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TRANSFER PLANNING GUIDE

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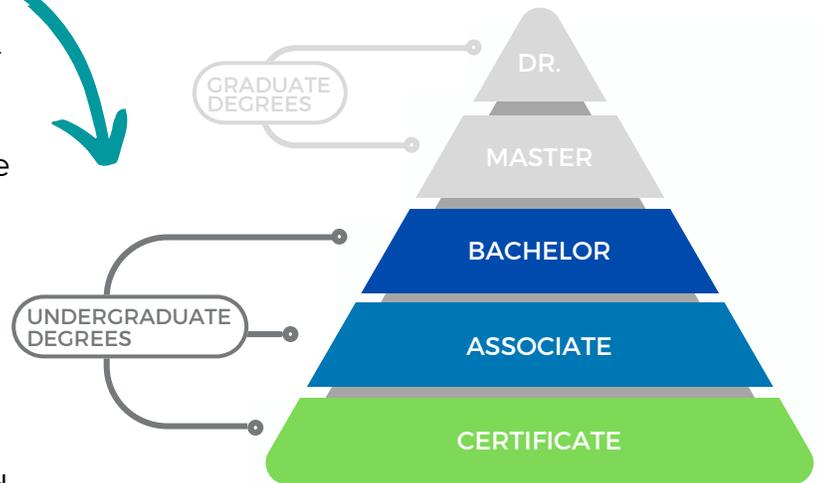
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TYPES OF DEGREES

Do you know what type of degree you want to pursue? Do you know what steps you need to make it happen? Check out the Hierarchy of Higher Education Pyramid below to understand the different types of degrees available and what you need to get there.

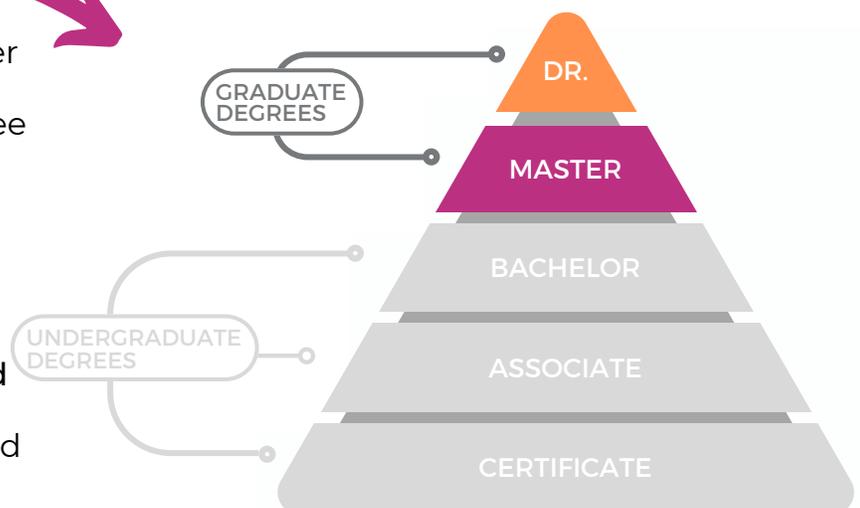
"Undergraduate"

- A student working toward a non-advanced degree in higher education.
- Requires high school diploma or GED first (or at the same time if in Running Start).
- **Certificate, Associate, and Bachelor degrees are all considered "undergrad" programs.**
- In most cases you do not need one undergrad degree to get another, but it can help. For example, you usually don't need an associate's degree to get a bachelor's degree, but the associate degree can help you gain admission to a bachelor program.



"Graduate"

- An advanced degree in higher education.
- Requires an undergrad degree before you gain admittance.
- Specialized in specific area of study that builds on undergraduate study.
- **Master's, Doctorate's (e.g., PhD, MD, JD), and graduate certificates are all considered "grad" programs.**
- In most cases you do not need a master's degree to get a doctorate.



RESEARCH POTENTIAL SCHOOLS

It's never too early to consider your options for the future! One of the first steps to successfully transferring is to look into possible transfer schools. Consider the guidelines below when looking into your options and making choices about your transfer institution.

PROGRAMS AND MAJORS

One of the most important things to consider when looking into transfer options is the programs/majors offered. If a given school doesn't offer your chosen major, do you have a backup plan? Many students change their major or course of study throughout their education. If you aren't fully committed to your current major, look at the options available at each school you consider. If you're going to apply to a college, find at least one major that appeals to you at that school and understand the requirements of that program.

CREDITS AND PREREQUISITES

Do you know how your credits will transfer? Students who are completing degrees that are part of the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) have confidence knowing their 90 credits will be honored by most colleges in WA state. If you are working toward a different degree or don't plan to finish your associate degree before transferring, check to see what credits will be accepted by the other school.

Spend a little time investigating the prerequisites for the major(s) you are considering. Use **Course Equivalency Guides** - found on most college websites - to see how your classes will transfer in. For example, ENGL 203 at WVC might = ENGL 201 at another school.

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE &?

Have you ever noticed how some classes at WVC have a "&" in the course number? There's a reason for that! Classes with the & are part of a Common Course Numbering agreement between community colleges in WA state. If you take a class with an & here, that class will have the same number at another community college. That means MATH& 107 is the same class at WVC and Big Bend, Yakima, or other community colleges.

These classes usually transfer easily to Universities in our state too! But be sure to check equivalency guides if you have questions about how your classes will transfer.



DON'T LIMIT YOURSELF!

Make a list of 3-10 possible schools that you'd consider attending. Don't let your fears or assumptions keep you from reaching your goals. Sometimes students limit themselves for a number of reasons. Are you holding yourself back?

DON'T HOLD YOURSELF BACK!

What are your reasons for choosing a school? Are you letting these reasons hold you back?

- Fear of leaving home
- School's location
- Assumptions about a city/town
- Assumed financial limits
- What others want

RANK YOUR WANTS VS. NEEDS

What is most important to you and why? Make a list of things you want vs. things you need. Keep this list in mind while you research possible transfer schools. Consider some of the examples below.

I WANT...	I NEED...
to stay close to my family	to find a school that offers my program, which means I might need to move
to take classes online	the pressure and accountability of showing up to class in person
to live on my own	to live on campus or get a roommate to save money

Your needs and wants might align, but *sometimes* they will conflict. It is important to understand the difference between the two. Take some time to identify what is most important to you. Keep these wants and needs in mind as you look through your transfer options.

COVER ALL OPTIONS

Try finding at least one college/university for each of these categories:

Safety school(s): you're pretty confident you'll be accepted.

Possible school(s): you have a reasonable chance of being accepted.

Reach school(s): it will take something compelling in your app to get in.



TRANSFER COMPARISON SHEET

NAME OF SCHOOL				
APPLICATION	APPLICATION DEADLINE			
	DATE SUBMITTED			
	APPLICATION FEE			
	APP USERNAME			
	APP PASSWORD			
MAJORS	MAJOR(S)			
	MAJOR PREREQS			
	MISSING PREREQS			
	SEPARATE MAJOR APP			
	MAJOR APP DEADLINE			
	MAJOR APP SUBMITTED			
	GPA REQUIREMENT			
FINANCIAL	FAFSA DEADLINE			
	FAFSA SENT DATE			
	SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE			
	SCHOLARSHIP APP DONE			
TRANSCRIPTS	HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT			
	UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT			
	OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT			
	FINAL TRANSCRIPT SENT DATE			



NAME OF SCHOOL				
ESSAY	PERSONAL STATEMENT/ESSAY			
	DATE SUBMITTED			
LETTERS OF REC	# OF RECOMMENDATION LETTERS			
	#1 LETTER REQUEST DATE			
	#1 THANK YOU NOTE			
	#2 LETTER REQUEST DATE			
	#2 THANK YOU NOTE			
	#3 LETTER REQUEST DATE			
	#3 THANK YOU NOTE			
MISC OTHER	TEST SCORES			
	INTERVIEW			
	OTHER REQUIREMENTS			
TRANSFER	ACCEPTS MY DEGREE			
	OTHER TRANSFER POLICIES			
ENVIRONMENT	CAMPUS SIZE			
	LOCATION			
	UNIQUE?			
	CAMPUS VISIT			
	SPORTS/INTRAMURALS			
	GREEK LIFE			
	CLUBS/ORGS			
	TRIO SSS			
	OTHER			



	NAME OF SCHOOL			
HOUSING	ON CAMPUS DEADLINE			
	OFF CAMPUS HOUSING			
	MEAL PLANS			
COST/AID	ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE			
	ESTIMATED TUITION			
	ESTIMATED ROOM/BOARD			
	FINANCIAL AID OFFERED			
	DIFFERENCE			
	CAN I AFFORD IT?			
OTHER	OTHER NOTES			



TRANSFER TIMELINE

Remember, every student and every program is different. **Your timeline might look different.** Generally, the "typical" student applying for fall admission will follow a timeline like the one below.

THE FALL BEFORE YOU PLAN TO TRANSFER

- Complete FAFSA, even if you don't think you're eligible for aid. Include any schools you may attend (up to 10 total).
- Prepare for your Transfer Application:
 - Look at application fees and see if you qualify for waivers.
 - Start writing statements (if needed).
 - Make an application account and look it over.
 - Reach out to an advisor at your potential transfer school(s).
 - Ask for letters of recommendation (if needed or accepted).

THE WINTER BEFORE YOU PLAN TO TRANSFER

- APPLY!
- Get Financial Aid
 - Revise FAFSA to add school(s) if needed.
 - Apply for scholarships at your transfer school(s).
- Housing
 - Look into housing options.
 - If you plan to live on campus apply for housing by the deadline.
 - If you plan to commute, explore transportation options.
 - If you plan to attend online, confirm that you applied to the online program(s).

THE SPRING BEFORE YOU PLAN TO TRANSFER

- Confirm
 - Pay confirmation deposits.
 - Register for orientation.
 - When your degree is posted, send official transcript(s).
 - Accept/deny parts of your financial aid award.
- Housing
 - Pay deposits, sign lease, get on waitlists, or confirm plans.
 - If living on campus complete the app, select dorm/apartment.
- Apply for Graduation
 - Complete your degree or certificate applications at WVC, even if you don't plan to attend the commencement ceremony!



THE APPLICATION

It's probably no surprise that each school will have different requirements and optional materials. The best way to know what you need to submit for a school or program is to thoroughly read the transfer section on their website, start a transfer application, and talk to admissions representatives at the school(s) you are considering. The more you read and ask questions, the more prepared you will be.

COMMON REQUIREMENTS

Below are some of the more common requirements or recommendations you might see for your transfer application(s).

TRANSFER APPLICATION

The admissions process for a freshman is different from a transfer student. When applying, double-check that you are completing the right application for a transfer student. Most applications will ask questions about your goals, personal background, degree plans, education history, current GPA, and in-progress classes. Pay close attention to deadlines and double-check that you've submitted it correctly.

TRANSCRIPTS

Some institutions may ask for your high school transcript and/or GED. Others will only ask for college transcript(s). You may be asked to upload an official or unofficial copy at the time of your application. If you are still working toward your associate's degree, you will need to send a second transcript when you complete your degree at WVC.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Certain programs may request or require you to get recommendation letters from instructors or advisors. Follow the directions carefully to ask the right people and get the right number of letters.

SEPARATE MAJOR/PROGRAM APP

You may not automatically get into your major when you apply to the college. Review the requirements at each college to see if you need to complete a separate application to your major when you apply.

PERSONAL STATEMENT/ESSAY

Some schools want to get a more holistic view of applicants. A personal statement or essay will ask you to write a little about your goals, background, or motivation. This is an opportunity for you to show admissions staff that you are more than your grades! Follow the prompts and read instructions carefully. Take some time to edit and review before submitting.

TEST SCORES

Many colleges and universities no longer require the SAT/ACT, but you may have an option to submit those scores. If you are applying for a competitive program you may be required to submit other specialized test scores for your major/program. Additionally, if English is not your first language, you may be required to submit TOEFL scores or otherwise prove English proficiency.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE!

Navigating the transfer process can be overwhelming and challenging, but you don't have to do it alone. Reach out to your advisor and admissions staff at your prospective colleges for extra support on your transfer journey!

FOR EXTRA SUPPORT JOIN TRIO SSS!

TRIO Student Support Services at Wenatchee Valley College is here to help you navigate the transfer process. With hands-on advising and in-depth planning we're here to help students reach their goals at WVC and beyond!

Our program serves 140 WVC students each year. We accept students all year long, until we reach our maximum capacity. Here are a few of the services we provide our students:



Academic Support:

- Advising
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Priority Registration

Transfer Help:

- Fee Waivers
- Transfer Mentors
- Transfer Advising
- Campus Visits

Financial Literacy:

- FAFSA Help
- Scholarship Advice
- Support with Appeals

Social:

- Monthly Group Socials
- Conferences
- Fun Events



ELIGIBILITY AND APPLYING

If you have a high school diploma or GED, are a US Citizen or Permanent Resident, and have an interest in transferring, TRIO SSS is the place for you! In addition to the above requirements, our students must meet one of more of these three criteria: (1) Your parents/guardians do not have a bachelor's degree, or (2) you meet our federal income guidelines, or (3) you have a documented disability.

Not sure if you're eligible? Apply anyway! If we can't help you we will try to help you find other resources to assist.

Learn more about our program or apply by visiting us on our website at wvc.edu/trio or scan the QR code to view our application. Visit us on the Wenatchee Campus in Mish ee twie (MET) 1221 or call 509-682-6978.



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