to discuss your progress, ensure you're meeting the necessary academic requirements, and get their input on your transfer plans.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Engage in extracurricular activities, such as clubs or volunteer work, to enhance your transfer application. These activities demonstrate your involvement and commitment outside of academics.

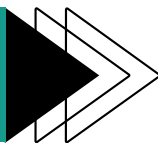
## Application and Final Stages (45-60 credits):

- **Application Deadlines:** Be aware of transfer application deadlines for your target universities. Start working on your application well in advance to ensure you have enough time to gather necessary documents, such as transcripts and recommendation letters.
- **Personal Statement:** Begin drafting your personal statement, highlighting your academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and reasons for transferring. Seek feedback from advisors, professors, or mentors to strengthen your statement.
- **Financial Aid:** Research and apply for financial aid and scholarships specific to transfer students. Contact the financial aid offices at both your community college and the transfer universities to explore your options.
- **Check with Registrar Office regarding Graduation:** As you approach the completion of your community college coursework, check with the Registrar's Office to ensure you are on track for graduation. They can provide guidance on any final requirements and procedures. To complete the graduation process, follow these steps: Visit [HCCC.edu](http://HCCC.edu)-Click on the menu-Select "Student Success"-Click on "Graduation Application."

# Transfer Champion: Jackie Garcia, Class of 2018



PSYCHOLOGY  
(LIBERAL ARTS) A.A.



PSYCHOLOGY B.S.



**Can you share your reasons for starting your academic journey at a community college and then transferring to a university? What factors influenced this decision?**

Starting my academic journey at HCCC provided a cost-effective means to fulfill general education requirements and build a strong academic foundation. Transferring to Saint Peter's University enabled access to specialized programs aligned with my goals, with scholarship opportunities crucial in managing the higher costs associated with a four-year institution.

**What steps did you take to ensure a smooth transition from community college to university? Were there any specific challenges you faced during this process, and how did you overcome them?**

To ensure a smooth transition from HCCC to SPU, I engaged in thorough research about the transfer process, including understanding credit transfer policies and academic program requirements. I also maintained open communication with advisors at both institutions to ensure all necessary paperwork and deadlines were met. While I didn't face specific challenges during the transition, staying organized and proactive helped streamline the process and ensure a seamless shift to university life.

**Can you describe the support resources or programs that were available to you as a transfer student, both at the community college and the university? How did these resources contribute to your success?**

As a transfer student, HCCC provided invaluable support through orientation programs tailored to familiarize students with the expectations and responsibilities of a four-year university. This included guidance on academic planning, transfer credit evaluation, and accessing resources like counseling services and academic advising. Such comprehensive support at HCCC eased my transition to SPU by equipping me with the necessary knowledge and resources to navigate the challenges of a new academic environment confidently.

**How did your experience at the community college prepare you for the academic rigor and expectations of the university? Were there any notable differences you encountered, and how did you adapt to them?**

My experience at HCCC significantly prepared me for the academic rigor and expectations of SPU by facilitating the seamless transfer of many courses, accelerating my graduation timeline. Utilizing the comprehensive resources available through the HCCC portal proved instrumental in navigating both institutions' academic landscapes, ensuring a smooth transition and empowering me to adapt effectively to any notable differences encountered.

**Looking back at your journey from community college to university, what advice would you give to other students considering a similar path? Are there any specific strategies or tips you found helpful in maximizing your transfer experience?**

Reflecting on my journey from HCCC to SPU, my advice to other students considering a similar path would be to meticulously ensure that all courses taken at the community college align with the requirements of their desired four-year university. Additionally, maintaining open communication with advisors at both institutions and regularly checking transfer equivalency guides can help prevent any potential setbacks and maximize the transfer experience.

**JACKIE'S  
FAVORITE QUOTE**

Nothing is Impossible.

The word itself says 'I'm Impossible!'. "

- Audrey Hepburn



# April Recap

## SPRING INTO FALL FEST

Program Coordinator Rimsha Bazaid represented the Office of Transfer Pathways at the Hudson Scholar's "Spring into Fall Fest" event on April 1, 2024, which showcased opportunities like the Hudson Scholar's program, offering students unique pathways to success at Hudson County Community College.

## NORTH HUDSON GRAD SALUTE

Director Jennifer Valcarcel represented the Office of Transfer Pathways at the North Hudson Grad Salute on April 8, 2024, celebrating the graduating class of Hudson County Community College and highlighting pathways for their continued success beyond graduation.

## JOURNAL SQUARE GRAD SALUTE

Director Jennifer Valcarcel, along with Transfer Ambassadors Noor and Jared, represented the Office of Transfer Pathways at the North Hudson Grad Salute on April 9, 2024, commemorating the achievements of the graduating class of Hudson County Community College and offering guidance on transfer opportunities for their future academic endeavors.

## NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (NJIT) CAMPUS TOUR

On April 9, 2024, HCCC students, alongside staff explored the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) campus immersing themselves in the cutting-edge facilities and innovative academic programs. A transfer presentation was provided along with information regarding pre-requisite courses.

## FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY-METROPOLITAN CAMPUS TOUR

On April 23, 2024, a group of HCCC students, accompanied by staff members, embarked on an enlightening tour of the Fairleigh Dickinson University-Metropolitan Campus, where they explored the academic offerings and vibrant campus life.

## RUTGERS UNIVERSITY- NEW BRUNSWICK CAMPUS TOURS

On April 24, 2024, a group of HCCC students accompanied by staff members experienced the Rutgers campus on a tour bus with Rutgers student ambassadors. They learned about the transfer process and the different academic schools.

## NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY ONSITE REGISTRATION

On April 25, 2024, HCCC students participated in New Jersey City University's onsite registration event, seizing the opportunity to enroll in Fall 2024 courses.

## JOURNAL SQUARE OPEN HOUSE

Program Coordinator Rimsha Bazaid and Student Success Coach Madeline W. Fermin represented the Office of Transfer Pathways and the CONNECT Program respectively, at the Journal Square Campus open house on April 6, 2024, where prospective students had the chance to explore academic programs, meet faculty and staff, and gather information on admissions and support services offered by Hudson County Community College.

## VIRTUAL RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION

On April 22, 2024, HCCC students eagerly participated in a virtual Rutgers Business School Information Session, immersing themselves in insightful discussions and gaining valuable insights into the dynamic world of business at Rutgers University.

## ANNUAL TRANSFER FAIR, NORTH HUDSON CAMPUS

The Office of Transfer Pathways hosted the Annual Transfer Fair at North Hudson Campus on April 17, 2024, attracting over 24 university representatives and drawing a crowd of students, faculty, and staff. This event provided a valuable platform for networking and exploring transfer opportunities, fostering connections between attendees and universities.

## OTHER EVENTS CONTINUED...

### NORTH HUDSON OPEN HOUSE

April 27, 2024

### Virtual Rutgers School of Criminal Justice Information

April 29, 2024

### High School Pep Rally- Renaissance Institute

April 30, 2024

### Saint Peter's University Signing Ceremony

April 30, 2024



We're thrilled to announce that several prestigious 4-year universities will be visiting Hudson County Community College (HCCC) in October.

This is your chance to connect directly with university representatives, explore academic programs, discuss transfer options, and get answers to all your burning questions about your next educational adventure.

### Onsite Visit: Partners

Day	Month	Date	University/College	Campus	Time
Wed.	May	1	Montclair State University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Fri.	May	3	Rowan University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM

ALL STUDENTS must print an unofficial transcript for each visit.

Visit our Transfer Pathway website for any "Remote Instant Decision Days."



### Instant Decision Days Schedule

Day	Month	Date	University/College	Campus	Fee Waiver
Thur.	May	2	Rutgers University-Newark	Remote	hudson24
Tues.	May	7	Felician University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	FALCONS2024
Tues.	May	7	Rowan	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	No Fee
Thur.	May	9	Saint Peter's University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	No Fee
Thur.	May	9	Montclair State University	Remote	TR2024

### Office of Transfer Pathways

Day	Month	Date	Event	Campus	Time
Wed.	May	1	College Signing Day	NHC, Multipurpose Room	12PM- 2PM
Wed.	May	8	College Signing Day	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Lounge, 1st Floor	12PM- 2PM

**COLLEGE Signing Day**

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**RSVP**

**SCAN ME**





# Transfer Features: Hudson Helps Resource Center



Hudson County Community College's (HCCC) mission is to provide high-quality educational opportunities that promote student success and are accessible, comprehensive, and learning-centered. A key part of understanding HCCC's story is that it is a majority-minority College that serves a profoundly urban population; at its soul, the College is deeply committed to access, equity, and inclusion.

Many of our students face obstacles on their pathways toward success. According to our in-house survey conducted in 2023, 68.5% HCCC students experienced food insecurity in the prior 30 days; 43% of our students experienced housing insecurity in the previous year; and 12% experienced homelessness in the previous year. As a way to mitigate these barriers to student success, Hudson Helps Resource Center (HHRC) was created in April 2021. HHRC seeks to provide a thorough list of services, programs, and resources that address many basic needs of our HCCC community members beyond the classroom. Our in-house services at the Center include:



- **Single Stop:** Case management software that provides access to an array of centralized resources to support students & their families in meeting their basic needs.
- **Career Closet:** Provides students with professional attire for job interviews, internships, and other profitable possibilities; shifting their trajectory toward greater social mobility.
- **Food Pantries:** Our food pantries on the JSQ and NHC campuses address food insecurity that exists among the campus population.
- **Social Work Services:** Master-level social work interns from Fordham, NYU, and Rutgers to provide direct, individual case management and general assistance services to students.
- **Swipe Out Hunger Meal Plan:** These meal plan cards provide food-insecure students meal plan cards at no-cost for the academic semesters.

Additionally, we team up with different community partners within Hudson County to better serve our students by providing direct services to them. We have a great partnership with the Department of Family Services in Hudson County, which connects our qualified students to State benefits like SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare, WIC, TANF, and more. They also assist students who need rental assistance or other housing assistance such as back rent, forward rent, security deposit, or other related services.



HHRC PAGE LINK

## CARE AND CONCERN FORM

*To help maintain Hudson County Community College as a healthy, welcoming, inclusive, and safe campus environment, share your concern.*

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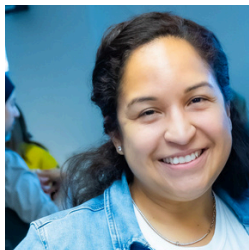
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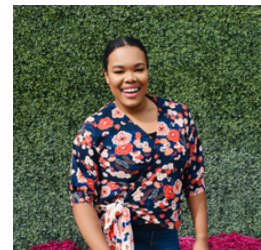
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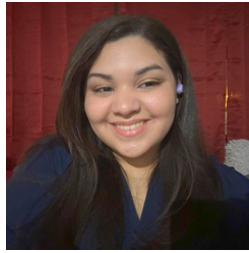


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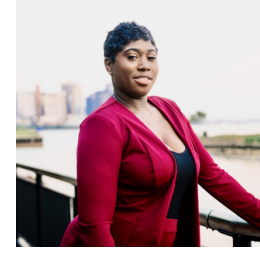
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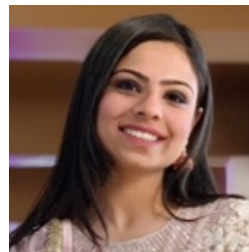
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## HCCC Current Partnerships



## Congratulations, Class of 2024!

Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and we're proud to celebrate your achievement. As you move forward, carry the knowledge and experiences gained at HCCC with you, and embrace the limitless opportunities ahead. Best wishes for a future filled with success and fulfillment!