Navigating the Transfer Process for Community College Students

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• How many high school counselor?
• How many community college counselor?
• 4-year university counselor?
• Other?

WHO IS HERE?
“I have no idea what I want to be, can you help me?”

“Is undecided a major?”

“What major should I put on the application for college?”

CHALLENGES
Objectives

- Importance of Career Exploration
  - IT’S A PROCESS

- Transfer options
  - Transfer exploration
  - Pathways to the CSU/UC/Private

- Admitting freshmen vs. transfer students

Learn the latest acronyms being used at the CCC
Importance of Career Exploration

• Understand that your students may not have been able to make an informed decision about college when they were in high school.

  – Students may not have understood enough about themselves, about the realities of college life/expectations, interests, or about possible majors.
  – Students may need to make a change now because he looks at college, and life, differently.
Importance of Career Exploration

• No career awareness = no goal/major
  – Financial aid is tied to a “Major”
  – Cost
  – Length of time at COS
  – Increase transfer admission decisions by completing major prep courses for impacted campuses
  – Poor motivation to perform in classes (probation/dismissal)
  – Poor personal/well-being
Roles of Counselors in Career Exploration
Career Exploration Best Practices

• Resources
  – high schools can reach out to their local community college counterparts
    • Courses offerings
    • Career assessments
    • Online career exploration
  – CTE programs
  – Networking with other colleagues
  – County Office of Education

• Plan of Action:
  – Offer career workshops
  – Collaborate with community college transfer/career center
    • College career classes
  – Career portfolios
    • Career Cruising (9-12)
    • CaliforniaColleges.edu
    • Work experience/job shadowing
  – Career months/fairs
  – Creating a career/college culture
Transfer Acronyms/Terms

- Student Education Plan= SEP
- Associate Degree for Transfer= ADT
- General Education= GE
  1. IGETC/IGETC-STEM
  2. CSU /CSU-STEM
  3. Local COS
- Transfer Admission Guarantee= TAG
- Transfer Admission Planner= TAP
- Associate Arts/Associate Science= AA/AS
- **Impacted campus**: campus has reached its enrollment capacity in terms of instructional resources and physical support and cannot accommodate all the eligible undergraduate applications it receives during the initial filing period.
Transfer Options

• **Traditional Transfer:**
  – HS → CCC → 4-year university
  – Student completes the following before transferring:
    • 60 transferrable units (including Foundation/Golden 4)
    • lower division GE and/or
    • lower division major preparation

• **Non-traditional Transfer:**
  – 2-year → 2-year → 4-year
  – 4-year → 2-year → 4-year
AFTER A MAJOR HAS BEEN DECIDED ON...
Educational Options at CC:

- **Certificate (CA)**
  - Major only

- **Associate Degree (AA/AS)**
  - COS GE
  - Major

- **Transfer**
  - CSU/UC/
  - Private
    - CSU GE
    - IGETC
    - AA-T/AS-T

- **Bachelor's Degree (BA/BS)**

- **Master's Degree (MA/MS)**

- **Doctorate Degree**
  - (Ph.D/Psy.D/EDD/EDS)

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CC Transfer Exploration

• Where?
  – CSU, UC, Private, Out-of-State

• What?
  – Full-time/Part-time student
  – Financial needs
  – General Education (GE)
  – Major (www.assist.org)
  – GPA (impaction)

• When?
  – Will I meet admission requirements to transfer (IP coursework)
  – Application periods
Transfer Pathways

• **CSU**
  – Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
    • [www.adegreewithguarantee.com](http://www.adegreewithguarantee.com)

• **UC**
  – UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (UC TAG)
  – UC Transfer Pathways
    • [http://pathwaysguide.universityofcalifornia.edu/college-pathways/0/0](http://pathwaysguide.universityofcalifornia.edu/college-pathways/0/0)

• **AICCU** ([www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu))
  – California private nonprofit colleges and universities
Counseling Best Practices

• Probing…probing…probing
• Evaluate Math and English assessment & placement
• Develop realistic SEP
• Applying AP/CLEP/IB credits
  – GE vs. Major
  – Granting of credits varies
    • CCC
    • CSU
    • UC
• Students don’t have to earn an AA/AS degree before transferring
• Listen and refer to appropriate services
• Other best practices from the participants
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GUEST SPEAKER
High School vs Transfer Admission

High School Requirements

- Complete A-G requirements with a ‘C’ or better
  
The CSU requires a minimum 15-unit pattern of courses for admission as a first-time freshman. Each unit is equal to a year of study in a subject area. A grade of C or better is required for each course you use to meet any subject requirement.

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<td>Math (4 years recommended) including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or higher mathematics (take one each year)</td>
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- Meet eligibility index (varies by application year)
- A high school diploma or passing the California High School Proficiency Examination or complete a General Education Development program (GED)

Transfer Requirements

- 60 transferable units
- 30 units completed in CSU GE
  
  ‘C-’ or better in the following:

  A.1 – Oral Communication
  A.2 – English Composition
  A.3 – Critical Thinking
  B.4 – Quantitative Reasoning

- Minimum GPA based on impaction criteria (in all transferable units attempted). Impaction GPA varies by application year
- Good standing at last institution

https://www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/are/impaction/fall2017-impaction.html