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Office of Career & Transfer Pathways Monthly Newsletter

Career & Transfer Pathways Newsletter – Spring Semester Kickoff!

Welcome back, HCCC students! As we begin a new semester, the Career & Transfer Pathways team is excited to support you on your journey to academic and professional success. Whether you're looking to transfer to a four-year institution, secure an internship, or explore career opportunities, we have a great lineup of events and resources to help you stay on track.



Community College Awareness Month

Stay connected with us for updates on workshops, resume reviews, and networking opportunities throughout the semester. Follow us on Instagram [@hccc_careerandtransfer] and book an appointment through EAB Navigate to meet with a Career & Transfer Coach and Specialist.

Let's make this semester a great one!



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Meet the New Associate Director of Career & Transfer Pathways Brianna Casagrande



What inspired you to pursue a career in Career and Transfer Pathways, and what excites you most about this role at HCCC?

As a first-generation college student, I deeply relate to the challenges of navigating higher education and planning for a future career. My experiences have fueled a passion for supporting students and empowering them to overcome obstacles and achieve their goals. Over the past three years in academic advisement, I've been dedicated to guiding students through their educational journeys and helping them realize their potential.

What drew me to the Career & Transfer Pathways office is its mission to create clear and equitable pathways for students to transition from HCCC to their next steps, whether transferring to a dream university or starting a meaningful career. With the right support, I believe any student can turn their aspirations into reality.

I'm excited about the opportunity to strengthen transfer agreements, build partnerships with four-year institutions, and expand career and internship opportunities. By ensuring students have access to comprehensive resources and guidance, I look forward to helping them thrive and confidently pursue their dreams.

What are your top priorities for supporting students in their career and transfer journeys, and how do you envision collaborating with our team to achieve them?

My top priority is to ensure that students have access to the opportunities and resources they need to pursue their dreams. This means building strong, meaningful partnerships with four-year colleges, universities, and employers to provide them with clear pathways for transferring and launching fulfilling careers. Seeing students take confident steps toward their goals is what inspires me every day.

I'm deeply committed to working collaboratively with the Career & Transfer Pathways team to ensure our support is accessible and impactful. By offering services in multiple modalities—whether in person at the Journal Square and North Hudson campuses or virtually—we can meet students where they are and provide the guidance they need. Together, we can create engaging workshops, video tutorials, and events that not only prepare students for the next phase of their journey but also inspire them to believe in their potential.

I truly believe that by working as a team, we can create a supportive and empowering environment where every student feels ready to take on the challenges of transferring and stepping into the workforce with confidence and pride.

What is one piece of advice or a motto that guides you in your professional journey?

"Never let anyone tell you that you can't achieve something!" This advice reminds me that opportunities are meant to be embraced with confidence and determination. If an exciting chance comes your way, go for it wholeheartedly and give it your best effort. Even if things don't work out as planned, it's not the end—it's just a chance to regroup, learn, and come back stronger next time.

This mindset has guided me through challenges and successes, and it's a constant reminder that perseverance and belief in yourself can take you further than you ever imagined. Every step, whether a triumph or a lesson, is part of the journey forward!

Meet the New Career and Transfer Specialist Abihail Yisrael



What inspired you to pursue a career in Career and Transfer Pathways, and what excites you most about this role at HCCC?

Seeing people actualize their career and education goals is so rewarding to me. I've always given back to students by attending Alumni panels and sharing my college to career journey. I have been a trainer and a mentor to peers, interns and new employees. Witnessing them complete their training and internships is rewarding to see, the progression of where they started and how much they have grown.

I'm excited to help in expanding students vision of their future and sharing with them their options and resources for career & transfer pathways. As a community college alumna and an attendee of public college I explored all my options and college resources. I would like to share and encourage students to pursue opportunities that challenge them and that are maybe even out of their comfort zones. College can sometimes be isolating and you need a lot of self- motivation, If I can offer any relief with resources and support that's what I would like to do.

What are your top priorities for supporting students in their career and transfer journeys, and how do you envision collaborating with our team to achieve them?

I'm excited to make an impact on students as they plan their future. Supporting them in as many steps along the way as I can. I enjoy goal planning and personal & professional development, helping students plan and map their transfer and career paths is exciting and rewarding to me. Seeing students get into their dream college, land their dream internship or job opportunity allows me to see them come full circle.

Resources are the keys to student success and ensuring I collaborate with college partners is key to giving students I work with the competitive edge to achieving their career and education goals.

What is one piece of advice or a motto that guides you in your professional journey?

I'm going to combine a few that's gotten me through self-doubt.

"Trust the process", "Do not worry, be patient", and "what's for you is for you ".

Your career and education journey is an exploration, staying curious and trying new and challenging experiences has helped me grow tremendously.

Star Employer: Fedex



FedEx Ground is a subsidiary of FedEx Corporation that specializes in fast and reliable package delivery. It has provided a lot to the transportation and logistics industry in terms of enabling businesses and people in effective ways of sending and receiving items. According to the 2024 Vault Rankings, FedEx ranked #1 in Travel and Transportation and highly ranked for superior internship programs, striving for diversity.

FedEx offers so much hands-on experience and an arena in which to build one's career. For instance, the FedEx College Connections Internship is a 10-week summer internship in which students work 40 hours a week for competitive pay. Students will be working on projects that genuinely have an impact in areas such as marketing, IT, HR, engineering, operations, and much more. Networking events, presentations by top FedEx leaders, service projects, and a tour of major FedEx facilities.

Another program, the Summer Engineering Co-op, targets students in mechanical, electrical, and industrial engineering disciplines. Work experience allows students to solve problems in an active way that is connected to the very studies they pursue. FedEx also sponsors students from HBCUs through its HBCU Student Ambassador Program. Some of the things it offers students include mentorship, career resources, and exposure to FedEx leadership in fields such as e-commerce, sustainability, and more, to get them ready for life after college.

FedEx stands apart in providing great opportunities to take off their student careers. They offer internships and graduate entry opportunities to learn, grow, and skill in a nurturing fashion. Working at FedEx lets students make meaning from their steps towards success.

Scan to Apply!

When creating a new profile, use your HCCC email.









CAREER AND TRANSFER PATHWAYS PRESENTS:

How to start your success journey step by step

Step 1 - Create an account

Access Handshake: Go to the Handshake login page or through their app. Then search for Hudson County Community College from the dropdown menu and select it to proceed.

Sign Up: Login with your HCCC credentials.

Step 2 - Complete your profile

Personal Details: Fill out your name, major, graduation year, and school.

Skills & Interests: Add skills, clubs, organizations, and career interests to help Handshake suggest relevant jobs and events. **Upload a Resume**: Include your resume. If you need help with creating one, contact the office of Career and Transfer Pathways.

Step 3 - Explore & Start Applying

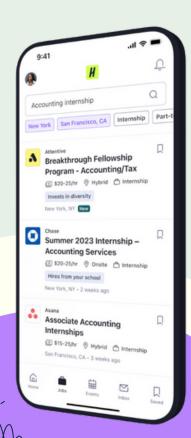
Search for Jobs/Internships: Use filters like location, industry, or job type to find relevant listings.

Follow Employers: Follow companies to stay updated on their postings and events.

Join Events: Register for career fairs, employer sessions, and career workshops directly through Handshake.







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Career Support Timeline

The career support timeline is a comprehensive guide that outlines the various stages and key milestones students experience as they prepare for their future careers. This timeline serves as a valuable resource for students, offering a clear understanding of the steps they should take at each phase of their academic journey to build a strong foundation for their professional life. Whether you are just starting to explore career options or are ready to launch your career, this timeline will serve as a roadmap to ensure a successful and strategic transition into the workforce.

• Self-Assessment: Take career assessments or interest inventories to identify potential career paths that align with your interests and strengths. Explore Career Options: Attend informational sessions to learn about various industries and career opportunities related to your major. Begin Networking: Join campus clubs or organizations connected to your field of interest and start building Early Stages (0-15 credits) your network through volunteering or participating in events. **Download Handshake App:** Download the Handshake app, create your profile, and begin exploring internships, part-time jobs, and other career opportunities. Part-Time Jobs/Volunteer Work: Use Handshake to search for part-time jobs and volunteer opportunities to gain early experience in different industries. **Resume Building:** Create or update your resume by attending workshops and using resources available through Handshake. Submit your resume for review and feedback. Career Advising: Schedule a meeting with a career advisor to discuss your career goals, pathways, and strategies for gaining relevant experience. Book appointments via Handshake. Mid-Stages (15-30 credits) Workshops/Job Fairs: Register for and attend career skills workshops (e.g., resume writing, interview techniques) and job fairs to expand your knowledge and connections. LinkedIn and Handshake Profiles: Create or refine your LinkedIn and Handshake profiles. Add any relevant experiences and start connecting with potential employers. Internships/Work-Based Learning: Apply for internships, co-op programs, or work-study positions via Handshake to gain practical, firsthand experience in your field. Mock Interviews: Participate in mock interview sessions and use Handshake's resources to practice your Preparing for Career interview skills. (30-45 credits) Researching Job Markets: Use Handshake to research different job markets, industries, and employers that align with your career goals. **Networking Events:** Attend Handshake-hosted employer info sessions, career fairs, and other networking opportunities to build valuable connections. Job Search Strategy: Develop a targeted job search strategy using Handshake. Set up job alerts for positions that match your skills and interests. Apply for Jobs/Internships: Use Handshake to apply for full-time jobs and internships. Take advantage of resume and cover letter review services. **Application and Final Stages Interview Preparation:** Prepare for interviews by scheduling mock interviews and using Handshake's (45-60 credits) interview practice tools. Seek advice on how to negotiate job offers. Job Offers/Salary Negotiation: Review job offers and use Handshake's resources to understand salary expectations in your field. Learn about salary and benefits negotiation techniques. • Post-Graduation Support: Continue using Handshake and accessing the Career and Transfer office for job

search support and career advice even after graduation.

Transfer Support Timeline

The transfer support 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.

• 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 **Early Stages** (0-15 credits) 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. • 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. Mid-Stages Major Exploration: If you have an idea of your intended major, start exploring the prerequisite courses (15-30 credits) 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. • 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, **Preparing for Transfer** housing options, and other resources. Additionally, check in with your academic advisor during this stage to (30-45 credits) 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 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 **Application and Final Stages** strengthen your statement.

Application and Final Stages (45-60 credits)

- **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."

Career & Transfer Champion





MATH & SCIENCE, A.S.

PSYCHOLOGY, B.S.

Wajia Zahur Class of 2003







HIGHER EDUCATION, M.A.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, M.B.A.

What motivated you to transfer to your current college/university?

I completed both of my master's degrees online because the flexibility of online programs allowed me to balance my education with my work responsibilities. Online learning provided me with independence while giving me the opportunity to grow academically. This format made it possible for me to advance my education without compromising my career.

What resources or support systems were most helpful during your transfer process?

The EOF program was incredibly helpful during my transfer process. My counselors guided me through exploring different colleges and identifying which institution was the best fit for my academic and career goals. Their advice and support gave me confidence and made the entire transfer process much smoother.

Can you describe any challenges you faced when transferring and how you overcame them?

One challenge I faced was adjusting to a new academic environment with unfamiliar systems and expectations. I overcame this by seeking guidance from counselors and advisors, as well as connecting with other transfer students who shared similar experiences. Building a support network and staying proactive helped me navigate these changes successfully.

What motivated you to pursue your chosen career path?

I chose a career in higher education because I believe in giving back to the community. Working in this field allows me to make a difference in students' lives by helping them achieve their academic and career goals. I find fulfillment in creating opportunities for students to succeed and thrive.

How did transferring affect your career goals or opportunities?

Transferring to Rutgers University enabled me to continue my education seamlessly by transferring most of my credits. This ensured I stayed on track academically and allowed me to focus on pursuing my master's degrees. It gave me the foundation I needed to advance my career in higher education.

How did the career services at HCCC and your new college/university help you in your job search?

Career services at HCCC and Rutgers University both provided valuable resources that supported my career development. At HCCC, I participated in workshops and career fairs that helped me strengthen my job search skills. At Rutgers, networking events and access to alumni connections gave me new opportunities to explore my career path.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) MAJORS & PROGRAMS

Overview

Hudson County Community College (HCCC) offers several Career and Technical Education (CTE) majors designed to provide students with practical skills for the workforce. These programs combine classroom instruction with hands-on training, internships, and externships, allowing students to gain real-world experience. Upon completing these programs, students can either enter the workforce immediately or continue their education at a four-year institution.

School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Advanced Manufacturing & Advanced Manufacturing (Woodwork Option)

Overview: The associate in applied science degree in Advanced Manufacturing gives students the knowledge and skills relevant for entry-level employment in the manufacturing industry. Advanced Manufacturing Woodwork Option provides students with the knowledge and skills required for entry-level employment in the wood manufacturing industry.

Career Paths: Our students who study Advanced Manufacturing and Advanced Manufacturing (Woodwork Option) can explore these careers: Adhesive Bonding Machine Operators and Tenders, Cleaning, Washing, and Metal Pickling Equipment Operators and Tenders, Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers, Conveyor Operators and Tenders, Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic, and more.

Computer Science

Overview: The Computer Science curriculum provides instruction in computer programming on the application and system levels, an understanding of computer hardware organization and architecture, and a working knowledge of microcomputer and microprocessor design. The Computer Science – Cyber Security Option program provides students with an understanding of computer hardware organization and architectures, and a working knowledge of Network Security, Cybersecurity, Data Communications, and Local Area Networks.

Career Paths: Graduates can work in Software Development, IT Support, Systems Analysis, Business Intelligence Analysis, Clinical Data Management, Data Warehousing, Software Quality Assurance Analysis, and more

Construction Management

Overview: Construction Management program designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to manage construction projects effectively. The program covers essential aspects of Construction, including Project Planning, Cost Estimating, Materials Management, and Site Supervision.

Career Paths: Graduates can pursue careers as Project Coordinators, Construction Managers, Estimators, Construction Inspectors, and Site Supervisors.

Electronics Engineering Technology

Overview: The Electronics Engineering Technology program at HCCC prepares students for technical positions in Electronics and Engineering. The program covers areas like circuit design, digital systems, microcontrollers, and telecommunications.

Career Paths: Students can pursue a career as an Electronics Technician, Field Service Engineer, Telecommunications Technician, Automation Specialist, Electronic Systems Analyst, and Network Support Technician.

Engineering Science

Overview: The Environmental Studies program at HCCC focuses on Environmental Science, Policy, and Management. It provides students with an understanding of sustainability, conservation, environmental policy, and ecological systems.

Career Paths: Environmental Technician, Conservation Specialist, Environmental Consultant, Sustainability Coordinator, Wildlife Manager, Environmental Health and Safety Specialist.

Environmental Studies

Overview: This 16-credit certificate program prepares graduates to sit for a national certification exam in Personal Training from the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM).

Career Paths: The proficiency certificate in Personal Fitness Training prepares students for the entry-level workforce in the fitness industry, including commercial and clinical settings such as health clubs, corporate fitness centers, personal training, health promotion, program management, and personal coaching.

Technical Studies

Overview: This flexible program allows students to design a curriculum that aligns with specific technical skills they want to develop, often incorporating credits from other programs.

Career Paths: Varies based on specialization (e.g., Electrical Technician, HVAC Technician, etc.). Graduates can pursue careers as Project Coordinators, Construction Managers, Estimators, Construction Inspectors, and Site Supervisors.

Onsite Visit					
Date	Time	Campus	Location		
1/28/2025	10AM-1PM	NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
1/29/2025	10AM-1PM	Ramapo College of NJ	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
1/29/2025	2PM-5PM	LIM College	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
1/30/2025	10AM-1PM	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/4/2025	10AM-1PM	Ramapo College of NJ	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby		
2/4/2025	10AM-1PM	Binghamton University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.		
2/4/2025	2PM-5PM	NJCU- CONNECT Program	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/5/2025	10AM-1PM	Montclair State University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/6/2025	10AM-1PM	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/11/2025	10AM-1PM	NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/11/2025	2PM-5PM	Berkeley college	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby		
2/13/2025	10AM-1PM	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/13/2025	10AM-1PM	Rider University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.		
2/13/2025	2PM-5PM	Berkeley college	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.		
2/18/2025	10AM-1PM	Stevens Institute of Technology	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.		
2/19/2025	10AM-1PM	Saint Peter's University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/19/2025	2PM-5PM	Montclair State University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby		
2/20/2025	10AM-1PM	Rutgers University-Newark	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby		
2/20/2025	10AM-1PM	Georgian Court University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.		
2/20/2025	2PM-5PM	Felician University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/25/2025	10AM-1PM	NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/26/2025	10AM-1PM	Stockton University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/27/2025	10AM-1PM	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
2/27/2025	10AM-1PM	Pace University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.		
3/4/2025	10AM-1PM	St. Thomas Aquinas College	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.		
3/4/2025	2PM-5PM	NJCU- CONNECT Program	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
3/4/2025	2PM-5PM	Dominican University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby		
3/6/2025	10AM-1PM	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
3/11/2025	10AM-1PM	William Paterson University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.		
3/11/2025	2PM-5PM	Felician University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
3/12/2025	10AM-1PM	Saint Peter's Univ	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		

Onsite Visit					
Date	Time	Campus	Location		
3/12/2025	2PM-5PM	Stockton University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
3/13/2025	10AM-1PM	Manhattan University	JSQ, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.		
3/18/2025	10AM-1PM	NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.		
3/18/2025	10AM-1PM	William Paterson University	NHC, 1st Fl. Lobby		

Visit our Transfer Support website the remainder of the Spring 2025 Onsite Visits!



Instant Decision Day (IDD)						
Date	Time	Campus	Location			
2/3/2025	2PM-5PM	Fairleigh Dickinson University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.			
2/11/2025	10AM-1PM	NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.			
2/17/2025	10AM-1PM	University of Phoenix	Remote			
2/24/2025	2PM-5PM	Montclair State University	Remote			
3/3/2025	10AM-1PM	New Jersey Institute of Technology	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.			
3/14/2025	10AM-1PM	University of Phoenix	Remote			
3/14/2025	2PM-5PM	Ramapo College of NJ	Remote			
3/18/2025	2PM-5PM	NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.			
4/4/2025	10AM-1PM	Montclair State University	Remote			
4/8/2025	10AM-1PM	NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.			
4/14/2025	10AM-1PM	University of Phoenix	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.			
4/28/2025	10AM-1PM	Saint Peter's Univ	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.			
4/28/2025	2PM-5PM	Felician University	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.			
5/6/2025	10AM-1PM	NJCU	JSQ, G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.			

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