South Seattle Community College

Keys to a Successful Transfer

Plan Early
Before a major or transfer institute can be looked into, career planning is necessary. Discuss your career direction with a counselor from the start— as early as your first quarter. Choosing a career, major and transfer institute makes selecting courses easier.

Seek Information on Four-Year Institutes
Major availability
Requirements for admission
Courses transferability (and maximum transferred)
Tuition and other costs
Location and housing
Size (number of students enrolled, class size, and student to faculty ratio)
Financial aid/scholarships
Other specific to you

Transfer Planning is a Continuous Process
Attend Transfer Fairs, Information Tables, Workshops offered on SSCC campus.
Keep your grades competitive as set by the program and four-year you have chosen.
Are your interests unchanged? Are you re-thinking a career direction?
Has transfer information changed?
Ask questions: admission requirements, best time to apply, application deadlines.
Keep your all your course syllabi. Occasionally, students need to submit a syllabus for a course to be evaluated for transfer.

Earning an Associate Degree prior to Transferring
Completing a program of study and earning an Associate degree can ease transfer.
Many four-year institutes give preference to transfer students with an A.A. or A.S.
Associate degree completion is a requirement for Dual Admissions with our Partner institutions.
Freshman and sophomore years in smaller classes.
Teaching-oriented faculty, student-oriented services.
Lower tuition.

Obtain, Complete and Submit before Deadlines
Minimum Required: application, high school transcript, essay, transcripts (all colleges attended).
Maybe required: recommendations, references, personal interview.
Contact SSCC Registration Office staff to request an official transcript be forwarded. ($3.00)
Students applying for financial aid need to submit separate applications and forms, generally the FAFSA (Federal/State Grant application) and the four-year financial aid/scholarship application.
Be aware of both financial aid and admissions application deadlines.

Follow-Up
A transfer application takes from 4-8 weeks to process.
Your application may be placed on hold waiting for final grades prior to a decision.
Once accepted, give the Admissions office your decision quickly—and, before the deadline.