



Transtfer 101™

FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO UNIVERSITY

VICTORIA COLLEGE KEY CENTER

Why Transfer?



2009 Median U.S. Earnings by Educational Attainment
(for workers age 25 and older)

<http://www.aie.org/planning-for-college/First-steps/learn-more-youll-earn-more.cfm>

Did you know?

- **79%** of all Texas community college students plan to obtain a bachelor's degree
- Only **7%** of Texas community students will transfer and graduate with a bachelor's degree



Factors that impact success:

- Financial Instability
- Part-Time Enrollment/Full-time Work
 - Earning more money may decrease your eligibility for financial aid
 - Part-time students are less likely to persist and graduate
- Other responsibilities
 - Children, sick parents, etc.



How does VC help me transfer?

- **Articulation agreements**

- These are agreements between community colleges and universities that guarantee your credits will transfer
- You can find these on the website of your transfer college or university OR view an equivalency chart on www.tccns.org



How does VC help me transfer?

- **Student Success Courses**

- Taking a course like Victoria College's EDUC 1300 or SDEV 0300 (Strategies for Success/OnCourse) has shown to have a positive impact on completion and transfer rates
- **Discussion Questions:** Have you taken this course? Do you feel it helped prepare you for your college experience?



How does VC help me transfer?

- **Accelerated Developmental Coursework**
 - Having to complete developmental coursework increases the amount of time spent in college
 - If not completed quickly and successfully, this coursework can impact your financial aid eligibility in your junior and senior years
 - Victoria College offers many opportunities for fast-track developmental math, writing and reading courses



How does the KEY Center help me transfer?

- **Holistic Advising**

- Receiving academic, career and transfer advising has a positive impact on your success
- The KEY Center provides intensive individual advising aimed at helping you create and meet your goals
- The KEY Center Advisor will help you research and plan your transfer process



FINDING THE “RIGHT” UNIVERSITY



Ask yourself:

- **What is my career goal?**
- **Which major will most help me succeed at my goal?**
- **Not sure? Meet with your advisor.**



Comparison Shop

- **Do you want to attend a private or public college?**
- **Do you prefer a large or small campus?**
- **Do you want to travel or stay close to home?**



Comparison Shop

- **Does the college I am considering offer a good program in my major?**
- **Do I need to apply for my program separately from general college admissions?**
- **Does it offer me career counseling if I don't yet know what field to study?**



Comparison Shop

- **What is the reputation of the college I'm considering? How will that affect my career goals?**
- **How does the university handle transfers students and does it offer them financial aid?**
- **Will I have to retake courses when I transfer?**
- **Do I want to live on campus or off campus?**



1 -2 years before you transfer

Research degree requirements & make sure you are taking classes that transfer

- If the website is unclear, contact an advisor at the transfer institution

Maintain good grades to ensure you will be accepted

- Many higher ranked colleges will calculate your GPA using every credit (even repeated courses)

Less than 1 year before you transfer

Apply to the college far in advance of the application deadline

- Be sure to complete essays, letters of recommendation, or other requirements.

Complete your FAFSA and have results sent to your transfer institution

- If you are transferring mid-academic year (Spring) you will need to have your FAFSA information sent to the transfer institution by going online:
www.fafsa.gov

Send your “in progress” transcripts to the transfer institution

1 Semester before you transfer

Be accepted!! 😊

Apply for transfer scholarships (if the institution has them)

- Some colleges set scholarship deadlines earlier than application deadlines – please check the deadline early!

After your last semester has ended at VC, re-send your final transcripts to your transfer institution

Transfer Resources

- Transfer 101
 - www.transfer101.org
- Apply Texas (submit your transfer application online)
 - www.applytexas.org
- Check course equivalencies
 - www.tccns.org
- Review the top schools in your field
 - <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges>
- Check to see what schools offer your major/degree:
 - <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>