



# PATHWAY PRESS

Office of Transfer Pathways Monthly Newsletter

thank you

As we approach the end of another semester, the Office of Transfer Pathways extends its deepest gratitude to our dedicated faculty, staff, and student leaders for their unwavering support throughout the year. Your commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment has been instrumental in helping countless students navigate the transfer process and pursue their academic aspirations. The collaboration and enthusiasm demonstrated by our college community are truly commendable, and we are grateful for the collective efforts that make the journey towards higher education a smoother one.

As we gear up for finals, we want to wish each and every student the best of luck in their exams. Your hard work and determination have been inspiring, and we believe in your ability to excel. May this time of focused study and reflection bring about the success you deserve. Additionally, as the holiday season approaches, we hope everyone finds moments of joy, relaxation, and connection with loved ones. Whether you are celebrating traditions or taking a well-deserved break, may the spirit of the holidays fill your hearts with warmth and happiness. Thank you for being an integral part of our college community, and we look forward to supporting each other in the upcoming year.

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** Hudson County Community College provides its diverse communities with inclusive, high-quality educational programs and services that promote student success and upward social and economic mobility.

# Transfer Glossary: Types of Agreements

Listed below are the most common types of transfer agreements and how each of them works. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Transfer Pathways.

<p><b>Articulation Agreement</b></p>	<p>An articulation agreement is an agreement that goes into detail about things such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guaranteed admission</li> <li>• Acceptance of transfer credits</li> <li>• Eligibility for scholarships</li> <li>• Academic course requirements</li> </ul> <p>These agreements help to provide students with a step-by-step guide for completing necessary course requirements and transferring credits to another school.</p>
<p><b>Dual Admissions</b></p>	<p>Dual Admissions is when a student is admitted to two institutions at the same time. For example, a student can be seeking a degree at HCCC and already admitted to a four-year transfer institution, with access to their campus and services. Their HCCC classes would then transfer to the four-year institution, once they complete their Associate's Degree.</p>
<p><b>2+2 Agreements</b></p>	<p>2 years at the community college and 2 years at the four-year institution.) 2+2 programs are designed for students who take half of a degree at one institution and the second half at another institution. Usually, this is completing an associate degree at a community college and transferring into a four-year institution for bachelor's degree completion. A student's enrollment status may cause an agreement like this to vary in length.</p>
<p><b>3+1 Agreements</b></p>	<p>(3 years at the community college and 1 year at the four-year institution.) A student earns their associate degree at a community college, stays for an additional year at the college as they take upper-level coursework, then transfers in their final year to the four-year institution to complete their bachelor's degree. These pathways, designed by both the community college and university, minimize the risks associated with the transfer and set learners up for success.</p>
<p><b>Reverse Transfer</b></p>	<p>Reverse transfer is when students transfer credits back to a previously attended institution to complete a degree even after leaving that institution. These agreements realize that students often transfer before completing a degree. Institutions collaborate closely, obtaining necessary paperwork and submitting the official transcripts for formal awarding of the degree. Students are encouraged to complete their Associates degree to maximize transfer credit and reduce cost.</p>

# HCCC & FDU Transfer Agreements



Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) is a respected private university with campuses in Teaneck and Madison, New Jersey. Established in 1942, FDU has grown into a comprehensive institution known for its global perspective and commitment to providing a well-rounded education. The university offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs, with a particular focus on business, healthcare, and the humanities. FDU prides itself on its close-knit community, dedicated faculty, and robust experiential learning opportunities, preparing students to become successful professionals and engaged global citizens.



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Listed below are the most common types of transfer agreements and how each of them works.

If you have any questions, please contact your assigned academic advisor.

HCCC Major	Bachelor Program	Type of Agreement
Accounting, A.S.	B.S. in Business and Accounting	Dual Admission
Radiography, AS	BS Radiologic Technology	Articulation
Construction Management, AAS	B.S. in Construction	Dual Admission



## TIP

When transferring to Fairleigh Dickinson University, consider exploring the study abroad opportunities available, including the chance to study at the Wroxton College. Studying abroad can broaden your perspective, enhance your intercultural skills, and provide valuable experiences that complement your academic journey. Take advantage of the international programs offered by Fairleigh Dickinson University to enrich your educational experience and create lifelong memories

# Transfer Student Timeline

The transfer student timeline is a comprehensive guide that outlines the various stages and key milestones a student typically experiences when transitioning to a new educational institution. This timeline serves as a valuable resource for transfer students, providing them with a clear understanding of what to expect during their journey. Whether you are considering transferring or have already embarked on this path, this timeline will serve as a valuable roadmap to ensure a smooth and successful transition to your new educational destination.

<p><b>Early Stages (0-15 credits):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research:</b> Start researching potential transfer universities and their transfer requirements, including GPA, prerequisite courses, and application deadlines. Consider factors such as location, program offerings, and financial aid options.</li> <li>• <b>Academic Advising:</b> Meet with an academic advisor at the college to discuss your transfer goals. They can guide you on the appropriate courses to take and ensure you are on track to meet transfer requirements.</li> <li>• <b>General Education Courses:</b> Focus on completing your general education requirements, as these are typically transferable to most universities. Consult with your advisor to determine which courses fulfill these requirements.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mid-Stages (15-30 credits):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Target Schools &amp; Career Services:</b> Narrow down your list of potential transfer universities based on your research and personal preferences. Visit their websites and attend transfer information sessions or college fairs to gather more information. Additionally, reach out to your community college's career services department for guidance on how your academic choices align with your long-term career goals. They can provide insights into which universities offer programs that best match your desired career path.</li> <li>• <b>Major Exploration:</b> If you have an idea of your intended major, start exploring the prerequisite courses required by your target universities. Ensure that you are taking the necessary courses at your community college.</li> <li>• <b>Maintain GPA:</b> Aim to maintain a competitive GPA, as many universities have minimum GPA requirements for transfer students. Strive for a GPA above the minimum requirement to enhance your chances of acceptance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Preparing for Transfer (30-45 credits):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transfer Agreements:</b> Check if your community college has any transfer agreements or articulation agreements with specific universities. These agreements outline the courses that will transfer and fulfill major requirements at the receiving institution.</li> <li>• <b>Visit Transfer Offices:</b> Visit the Transfer Pathways office at the college and the universities you are interested in to seek guidance and ensure you are on track. They can provide information on transfer scholarships, housing options, and other resources. Additionally, check in with your academic advisor during this stage to discuss your progress, ensure you're meeting the necessary academic requirements, and get their input on your transfer plans.</li> <li>• <b>Extracurricular Activities:</b> Engage in extracurricular activities, such as clubs or volunteer work, to enhance your transfer application. These activities demonstrate your involvement and commitment outside of academics.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Application and Final Stages (45-60 credits):</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Application Deadlines:</b> Be aware of transfer application deadlines for your target universities. Start working on your application well in advance to ensure you have enough time to gather necessary documents, such as transcripts and recommendation letters.</li> <li>• <b>Personal Statement:</b> Begin drafting your personal statement, highlighting your academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and reasons for transferring. Seek feedback from advisors, professors, or mentors to strengthen your statement.</li> <li>• <b>Financial Aid:</b> Research and apply for financial aid and scholarships specific to transfer students. Contact the financial aid offices at both your community college and the transfer universities to explore your options.</li> <li>• <b>Check with Registrar Office regarding Graduation:</b> As you approach the completion of your community college coursework, check with the Registrar's Office to ensure you are on track for graduation. They can provide guidance on any final requirements and procedures. To complete the graduation process, follow these steps: Visit <a href="http://HCCC.edu">HCCC.edu</a>-Click on the menu-Select "Student Success"-Click on "Graduation Application."</li> </ul>



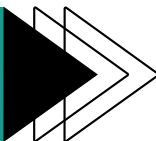
## THANK YOU

On behalf of the entire transfer team, we want to express our sincere gratitude to academic advisor Chrissto Canales for your outstanding help in crafting the transfer timeline. Your expertise and dedication have been invaluable in guiding us through this process.

# Transfer Champion: Cynthia Criollo, Class of 2022



BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION, A.S.



LEADERSHIP AND  
MANAGEMENT, B.A.



**Can you share your reasons for starting your academic journey at a community college and then transferring to a university? What factors influenced this decision?**

Major reasons to start at a community college was the cost. Factors that influenced the decision was also the support I received once I walked in to take the placement test.

**What steps did you take to ensure a smooth transition from community college to university? Were there any specific challenges you faced during this process, and how did you overcome them?**

I made sure I had both curriculums printed to ensure I took the classes necessary to transfer. The challenges I faced was connecting with university staff, given the circumstances at the time of my transition it was hard for the institution to meet the new changes at such rapidness to meet everyone's expectation

**Can you describe the support resources or programs that were available to you as a transfer student, both at the community college and the university? How did these resources contribute to your success?**

Community college helped me develop a foundation of self-awareness, independence, and relationship building, academically and on a personal level. A notable difference was student organizations' structure and demand to be present with the workforce as soon as you are in the institution - a community of good and ambition. I adapted by creating relationships and involving myself to get to know the ins and outs of success and to continue to improve.

**How did your experience at the community college prepare you for the academic rigor and expectations of the university? Were there any notable differences you encountered, and how did you adapt to them?**

The resources available to me contributing to my development were counselors, professors and student organizations. Each thought me to adapt to situations and to always look for evolution.

**Looking back at your journey from community college to university, what advice would you give to other students considering a similar path? Are there any specific strategies or tips you found helpful in maximizing your transfer experience?**

Research, Reach out and Reflect. Research your resources and make a plan. Reach out for help and to create relationship. Reflect your journey (wins and hardships) so you can continue delivering to your end goals. To all this the most important key is consistency.



## CYNTHIA'S FAVORITE QUOTE

"Every Fall is a Chance to Rise."

# November 2023 Recap: Major & Career Fair!!!

## OFFICE OF TRANSFER PATHWAYS TABLING

Transfer Pathways Program Coordinator conducted tabling at the North Hudson campus on Wednesday November 8th and at the Journal Square Campus on Thursday, November 9th.

## TRANSFER & CAREER FAIR

Office of Transfer Pathways & Career Services collaborated in revamping the Major Fair into the “Transfer & Career Fair.” The event was conducted on Journal Square Campus on November 15th and at North Hudson Campus on November 28th.



### ONSITE VISITS

We had the honor of welcoming our partner and non-partner institutions at North Hudson Campus & Journal Square Campus to conduct onsite tabling. The representatives provided our students with valuable information regarding their institution.

Thank you to the following college representatives for visiting:

<i>Transfer Representative</i>	<i>University/College</i>
Anthony Domingues	Rider University
Marcus Bourbon	Rutgers University- Newark
Maritza Mercado	Western Governors University
Mason Traino	Saint Peter's University
Marco Bermudez	Fairleigh Dickinson University
Enrico DeRooy	Stockton University
Anna Altadonna Ramos	Grand Canyon University
Jorge Fernandez	New Jersey City University
Erin Samples	Montclair State University - Bloomfield College
Kathleen McCarth	Seton Hall University
Abigail Kaczmarek	Columbia University
Erin Casne	Rowan University
Jay Grady	Thomas Edison State University



## TRANSFER PATHWAYS OFFICE CALENDAR ♦ Events ♦ FALL 2023

### December 2023

Day	Month	Date	Event	Campus	Time
Wed.	Dec.	13	NHC Transfer Pathways Finals Tabling	1st Floor Lobby	12PM- 2PM
Thur.	Dec.	14	JSQ Transfer Pathways Finals Tabling	1st Floor Student Lounge	12PM- 2PM

*We're thrilled to announce that several prestigious 4-year universities will be visiting Hudson County Community College (HCCC) in October.*

*This is your chance to connect directly with university representatives, explore academic programs, discuss transfer options, and get answers to all your burning questions about your next educational adventure.*

## ♦ Onsite Visits ♦ FALL 2023

### December 2023

Day	Month	Date	University/College	Campus	Time
Fri.	Dec.	1	Grand Canyon University	NHC- 1st Floor Lobby	10AM- 12PM
Mon.	Dec.	4	Fairleigh Dickinson University	NHC- 1st Floor Lobby	10AM- 3PM
Mon.	Dec.	4	Marymount Manhattan College	JSQ-Library Lobby	11AM- 2PM
Wed.	Dec.	5	Montclair State University- Bloomfield College	JSQ-Library Lobby	10AM- 3PM
Fri.	Dec.	6	Rutgers University- Newark	JSQ-1st Floor Student Lounge	10AM- 3PM
Mon.	Dec.	8	Grand Canyon University	JSQ-Library Lobby	10AM- 12PM
Wed.	Dec.	13	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	JSQ-Library Lobby	10AM- 2PM

*ALL STUDENTS must print an unofficial transcript for each visit.*

*Visit our Transfer Pathway website for any "Remote Instant Decision Days."*



## ♦ Instant Decision Days ♦ FALL 2023

### December 2023

Day	Month	Date	University/College	Campus	Time	Fee Waiver
Thur.	Dec.	7	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Remote	9AM- 10AM	Waiver Applied
Thur.	Dec.	7	New Jersey City University	JSQ- Library Lobby	10:00AM- 3:00PM	GOKNIGHTS
Wed.	Dec.	13	New Jersey City University	JSQ- Library Lobby	10:00AM- 3:00PM	GOKNIGHTS
Thur.	Dec.	14	Saint Peter's University	JSQ- Library Lobby	10AM- 2PM	No Fee

# Transfer Features: Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)



## SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program, established by statute in 1968, has been a cornerstone in providing students from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds with a pathway to pursue higher education for over 50 years. At Hudson County Community College (HCCC), EOF has played a vital role since the late 1970s, offering academic, financial, and social support to thousands of students. The program is committed to ensuring the academic success of its participants through a dedicated team of advisors, academic practice professionals, and instructors who collaborate closely with EOF students to guide them toward earning their college degrees.

HCCC EOF students benefit from a comprehensive range of support services. These include academic advisement, counseling, and practice sessions, an early start through the Summer Academy, workshops, cultural trips, and activities. Students also receive personalized assistance in class registration from their EOF Advisor, mentoring from experienced EOF students, career advisement, and guidance on transferring to 4-year colleges. Financial assistance of up to \$800, based on New Jersey eligibility criteria, is available to help ease the financial burden. Additionally, EOF students have the opportunity to transfer into an EOF program at future 4-year institutions in New Jersey. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must come from an educationally and/or economically disadvantaged background, have been a New Jersey resident for at least one year, meet the financial eligibility requirements defined by the State of New Jersey, and be a currently enrolled HCCC student.

## HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME AN EOF STUDENT?

- Complete an HCCC application (new HCCC students)
- File a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year you are applying. You can apply online at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov)
- Complete an EOF application at: <https://www.hccc.edu/student-success/eof/eof-application.html>



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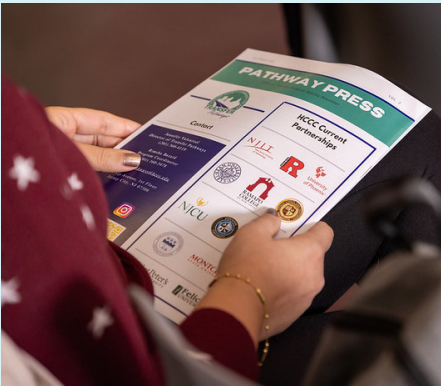


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