



# STEPS TO TRANSFER TO A 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY

## PLANNING AND PREPARING TO TRANSFER

Congratulations on getting started with your transfer journey! We recommend the following steps as you plan and prepare:

**Search for a Career** - Understand how much that career will pay, job availability in your region, and the type of certificate or degree required for that job. Consider checking out [Career Coach](#) and [O\\*Net Online](#) during your research.

**Choose a Major** - After you've explored careers and salaries, see your counselor to learn about majors that support your career path! Make sure you follow your educational plan and see your counselor regularly.

**Explore Internships** - Get real world experience to learn more about your chosen career. Visit the Career and Transfer Connections internship webpage to learn more!

**Explore Transfer Universities** - Start by learning which universities offer your major. [CollegeXpress](#) and [College Board](#) are both great resources for researching universities. If you're able, try visiting your top choices to get a feel for the campus environment. We also recommend checking out the Career and Transfer Connections transfer webpage for information on HBCU's, how to find an LGBTQ+ friendly campus, and more!

**Review the Cost** - Research how much your education will cost and ways to pay.

**Understand the Admissions Criteria** - Meet with your counselor to understand guaranteed transfer pathways (Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAG) and Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT)) and admission requirements, such as entrance exams or required essays. If you're applying to UC, be sure to create a UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP) account as early as your first semester!

**Apply for Admission** - Application deadlines are often a year in advance. Prepare early! Visit Career and Transfer Connections to get help completing your application to your four-year university.

**Important Documents** - You'll need to be ready to send official transcripts and any other documents required by your transfer institution.

**Apply for Financial Aid** - Complete the FAFSA/CADAA. Be sure to include both Sierra and your transfer institution on your application. Also apply for scholarships!

**Ask Questions** - If you have any questions about this process, visit Career and Transfer Connections!