

Transfer Questions

Prior to making a final decision about transferring, ask these questions:

- How many TC3 credits will transfer toward my baccalaureate degree?
- How many credits will I need to complete my degree?
- Can I complete my requirements in two years of full-time study?
- Can I transfer directly into a specific school or major? This is especially important if you are transferring before obtaining your associate degree.
- Is there a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) required for admission?
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- What are the options for housing?
- How extensive is the academic advisement program for transfer students?
- What student support services are available, such as tutoring, career counseling, etc.?
- When do I have to select my major? Is it possible to change majors?
- What are the job placement and graduate school acceptance statistics of graduates from my program?
- Are childcare services available?
- How accessible are the campus and the college's programs and services for students with disabilities?
- Is there an orientation for transfer students?
- Can I receive an estimated financial aid package?
- What opportunities exist for co-op, internships, or on-campus employment?

Transfer Credit

Every college and university has its own policies governing transfer credit. Credit is usually accepted on a course-by-course basis. Students transferring with an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree may have a smoother transition. Remember the importance of planning early! After you have been accepted, you should receive a transfer credit evaluation based on all of your previous college coursework. It is important to know how many credits will transfer and how long it will take to graduate.

SUNY Transfer Guarantee

All New York State residents who transfer directly from a SUNY two-year college with an A.A. or A.S. degree are guaranteed the opportunity to continue full-time study at a four-year SUNY institution. The transfer guarantee becomes effective if you are denied admission at all of your SUNY four-year college choices and does not guarantee admission to a specific college or curriculum. The application deadline is February 1 for fall admission and September 15 for spring admission.

Financial Aid

Contact the financial aid offices at the colleges to which you are applying. Request **all** information about applying for aid as a transfer student. All colleges & universities require you to file the Free Federal Financial Student Aid Application (FAFSA). Filing dates will vary, but plan to file the FAFSA in January or February. Some colleges may require the College Scholarship Service (CSS) profile application.

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Transfer Guide

Plan NOW for Transfer Success!

Planning is the key to a successful transfer from a two-year college to a four-year baccalaureate institution. You should begin researching potential transfer institutions during your first semester at TC3.

Early planning gives you the best opportunity to research schools and to meet the course requirements for your intended major.



“There is a long-standing tradition of transfer students coming to Cornell University. Students from TC3 who choose to continue their education at Cornell are well-prepared and participate in a variety of programs.”

Peter Orshiedt
Associate Director of Admission
Cornell University

Steps to a Successful Transfer

College Search

The first step in selecting a four-year college or university is to identify characteristics that are important to you:

- Academic Major
- Admissions Competitiveness
- Geographic Location
- Student/Faculty Ratio
- College Enrollment (size)
- Financial Costs
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Housing Availability (on/off campus)
- Special Student Services
- Athletics
- Campus Activities

College Programs

Transfer Workshops

The best way to begin your transfer planning is to attend a transfer workshop during your first semester at TC3. Workshops are offered in the fall and spring semesters. Stop by the Office of Counseling, Career & Transfer Services for more information.

Fall Day/Night Program

Every October, a college fair is held at TC3. Approximately 100 four-year colleges and universities are represented.

Spring Transfer Day

TC3 sponsors a college fair for regional four-year colleges and universities.

College Visits

Throughout the academic year, many colleges make individual visits to TC3. Look for posters or stop by the Office of Counseling, Career & Transfer Services, Room 216, for dates and times.

Resources

A variety of resources and support services are available at TC3 to help you with the transfer process.

College & Career Information Center (CCIC)

The College & Career Information Center is located in the Office of Counseling, Career & Transfer Services (Room 216). This is a library with a variety of resources, including access to the Internet, that will help you with your college search. Materials available include:

- College Resource Guides
- Financial Aid Books
- Scholarship Information
- College Catalogs
- Applications
- College Videos
- Career Information

Faculty Advisement

You are encouraged to discuss your transfer plans with faculty and/or your faculty advisor. Faculty members are important resources, particularly on matters related to your major field of study.

Appointments With a Transfer Counselor

Appointments to discuss your transfer plans can be scheduled with Heather Stevens, Coordinator of Transfer Services, or with Meg Garvey, Transfer Counselor, in the Office of Counseling, Career & Transfer Services. You are encouraged to schedule an appointment during the early stages of your enrollment at TC3.

The Application Process

Applications are available for all SUNY colleges and local four year institutions in the College & Career Information Center. For applications to all other colleges and universities, contact the admissions offices at those schools. SUNY waives the application fee for up to four college choices for students graduating with an AA or AS degree and who apply directly to SUNY four-year colleges for baccalaureate programs. Application deadline dates

are important, particularly for competitive colleges and high-demand programs. It is recommended that you apply early. Students interested in transferring for the spring semester should apply in September. Students planning to transfer for the fall semester should apply by January. Visit the colleges to which you are applying. Admissions offices offer information sessions, campus tours, and interviews.

Transcripts

Official copies of your TC3 transcript must be sent directly from TC3 to the admissions office(s) of the four-year college(s) to which you are applying. IQ Web is the easiest way to request a transcript. Once you are logged in, select "TC3 Transcript Request," fill in all parts of the form and submit. After your last semester at TC3 is completed, send a final transcript to the college you will be attending. You are also required to submit official transcripts from any other college or university you have attended. Contact those schools and request that official transcripts be sent. An official high school transcript may be required. Contact your high school guidance office and request that the transcript be sent directly to the college/university. To request an official copy of your GED, contact the office stipulated on your certificate.

"Students at TC3 receive an excellent education that prepares them for success at Wells College. Thanks to the strong relationship between our two institutions, the transfer process is easy and convenient."

Lisa Marsh Ryerson
President
Wells College