

Transfer Tips for Counselors – Michelle Luraschi

Community colleges can be underrated! Do your research and get to know them.

- Affordable – especially with A+ scholarship
- Fresh academic start

It isn't the second choice or the back up plan, or just for low income or academically unprepared students.

Can be a better environment for some students – smaller classes, more attention, less distractions

Faculty is ready to reach students on all different academic levels

- Often have multiple skill sets – work in the “professional world” or at another academic institution in addition to the community college

Not all students care about the typical “college experience” things – football, Greek life, dorms, etc. – don't want to pay for the extras

Think about the total cost – not just at the community college, but after they transfer too – could they earn more freshman scholarships at a 4 year?

What is their career path? Not all professional schools/majors accept all community college courses

Talk about community colleges just as much as you talk about 4 year universities

Watch out for unintended preference for 4 year universities – how do list information?

Celebrate the choice

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CORE 42 – transfer to other public institutions in Missouri – they are obligated to accept these courses

Core curriculum required to graduate

Guaranteed to transfer as the 1:1 course or as the knowledge area requirement – fulfils the same core requirement

Course Transfer Tracker – tool for counselors and advisors to use with students to show how their classes will transfer

Enter the courses taken at the community college, see the equivalent courses at the four year university

Missouri Civics Exam – condition of graduation for an associates or bachelors

Must be completed at the college they are attending if doing dual enrollment/credit

Reverse transfer – students may be eligible for an associate’s while pursuing their bachelor’s degree

Questions for students to think about when planning a transfer

- What are my career and professional goals? The more a student can tell an advisor about their interests, the better an advisor can help them make their plan
- Transfer admissions requirements vs. freshman requirements
 - o 24 credits with a 2.0 – often means no HS transcript or ACT score
 - o Specific transfer scholarships or for earning an associate’s degree
- Best time to transfer – with a degree or before?
- Transfer reps are on campus at the community college – talk to them!
- Visits are important
- Meet early and often with both schools to plan courses – use transfer guides

Articulation agreements – transfer guides

- Outlines exactly the courses they need to take – can help students pick the best core 42 classes for their major
- The sooner a student can identify a path the sooner we can advise them on courses

Peterson’s has a broad search tool for students – great for students aren’t sure where they want to go

Advantages of earning an Associate’s

- Confidence that comes with earning a degree may encourage continued education
- Cost can open access to many students
- Opportunity to explore majors and interests
- Automatic admission to some colleges – enter with junior status
- Scholarship opportunities
- With an associate’s – higher paying job while earning your bachelors

Transferring an associate’s degree often goes smoother than transferring a “pile of credits”

CHAT NOTES

09:52:09 From Danielle Washington to Everyone : MOACAC Transfer Student Fair April 22 registration
<https://www.strivescan.com/Missouri/>

09:57:29 From Danielle Washington to Everyone :
https://www.moacac.org/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=icalrepeat.detail&evid=211&Itemid=15

3&year=2021&month=04&day=22&title=show-me-virtual-spring-college-fair-transfer&uid=02bbfda52027845928be8fef93f2bd2e

09:58:27 From Danielle Washington to Everyone : Course Transfer Tracker
<https://web.dhewd.mo.gov/coursetransfertracker/homepage.faces>

09:58:44 From Pattonville HS Michelle Luraschi to Everyone : Student and counselor registration and the fair schedule will be posted to the strivescan website later this month, so please bookmark it. If you are a college interested in registering for the fair, please visit this site: <https://www.moacac.org/show-me-virtual-spring-college-fairs>

10:01:48 From Danielle Washington to Everyone : STLCC course catalog
<https://catalog.stlcc.edu/general-education/>

10:11:18 From Danielle Washington to Everyone : STLCC Transfer guides
<https://stlcc.edu/admissions/transfer-planning/transferring-out-of-stlcc.aspx>
STLCC & UMSL transfer guide example <http://umsl.edu/transferservices/Transfer%20Guides/index.html>
Petersen's Guide <https://www.petersons.com/college-search.aspx>

10:22:12 From Danielle Washington to Everyone : Transfer student rights & responsibilities
https://dhewd.mo.gov/cota/documents/COTA_RightsandResponsibilities_Feb2021.pdf
Transfer and articulation guiding principles
https://dhewd.mo.gov/cota/documents/COTAGuidingPrinciples_Feb2021.pdf

Reverse transfer policy <https://dhewd.mo.gov/documents/ReverseTransferPolicy.pdf>

10:22:31 From Taylor Grimm to Everyone : Regarding the reverse transfer, do you have advice for students who have credits at a 4-year but have a back balance?

10:23:45 From Melissa Schall Willmore to Everyone : Anyone aware of scholarships for students transferring from one community college to another? For example - a student that completes their associates but transfers for a specialized program at another school?

10:25:26 From Laura Winter to Everyone : Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation has the Finish Line Degree Completion Program which will help Missouri students pay a back balance if they meet certain criteria, even if they plan to transfer. It's the only statewide back balance program that we know of!

10:25:40 From Melissa Schall Willmore to Everyone : thank you!

10:25:43 From Kaitlyn Venta to Everyone : Doesn't specifically answer the question, but here is a list of opportunities from st louis community foundation for 2 year/technical/trade schools -
<https://stlgives.org/scholarships-open-to-students-pursuing-a-certificate-or-associate-degree/>

10:25:56 From Derrick Small Jr. to Everyone : Do you all happen to know if there is a tool for students to see how credits from Missouri community colleges transfer to 4 year colleges out of state? Or should they just work with that school's transfer admissions counselor?

10:28:29 From Danielle Washington to Everyone : Brownpreneurs Influencers Event April 8th
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/influencers-gathering-tickets-140861198637>

Brownpreneurs Teen Summit July 8-10 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-brownpreneurs-teen-summit-registration-138509606963>

10:29:17 From Danielle Washington to Everyone : Attached presentation includes all of today's links.