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&
2ND FLOOR, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Get ready for the Spring Transfer Fairs where you will connect with representatives from various colleges and universities. This event will take place at the Journal Square Campus, G Building-Student Lounge & 2nd floor Multipurpose Room on Wednesday, March 20th, bringing together institutions from across the region to showcase their programs, majors, and unique campus experiences. Whether you're considering transferring to pursue a specific field of study or simply exploring options for a change, the fair promises to be an invaluable resource. Attendees can engage in one-on-one discussions with admission officers, gather information about transfer policies, and gain insights into the vibrant academic communities awaiting them. Don't miss this chance to navigate your academic journey and discover the perfect fit for your future aspirations!

SPRING 2024 CAMPUS TOURS

NJCU
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Saint Peter's UNIVERSITY
DREW UNIVERSITY
NJIT
RUTGERS
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

As an integral part of the Transfer Process our office will have campus tours available to students. The tours will be guided by student ambassadors and students will have the opportunity to explore key campus facilities, state-of-the-art academic buildings, and recreational spaces. These tours aim to give a firsthand glimpse into the vibrant campus culture, emphasizing not only the college/university academics but also the social and extracurricular aspects that contribute to a well-rounded college experience. Whether strolling through scenic courtyards, visiting cutting-edge laboratories, or engaging in conversations with current students, the campus tours are designed to help transfer students envision themselves as part of the university community. Come join us for an informative and inspiring day, and take the first step towards a seamless and successful transition to a new academic chapter. RSVP through INVOLVED!

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HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Hudson is Home!

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.

HCCC & Ramapo College of New Jersey Transfer Agreements



Ramapo College of New Jersey is a reputable public liberal arts institution located in Mahwah, New Jersey. Established in 1969, it has garnered a strong reputation for its commitment to academic excellence and student-centered learning. Ramapo College offers a wide array of undergraduate programs across various disciplines, emphasizing interdisciplinary studies and critical thinking. The college's picturesque campus, nestled in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains, provides a serene and conducive environment for students to thrive. With small class sizes, dedicated faculty, and a focus on experiential learning, Ramapo College prepares students to become well-rounded individuals equipped with the skills and knowledge to succeed in their chosen fields.

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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
Nursing – RN, AS	BSN	Articulation- 3+1 Program
Human Services (Social Justice Advocacy Option), AS	B.S.W in Social Work	Articulation -2+2 Program



FUN TIP

Explore the Campus Trails: Ramapo College is known for its beautiful campus surrounded by nature. Take some time to explore the various trails and outdoor spaces on campus. The Scarlet Oak Pond and the nearby hiking trails offer a peaceful retreat from the academic hustle. Whether you need a break between classes or want a quiet place to study, these natural settings can provide a refreshing change of scenery.

Transfer without Agreement

Are you considering transferring from a community college to a four-year institution that doesn't have an official articulation agreement in place? While articulation agreements can simplify the transfer process, they are not the only path to successfully transferring to your desired university. Here's a guide on how to navigate the transfer process effectively:

Research the Transfer Policies:

Start by researching the transfer policies of the college you're interested in. Most universities have a dedicated webpage for transfer students where they outline their admission requirements, application deadlines, and credit transfer policies. This will give you a clear idea of what the university expects from transfer applicants.

Course Equivalency:

Although there might not be an official articulation agreement, you can still compare the courses you've taken at the community college with the ones offered at the university. Check the university's course catalog to find courses that are like those you've completed. This can help demonstrate that you've covered the necessary prerequisites.

Meet with Academic Advisors:

Make an appointment with academic advisors at both your community college and the university you're interested in transferring to. Discuss your plans, share your academic history, and ask for advice on how to make your transfer successful. They can provide guidance on course selection and ensure you're on the right track.

Maintain Strong Grades:

A solid academic record is crucial for successful transfer, especially when there's no articulation agreement in place. Maintain a strong GPA and strive for excellence in your courses. Universities often prioritize transfer applicants who have demonstrated their academic potential.

Flexibility in Electives:

Be prepared to potentially retake some courses or fulfill elective requirements that weren't directly covered in your community college curriculum. This flexibility will show your commitment to meeting the university's academic standards.

Transfer Scholarships and Aid:

Check if the university offers transfer scholarships or financial aid opportunities. Even without an articulation agreement, some universities have specific awards for transfer students. Explore these options to ease the financial burden of transferring.

Be Patient and Persistent:

Transferring can be a complex process, especially without an articulation agreement. Be patient and prepared for potential challenges. If you face any roadblocks, reach out to admissions representatives for clarification and guidance.

Attend Transfer Events:

Many universities host transfer information sessions or events. Attending these can provide you with valuable insights into the transfer process and allow you to connect with university representatives.

Remember, while articulation agreements can streamline the transfer process, they are not the only path to success. By researching, preparing, and demonstrating your commitment, you can increase your chances of a smooth transfer to a college without an existing agreement.

Transfer Student Timeline

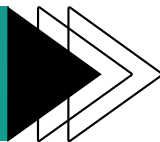
The transfer student timeline is a comprehensive guide that outlines the various stages and key milestones a student typically experiences when transitioning to a new educational institution. This timeline serves as a valuable resource for transfer students, providing them with a clear understanding 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>Early Stages (0-15 credits):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research: 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. • Academic Advising: 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. • General Education Courses: 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.
<p>Mid-Stages (15-30 credits):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target Schools & Career Services: 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. • Major Exploration: 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. • Maintain GPA: 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.
<p>Preparing for Transfer (30-45 credits):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer Agreements: 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. • Visit Transfer Offices: 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. • Extracurricular Activities: 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.
<p>Application and Final Stages (45-60 credits):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Deadlines: 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. • Personal Statement: 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. • Financial Aid: 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. • Check with Registrar Office regarding Graduation: 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 HCCC.edu-Click on the menu-Select "Student Success"-Click on "Graduation Application."

Transfer Champion: Racco Maristela, Class of 2022



CHEMISTRY



BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE



"It's not over until I win" as long as it's healthy."
-Les Brown

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?

The year was 2018 when I just finished my GED at HCST, I was basically new to America at the time. After completing my GED, I was referred to a department at HCCC to take some of the placement test. I also thought of it as a blessing in disguise because I had no money, nor the exact knowledge to go directly to a university.

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?

It's a different story for everyone, I would not call mine an easy transition but rather something that was meant to happen. Like, I applied to a lot of universities, got accepted to some but the ones I liked rejected me. I thought now it was hard to transfer. Then UCONN accepted me, and I realize maybe that this might be what God is planning.

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?

HCCC prepared me to be responsible for my coursework, my scheduling, how to take initiative in participating with clubs and organizations (which is one of the first things they teach at CSS). They also taught me to have a good relationship with my fellow peers, professors, and staff. Though one might argue "you could also learn these things at a university", I might say that it could be true, but at HCCC there's this feeling of connection, and understanding, where you have an environment molding you step by step, preparing you gradually, and not in a shocking state like what most universities may do. I feel like the difference is that the University I'm currently at has a city kind of feeling, where going to different classrooms feel like going to different jobs in the same day, in comparison to HCCC's house like feeling where different classrooms feel like going to different rooms in your house, familiar with everything.

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?

At the time that I was transferring from HCCC to UCONN, I believe Transfer Pathways were new or still being processed now. Coming from the Pandemic, I wasn't familiar with this resource, but rather I was familiar with the advising centers, advisors at HCCC. I considered most of the staff to have a great sense of wisdom, and some helped me with my transfer essays, some helped write my recommendation letters. I would say that the whole college (HCCC) is the resource itself, it's basically a tool offering itself to you saying, "I can do this for you as long as you help me help you". I just saw it that way, like it's one big opportunity. My current university offers the same, but I'm yet to discover more about it.

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?

I would say spend some time in clubs and organizations like PTK, SKD, SGA. Even in clubs that you might think have nothing to do with you, because you would often find that there are people in such that are very knowledgeable in navigating through college life. Some people there might end up being your lifelong friends who might prepare you for an interview, do research with you etc. I think the main point is to learn to think with the college community and learn to utilize that community. No one is left behind in that community.



RACCO'S FAVORITE QUOTE

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good."

-Romans 12:9 "

February Recap:

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY TRANSFER SCHOLARS INITIATIVE

The office of Transfer Pathways & the office of Student Life & Leadership joined together to host Information Sessions about the Princeton Transfer Scholars Initiative on Friday, January 26th and Monday, February 6th. The Princeton University Transfer Scholars Initiative (TSI) is a summer program for community college students to enroll in a full-time, eight-week academic curriculum, in which they will take two for-credit Princeton courses at no cost to the student. Transfer Scholars will have the opportunity to engage with other Princeton faculty, students, and summer programs, and will have access to campus resources comparable to Princeton undergraduates.



NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY CAMPUS TOUR

Office of Transfer Pathways

In an exciting venture beyond our campus, the office of Transfer Pathways conducted the New Jersey City University (NJCU) campus tour. A diverse group of students, faculty, and staff immersed themselves in the dynamic atmosphere of NJCU, exploring cutting-edge classrooms and collaborative spaces. The visit provided invaluable insights into academic programs and the student experience, fostering connections between our communities. Gratitude to NJCU for warmly welcoming us and inspiring our ongoing pursuit of educational excellence at HCCC.



MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS TOUR

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In a thrilling campus tour, Hudson County Community College (HCCC) recently delved into the academic wonders of Montclair State University (MSU). Our diverse delegation, comprised of students, faculty, and staff, discovered the excellence of MSU's facilities, engaging classrooms, and dynamic student spaces. Interactions with MSU representatives provided invaluable insights into their academic offerings and vibrant campus life, fostering connections and inspiring our community's educational aspirations. A heartfelt thank you to Montclair State University for their warm welcome, propelling us towards continued growth and collaboration on our educational journey.



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 Visit: Partners

Day	Month	Date	University/College	Campus	Time
Fri.	Mar.	1	Pace University	JSQ- L Bldg, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Fri.	Mar.	1	Seton Hall University	JSQ- L Bldg, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Mon.	Mar.	4	Rutgers University-Newark	NHC, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Mon.	Mar.	4	University of Phoenix	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Wed.	Mar.	6	Fairleigh Dickinson University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Wed.	Mar.	6	Felician University	NHC, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Fri.	Mar.	8	Western Governors University	NHC, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Fri.	Mar.	8	Rider University	JSQ- L Bldg, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Mon.	Mar.	11	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Mon.	Mar.	11	Thomas Edison State University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Wed.	Mar.	13	Ramapo College	NHC, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Wed.	Mar.	13	New Jersey City University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Fri.	Mar.	15	The College of New Jersey	JSQ- L Bldg, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Fri.	Mar.	15	William Paterson University	JSQ- L Bldg, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Mon.	Mar.	18	Rutgers University-Newark	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Mon.	Mar.	18	LIM College	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Wed.	Mar.	20	Ramapo College	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Wed.	Mar.	20	New Jersey City University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM
Fri.	Mar.	22	Western Governors University	JSQ- L Bldg, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 2PM
Fri.	Mar.	22	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	JSQ- L Bldg, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	2PM-5PM

ALL STUDENTS must print an unofficial transcript for each visit.

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



Instant Decision Days Schedule

Day	Month	Date	University/College	Campus	Fee Waiver
Tues.	Mar.	5	NJCU	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	GOKNIGHTS
Tues.	Mar.	5	Stockton University	Remote	StocktonU2024
Thur.	Mar.	7	Rutgers University-Newark	Remote	hudson24
Thur.	Mar.	12	NJIT	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	TR24
Tues.	Mar.	12	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Remote	Automatic Upon IDD
Thur.	Mar.	14	Felician University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	FALCONS2024
Thur.	Mar.	14	Montclair State University	Remote	TR2024
Tues.	Mar.	19	Felician University	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	FALCONS2024
Thur.	Mar.	21	NJCU	JSQ- G Bldg, Student Center, 1st Fl.	GOKNIGHTS

Office of Transfer Pathways

Day	Month	Date	Event	Campus	Time
Tues.	Mar.	5	Saint Peter's University Tour	TBA	10AM to 1PM
Wed.	Mar.	6	Navigate & Accelerate: Transfer Workshop	NHC, 2nd floor, Multipurpose room	12:30PM- 2PM
Thur.	Mar.	13	Office of Transfer Pathways Tabling	JSQ- L Bldg, Library Lobby, 1st Fl.	10AM- 12PM
Wed.	Mar.	20	Transfer Fair	JSQ, G bldg., 1st floor, Multipurpose room, 2nd floor	1PM-3PM
Mon.	Mar.	18	Drew University	TBA	10AM- 12:30PM



**SPRING 2024
CAMPUS TOURS**

Logos for participating institutions: NJCU, MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, Saint Peter's University, DREW UNIVERSITY, HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NJIT, RUTGERS, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY.

Includes an image of a bus and a map showing tour routes.

Join the Transfer Pathways office for an in-person campus tour this semester! The campus tours are on a first-come, first-served basis, and seats on the bus are limited!

Here's what to expect during your in-person campus tour:

- Presentations from various departments on campus
- Information on admissions, scholarship opportunities, majors and more!
- Meet & greet with faculty, staff, and students

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Logos for Hudson County Community College and Columbia University are visible.

Join the Transfer Pathways office for the annual Transfer Fair.

Representatives from 31 colleges and universities will present provide details about their academic programs, admission requirements, and campus life. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions, learn about transfer policies, and gather resources to facilitate a smooth transition.

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Transfer Features: Early College



The Early College Programs at Hudson County Community College enables ALL high school students (9th – 12th grades) who attend school or live in Hudson County to earn up to 18 college-level credits per academic year and save 50% on tuition and have most fees waived. Opportunities exist to earn college credits through dual enrollment (a high school course taught by an approved instructor, where students may simultaneously earn both high school and college credits) and traditional college courses offered at HCCC. Credits can be applied towards a college degree at HCCC or a four-year college and university upon graduating from high school.

In certain instances where an agreement is made between HCCC and a participating high school, students may be eligible to earn an associate degree upon high school graduation. To learn about our partnerships and which schools have degree-seeking students, visit our partnership webpage. We have had over 100 high school students graduate with an associate degree so far!

The Early College team is stationed at the Journal Square campuses and Secaucus Center, serving high schools across Hudson County. The program offers current and prospective high school students opportunities to meet one-on-one with a Student Success Coach to discuss graduation plans, receive academic advisement, and explore student services and opportunities offered at HCCC.

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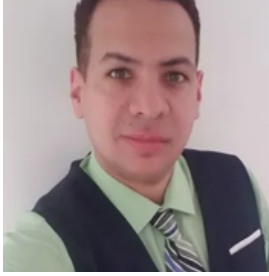


Know of anyone who might be interested in the Early College Programs?

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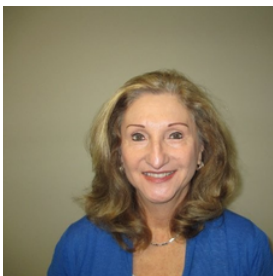
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