

Two Year Schools

What is the difference between a Two Year School, a Junior College and a Community College?

- "Junior College" typically refers to private two-year institutions.
- "Community College" usually refers to publicly funded two-year institutions.

Things to Consider when Applying to Community College

- Location: Consider how close you will be from home as most community colleges do not offer on-campus housing.
- Academic Programs Available: Find out what programs the Community College offers. Be sure the CC offers your major, especially if you plan to transfer to a four-year university after community college.
- Cost: Check for financial aid and scholarships for merit and financial need.
- Campus Life: What activities or resources are available outside of the classroom on campus?
- Size of the Student Body: Class size student population, advisor to student ratio, etc.

Applying to 2 Year Colleges/Community Colleges:

- Research various 2 year colleges you are interested in
 - checkoutcollege.com (for WA Community and Tech Colleges)
- Sign up for the COMPASS, ASSET, or ACCUPLACER placement tests
- Request applications from each college
 - [Web Admissions Center for the Washington State Community and Technical Colleges](#)
 - (most state Community Colleges use the same online app)
- Consider whether you are interested in transferring to a four-year college
- Talk to a school adviser about the transfer process at their institution
- Inquire about financial aid from each school
- File your FAFSA asap, for financial aid