

Researching Your Transfer Options Questions to Consider

The basics

- Where is the college?
- Does the coursework you've completed match the college's requirements?
- What size is the campus?
- Is there on-campus housing for transfer students?
- What is the college's selectivity ratio? (Percentage of applicants admitted last year).
- How many students graduate in four years? Five years? Six years?
- How much does the program cost? What type of financial aid is available?

Would you be a match for the campus?

- Are there extracurricular programs that interest you?
- Does the program you want to pursue offer the type of courses and opportunities you seek?
- Does the institution have a reputation that meets your interests and needs?
- Is a graduate program available to further your academic goals?

Specific questions to ask the college/university representatives

- What are the institution's strongest programs?
- What are the upper division general education requirements?
- What is the graduation rate for native and transfer students?
- Are the courses you need/want available each semester? At convenient times?
- What is the social/cultural life of the campus like?
- What opportunities are there for internships and job placement?
- Is there a mentoring program for transfer students?
- Are there opportunities to spend a semester or a year aboard or at another institution?
- Do the brochures and handouts the college has created, appeal to you?
- If professional certification is required for employment (i.e., Nursing), how many students enrolled in the school's program pass the certification exam?

Admissions process

- When are applications due? Does the college accept the Common Application? If so, does it require supplemental forms?
- What does the application require? Are essays required?
- Is an interview or portfolio suggested or required?
- When may you visit the campus to meet with faculty?
- What are the financial aid deadlines? What financial aid forms are available?

