Getting Started
Looking to finish your degree and launch into your career? Consider these steps.

First semester or if you have 0-20 credits:
- Explore majors, careers and universities.
- Meet with your advisor at your community college to plan courses.
- If there is a transfer pathway for your major, follow that.

Second semester or if you have 20-30 credits:
- Contact any college or university you are interested in.
- Review your courses with them to determine how credits transfer.
- Visit the campus to see if it is a good fit.
- Discuss potential scholarships, financial aid and the admission process.

Third semester or if you have 30-45 credits:
- Contact the college or university you are interested in to check your next courses.
- Contact a faculty member in your major to discuss the program.
- Keep your grades up to maximize scholarship opportunities.
- If invited, join Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) for a potential scholarship.

Fourth semester or if you have 45+ credits*:
- Apply to the college or university of your choice (you can apply to multiple schools).
- Apply for financial aid and complete the FAFSA.
- Request all official transcripts to be sent directly to the college or university.

*Although many institutions accept up to 96 credits, transferring in more than 70 credits can complicate your graduation timeline. Please contact a transfer specialist to review your transcript(s).

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- 140+ majors with faculty teaching the courses—no teaching assistants teaching
- $800 million in scholarships and need-based financial aid provided annually
- 18 unique institutions with 12 accepting the AA and/or Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) as a package
- Transfer friendly for courses graded 2.0 or higher; with many transfer pathways accepted

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Question Suggestions

There are a lot of people to help you along the way. Each one is here to support your success. Here are some suggestions for questions to ask.

1. Ask **transfer specialists at the college or university** you’re considering transferring to:
   - Tell me about your scholarships and admission process.
   - What are your admission and financial aid deadlines?
   - Can you do an unofficial review of transcript to see what transfers?
   - Are there other courses I should take that transfer better?
   - Do you have a transfer pathway guide I can follow?
   - Tell me what is unique about your school.
   - I want to pursue this particular career. Have that degree?
   - How do you prepare me for this career or graduate school?

2. Ask **advisors at your community college**:
   - Help me lay out a plan for my major.
   - Which universities accept this transfer pathway?
   - How can I complete the MnTC? Who accepts that?
   - I’m thinking about this major. What should be my first class?
   - There’s an academic area that is tough for me. Where can I find a tutor?

3. Ask **faculty contacts at your community college**:
   - What have your graduates done with this major?
   - What careers does this major lead to? Is graduate school needed?
   - What drew you to this field?
   - How should I prepare for (college or university of interest)?

4. Ask **faculty contacts at the college or university you’re considering** (ask admissions for the contact):
   - What drew you to this field?
   - Do you accept my courses in the pathway?
   - Do you have different tracks in this major?
   - What kind of internships or research can I do?
   - How do you support your students to finish?
   - What do your graduates do with this major?
   - This is my area of interest. Can I pursue that here?
   - Do you help me build professional connections?

5. Ask **student support staff at a college or university** (Including in TRIO, multicultural and career offices):
   - This is what I hope to do. What is the best path?
   - Who can I talk with to better understand my finances?
   - I enjoy doing these things. What careers use these skills?
   - Who do I contact if interested in internships?
   - Do you know some groups or activities that will help me connect with students like me? Within my major?
   - This area is a challenge for me. Where can I find help?
   - I’m interested in these four-year schools. Do you know someone I could contact to find out about their support services?

You can find information for all these steps at [mnprivatecolleges.org/transfer](http://mnprivatecolleges.org/transfer). Contact the transfer specialist at any of our schools for assistance. They’re here to answer your questions and guide you through the transfer process.