

TRANSFER PLANNING



Consider Minnesota Private Colleges

- 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

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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Scan to access transfer details online or visit:
mnprivatecolleges.org/transfer

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. 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.