

Transfer Tips for WCTC Students

Congratulations on your interest in continuing your education! Whether you are just beginning to explore transferring or you are narrowing down a school, knowing the transfer basics can make the process much smoother. The sooner you begin the transfer process, the better.

Clarify Your Needs

Students have different needs, interests, personal obligations and career goals that impact their school choices. It is important to consider those factors when choosing your next school. Before starting your school search, you may want to consider the following:

What are your career goals, and what college major might help you to reach those goals? There are a variety of resources available to help you develop a plan, including WCTC's Career Services, Counseling, and Academic Advising.

- What type of degree programs are you looking for: traditional classroom, online, accelerated, hybrid, evening, weekend?
- Do you need a school that is local, or can you expand your search?
- What level of flexibility will you need in your school schedule?
- Will you attend school full-time or part-time?
- Does the school size matter to you?
- Does it matter if the campus is urban, suburban or rural?
- How much can you afford to pay for tuition?
- Do you need campus housing?
- Are extracurricular campus activities important to you?

Identify Potential Transfer Schools

Once you have a better idea of what you are looking for in your next school, begin to identify prospective schools to research. Additional considerations include:

- What universities offer degrees in the major that you plan to pursue? If you are unsure, your Academic Advisor can connect you with helpful resources.
- What schools does WCTC hold transfer agreements with? Transfer agreements enable graduates to transfer specific credits, often at a junior-level standing, to a 4 year institution. Agreements can be viewed at www.wctc.edu/transfer.
- What specific courses transfer from WCTC to the UW system? Utilize the Transfer Information System (TIS), which
- is maintained by the University of Wisconsin System and offers UW and Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) students the ability to see how their credits will transfer to any UW or WTCS. Visit tis.uwsa.edu.

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Contact Prospective 4 Year Schools

Colleges and universities often have specific admissions requirements and policies for transfer students. Joining a school's mailing list, and connecting with the Transfer Admissions Counselor, can help you to stay abreast of the schools admissions requirements. Specific questions that you might want to ask the transfer admissions counselors:

- Is the school accredited?
- What is the cost of tuition?
- What are the financial aid options?
- Are scholarships available?
- What are the application deadlines for Fall and Spring entrance?
- Can I enter my program of choice in the Fall and/or Spring semester?
- What is the minimum grade point average required to be accepted to the college?
- What GPA must I have to get into the degree program of my choice? Is that my cumulative GPA or degree GPA?
- Are there specific courses that are recommended for transfer from WCTC, so that I can avoid losing credits in the process?
- Are there math, science, and/or language requirements for my program of choice?
- How will "W" grades and/or repeats of classes affect my transfer opportunities?
- What is the average size of classes?
- What activities are available to students outside of the classroom?
- What is the maximum number of credits that can be transferred from WCTC?
- What is the demographic makeup of the student population?
- Will any of the following be required for admissions:
 - » High school transcripts
 - » Transcripts from all colleges previously attended
 - » Letters of recommendation
 - » Personal statement
 - » Financial aid information
 - » Entrance exam scores (ACT, SAT)

Prepare Application Materials

Once you decide on which school(s) you are applying to, pay particular attention to their application deadlines. Some schools admit students throughout the year, while others have clear cutoff dates. Be sure to submit your financial aid application during the process to help you to plan financing.

Questions

Please contact your Academic Advisor with additional questions regarding the transfer process.