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Office of Transfer Pathways Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Transfer Pathways Office Newsletter! We are thrilled to bring you a collection of updates, resources, and success stories from our Hudson County Community College transfer students. Our aim is to keep you informed and inspired as you navigate your journey towards continuing your education or preparing yourself for the job market.

Happy reading!



MEET THE TEAM



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Director of Transfer Pathways

New Jersey City University

- B.S in Criminal Justice

SUNY Binghamton

- M.S. in Student Affairs Administration

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

— Milton Berle

Hudson County Community College

- A.A.S in Medical Assisting

New Jersey City University

- B.S in Health Science, Specialization in Public Health Education
- M.S. in Health Science, Specialization in Public Health Education (Fall 2024)

"Knowledge is the root of all good."

— Imam Ali



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Transfer Glossary: Types of Agreements

Listed below are the most common types of transfer agreements and how each of them works. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Transfer Pathways.

<p>Articulation Agreement</p>	<p>An articulation agreement is an agreement that goes into detail about things such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guaranteed admission • Acceptance of transfer credits • Eligibility for scholarships • Academic course requirements <p>These agreements help to provide students with a step-by-step guide for completing necessary course requirements and transferring credits to another school.</p>
<p>Dual Admissions</p>	<p>Dual Admissions is when a student is admitted to two institutions at the same time. For example, a student can be seeking a degree at HCCC and already admitted to a four-year transfer institution, with access to their campus and services. Their HCCC classes would then transfer to the four-year institution, once they complete their Associate’s Degree.</p>
<p>2+2 Agreements</p>	<p>2 years at the community college and 2 years at the four-year institution. 2+2 programs are designed for students who take half of a degree at one institution and the second half at another institution. Usually, this is completing an associate degree at a community college and transferring into a four-year institution for bachelor’s degree completion. A student’s enrollment status may cause an agreement like this to vary in length.</p>
<p>3+1 Agreements</p>	<p>3 years at the community college and 1 year at the four-year institution. A student earns their associate degree at a community college, stays for an additional year at the college as they take upper-level coursework, then transfers in their final year to the four-year institution to complete their bachelor’s degree. These pathways, designed by both the community college and university, minimize the risks associated with the transfer and set learners up for success.</p>
<p>Reverse Transfer</p>	<p>Reverse transfer is when students transfer credits back to a previously attended institution to complete a degree even after leaving that institution. These agreements realize that students often transfer before completing a degree. Institutions collaborate closely, obtaining necessary paperwork and submitting the official transcripts for formal awarding of the degree. Students are encouraged to complete their Associates degree to maximize transfer credit and reduce cost.</p>



TIP

While preparing to transfer from HCCC to a four-year university, you will experience a mix of excitement and nervousness as you anticipate the new academic environment. It's normal to feel this way since transferring opens doors to new opportunities, challenges, and experiences. Remember, you're not alone in feeling these emotions, and it's an exciting time for personal growth and a fresh chapter in your education.

HCCC & Montclair State University Transfer Agreements



Montclair State University is a prominent public research university situated in Montclair, New Jersey. Founded in 1908, it has evolved into a comprehensive institution offering over 300 undergraduate and graduate programs across diverse fields of study. Montclair State is renowned for its strong emphasis on hands-on learning, extensive research opportunities, and commitment to community engagement. With state-of-the-art facilities, a vibrant campus life, and a dedicated faculty, the university provides a nurturing environment for students to pursue their academic and professional goals.

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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/Degree	Bachelor Program	Type of Agreement
AA, AS, AFA*	BA, BS, BFA*	Dual Agreement*
Culinary Arts, AAS	B.S. in Nutrition & Food Science	Articulation
Nursing – RN, AS	BSN	Articulation



FACT

*HCCC student with an AA, AS, or AFA degree can transfer all courses and prerequisites to BA, BS, or BFA Degree at Montclair State University (Dual Admission).

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.

<p>Early Stages (0-15 credits):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Mid-Stages (15-30 credits):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Preparing for Transfer (30-45 credits):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Application and Final Stages (45-60 credits):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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-Click on the menu-Select "Student Success"-Click on "Graduation Application."



THANK YOU

On behalf of the entire transfer team, we want to express our sincere gratitude to academic advisor Chrissto Canales for your outstanding help in crafting the transfer timeline. Your expertise and dedication have been invaluable in guiding us through this process.

Transfer Champion: Abou Traore, Class of 2021



COMPUTER ARTS, A.A.



FILMMAKING & TELEVISION, B.A.



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?

I chose to begin my academic journey at a community college primarily due to its proximity to my home, which allowed me to save on expenses associated with accommodation and transportation. Additionally, I had a specific goal in mind: acquiring an associate's degree at the community college to develop essential leadership abilities and acquire valuable skills that would serve as a strong foundation for my future academic pursuits. I believe that this degree would enable me to enhance my capabilities and ultimately propel me towards higher levels of achievement.

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?

By actively asking questions and seeking guidance from advisors, professors, and university representatives, I ensured a smooth transition from community college to university. I gathered vital information about transfer requirements, credit transfers, and the university experience, allowing myself to navigate challenges like credit transfers and course selection. Effective communication, assistance from advisors, and utilizing resources such as orientation programs and peer support networks helped overcome specific challenges. My proactive approach led to a successful integration into the university setting.

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, I benefited from various support resources and programs that contributed to my academic success. At the community college, counselors and advisors offered guidance on transfer requirements and course selection, ensuring a smooth transition. Transfer fairs provided opportunities to explore options and gather information about admission processes. Building relationships with professors facilitated mentorship and networking. At the university, resources like transfer student orientation, peer mentorship, and academic success centers further aided my transition and overall success. Utilizing these support resources enabled me to navigate transferring challenges and thrive academically.

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 community college experience shaped my academic foundation, personal growth, and identity. The close-knit community provided a supportive environment, fostering interpersonal skills, leadership qualities, and a strong work ethic. Transitioning to the university brought differences like larger classes and increased independence. To adapt, I actively engaged in university opportunities, such as joining clubs, seeking professor guidance, and participating in research projects. Leveraging my community college experience, I successfully adapted to the university's demands, building upon foundations and shaping his identity.

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?

I would advise students considering a similar path to get involved, seize opportunities, and expand their network. Engaging in extracurricular activities and joining clubs develops valuable skills beyond the classroom. Seeking support from counselors, advisors, and professors is crucial for guidance on requirements and planning. Maintaining a good GPA opens doors to scholarships and impresses transfer institutions. Making the most of transfer orientation programs, peer mentorship, and academic success centers maximizes the transfer experience for success in future endeavors.



ABOU'S FAVORITE QUOTE

“Your life is a movie. You are the main character. You say your scripts and act to your lines. Of course you do your lines in each scene. There is a hidden camera and a director who you can ask for help anytime up above.”

Summer 2023 Recap: Partnership Informational Sessions



The Transfer Pathways office held a training from July, 24th through July 27th with our partner institutions to speak to our staff, faculty and students regarding articulation agreements and campus resources. This collaborative effort fostered stronger communication and led to the initiation of new dialogues, all geared towards addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by students preparing to transfer to the four-year institutions. The sessions served as a platform to reinforce the commitment to student success and to explore innovative strategies to ensure a seamless transition for all transfer students.

Through this engaging exchange of ideas and best practices, the Transfer Pathways office and its partners have strengthened their collective dedication to supporting students' educational journeys. The sessions not only solidified existing partnerships but also paved the way for a more student-centric approach to the transfer process. By addressing students' concerns and streamlining the transfer pathway, the institutions involved have set the stage for a more efficient and effective system, ultimately empowering students to thrive in their academic pursuits as they move forward with confidence towards achieving their educational goals.

Partnership Informational Sessions

9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

PRESENTERS

Monday, July 24th	
Tuesday, July 25th	
Wednesday, July 26th	
Thursday, July 27th	

Breakfast Will Be Served
81 Stp Avenue | G Building, 2nd Floor | Multipurpose Room



TIP

As a transfer student preparing to move to a four-year partner college, make the most of available resources and support by reaching out to your college's Transfer Pathways office. We host weekly onsite visits with partner institutions to strengthen communication and address students' needs.



Welcome back, HCCC students! We're thrilled to have you back on campus. Get ready for an exciting September filled with upcoming events and opportunities.

TRANSFER PATHWAYS OFFICE CALENDAR ♦ Events ♦ FALL 2023

September 2023					
Wed.	Sept.	13	Meet & Greet Tabling- NHC	1st Floor Lobby	10 AM- 11 AM
Thur.	Sept.	21	Meet & Greet Tabling- JSQ	1st Floor Student Lounge	10 AM- 11 AM
Tues.	Sept.	26	Virtual Tabling	Sign Up through Involved or Check HCCC Email	2:30 PM- 3:30 PM

Exciting news, HCCC students! Mark your calendars for our first-ever National Transfer Week on campus in October. Stay tuned for more details and opportunities to explore your transfer options.

October 2023					
Wed.	Oct.	11	NHC Transfer Pathways Tabling	1st Floor Lobby	10 AM- 11 AM
Thur.	Oct.	12	JSQ Transfer Pathways Tabling	1st Floor Student Lounge	10 AM- 11 AM
Mon.	Oct.	16	HCCC Balancing Acts (Panel)	G Building, 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room	1 PM- 2:30 PM
Tues.	Oct.	17	Ice Cream with the Dean's	G Building- Student Lounge 1st Floor	12 PM- 1 PM
Wed.	Oct.	17	HCCC Balancing Acts (Panel)	Multipurpose Room (NHC)	1 PM- 2:30 PM
Thur.	Oct.	19	Steps to Your Future (EOF)	TBA	2 PM- 3:30 PM
Fri.	Oct.	20	Stress Day Relief (Mental Health Counseling)	G Building, 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room	2 PM- 3 PM
Tues.	Oct.	31	Virtual Transfer Pathways Tabling	Sign Up through Involved or Check HCCC Email	2:30 PM- 3:30 PM



TIP

Don't miss out on Transfer Pathways Office events on campus – they're your key to seamless academic transitions and valuable networking opportunities!



We're thrilled to announce that several prestigious 4-year universities will be visiting Hudson County Community College (HCCC) in September. 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 Visits ◆ FALL 2023

September 2023					
Mon.	Sept.	18	Berkeley College	NHC- 1st Floor Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Sept.	19	William Paterson University	NHC- 1st Floor Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Wed.	Sept.	20	The College of New Jersey	JSQ-Library Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Fri.	Sept.	22	Pennsylvania College of Technology	NHC- 1st Floor Lobby	10AM- 12PM
Mon.	Sept.	25	Berkeley College	JSQ-Library Lobby	10AM- 2PM
Tues.	Sept.	26	Fairleigh Dickinson University	JSQ-1st Floor Student Lounge	10AM- 3PM
Wed.	Sept.	27	Western Governors University	NHC- 1st Floor Lobby	10AM-2PM
Fri.	Sept.	29	Drew University	JSQ-Library Lobby	10AM- 2PM

Mark your calendars for our upcoming "Instant Decision Days" in September. Several renowned 4-year universities will be on campus or, ready to review your application on the spot! Visit our Transfer Pathway website for any "Remote Instant Decision Days."



◆ Instant Decision Days ◆ FALL 2023

September 2023						
Day	Month	Date	University/College	Campus	Time	Fee Waiver
Thur.	Sept.	21	Rutgers University- Newark	Remote	9:30AM- 4:30PM	HUDSON24
Thur.	Sept.	28	Felician University	JSQ	10AM- 1PM	FALCONS2024



TIP

Ensure your application materials are ready, including transcripts and personal statements, to receive instant feedback.

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HCCC Current Partnerships

