

Two Year Schools

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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 pre-major classes, 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
- Sign up for the COMPASS, ASSET, or ACCUPLACER placement tests
- Request applications from each college (most state Community Colleges use the same online app)

- Create your plan to transfer to a four-year college, if needed
- Talk to a 4 year college adviser about the transfer process at their institution so that you can be ready from the start and not waste time/money
- Inquire about financial aid at each school
- File your FAFSA asap after October 1, for financial aid