



Future 5 @NCC Transfer Guide

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Main goals for NCC students who want to transfer to a 4-year school:

1.) Demonstrate that you are a solid candidate for a 4-year school.

- Be academically competitive in your major. Keep your GPA up - it will matter for scholarships and the schools you can get into
- Demonstrate leadership skills: join clubs/organizations, volunteer, be part of the NCC community
- Get work in your field of study through an internship(s)

2.) Attend NCC in a purposeful way. Consider the courses you take at NCC to transfer a maximum number of credits to 4-year schools.

- Determine your major by your second semester at NCC

3.) Create and stick to your transfer plan.

- Check in with your Future 5 coaches and your NCC academic advisor throughout your time at NCC

Creating Your Transfer Plan from NCC to a 4-Year School

1.) Research possible 4-year colleges and select the schools where you will apply

To give yourself choices, apply to some safe schools, a handful of middle-of-the-road options and a few dream schools. Consider the following:

- Academic programs available
- College/University campus size, culture
- Entrance requirements: GPA, SAT scores required – acceptance rate and graduation rate
- Tuition / Housing options
- How many students have jobs upon graduation? Within your major?
- How many credits will be accepted from NCC at 4-year school. How long will it take to obtain Bachelor's degree upon transfer?

Consider schools that have Articulation Agreements with NCC.

- **NCC has agreements for Pathway Programs with CSU's (Connecticut State Colleges and Universities: Southern, Central, Western, Eastern) for the following majors:** (more info at: ct.edu/transfer/tickets): Accounting, Art, Biology, Business, Business Administration, Chemistry, Communication, Criminology, Early Childhood Teacher Credential, English, Exercise Science, Finance, French, German, History, Italian, Management, Marketing, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Spanish

*Transfer is possible!
It requires academic progress not perfection*

- Pathway programs ensure there is a clear course sequence of what to take at NCC so that you will begin as a Junior at a CSCU in your major AND all of your credits from NCC will be accepted by the CSCU you transfer to.
- **UCONN GAP Program:** Maintain a 3.0 GPA (3.3 GPA for Business School) at NCC, apply before you obtain 30 credits and get access to a \$8,000 scholarship (\$2000/ over 4 semesters). See Karla Lara or Pracilya Titus at NCC to apply (West 118). <https://norwalk.edu/counseling/uconngap/>
- **Dual Admission Program:** Program between the Connecticut State University System and the Connecticut Community College System. It is intended for students who identify early their choice of state university along with selection of a major, or program of study for their baccalaureate degree.
 - Students must apply to the Compact Dual Admission Program before completing 15 transferable credits; Complete your associates degree in the appropriate program; Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Specific programs may have additional admission requirements.

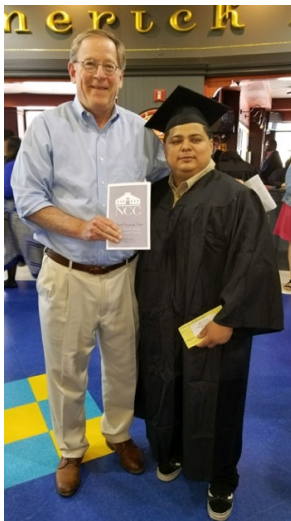
2.) Contact transfer counselors at 4-year colleges that interest you and gather admissions + transfer information. Visit College Campuses

- Utilize Future 5's college partnership program and contacts at 4-year colleges such as: Trinity, Yale, Sacred Heart, Fairfield, Manhattanville, Albertus Magnus, Iona College, and UCONN
- Attend the Transfer Fair at NCC and check transfer visit schedule
- Check out campuses and go on tours - many virtual tours are available.
 - When visiting 4-year schools, bring your NCC transcript. *It is important to understand what courses from NCC will transfer to a 4-year school before you apply. Ask for credit evaluations*

3.) Investigate financial aid possibilities and determine approximate cost to attend 4-year schools

- Ask about part-time student tuition rates
- FAFSA
- Merit-based scholarships at 4-year school for transfer students
- NCC Foundation (LEAP and DREAM scholarships)
- College Green Light, Unigo, Fast Web, College Board
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- CSCU Foundation Scholarships
- Future 5 scholarship options

Where are you going next?



Determining your major and your preferred transfer school as early as possible, will help to ensure you save as much money and time as possible

Timeline for Transferring to a 4-year School

0-15 Credits:

- Take English, Math, and introductory courses of major(s) you are interested in. Complete any developmental coursework.
- Declare your major during your second semester at NCC. Still unsure? Do informational interviews through NCC Career Services + Future 5 contacts, take career assessment tests, talk to professors
- Meet with your Future 5 coach and NCC academic advisor to determine your path to graduation. Utilize DegreeWorks.
- Attend the NCC Transfer Fair in October and check the monthly visit schedule from admission representatives at NCC.

16-45 Credits:

- Create list of 4-year schools you would like to apply to, and a list of requirements + application deadlines
- Make an appointment to see Orlando Soto (Transfer Counselor) at NCC. East 104; osoto@ncc.commnet.edu
- Visit as many schools as possible
 - Winter and Spring break are good times for college visits
 - Check the Future 5 college tour schedule.
- Continue to communicate with your Future 5 and NCC academic advisor to make sure you are on track to graduation.
 - If you drop a course, fail a class, or want to change your major, let your Future 5 coach know
- Get an internship / job that is related to your field of study. Take an internship course if this is part of your program of study. *Utilize Future 5 contacts for internships/jobs.* Take classes that will prepare you for your major once you transfer to a four-year school. This not only confirms your interest in your major, but also demonstrates to the 4-year school that you are serious about your major, and can succeed at a 4-year school.
- Get involved at NCC. Join student clubs/organizations, take leadership roles

46 – 60+ Credits:

- **Winter break before NCC graduation is an important time to work on applications. Getting the majority of application work completed while NCC classes are *not* in session is ideal.**
- Ask professors, employers for recommendation letters
- Write application essays
 - Future 5 volunteer coach available for assistance with essays
- Order official transcripts from your High School and NCC
- Apply for graduation at NCC
- Keep studying during your last semester. The college/university will check your final GPA