How to Transfer

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● Talk with an academic advisor at your community college
  ○ Plan out all your courses with your adviser, to meet the graduation requirements for your Associate's degree.
  ○ Meet your advisor at least every quarter to make sure you're still on track so you aren't surprised later.

● Meet with a Transfer advisor at the 4-year college to which you plan to transfer. (4-year schools often have sessions for this)

● Prepare for your 4-year Major
  ○ At certain universities, you may need to apply for your major as well as for the university in general. This requires you to meet certain prerequisites before you transfer.
  ○ Some Bachelor's degrees take longer to finish and can require sequential courses.

● Learn about direct-transfer
  ○ Most 4-year universities and colleges will automatically accept you if you are meeting minimum requirements, such as certain GPA and number of credits at your two year college. This means you automatically know that you can get into a 4-year program.
  ○ Research each 4-year school you are interested in and learn about its specific admissions process.

● Know how your credits will transfer before you take the class
  ○ Not all 4-year universities accept credits in the same way. Contact each admissions office to learn how you can take courses that will transfer and work toward your bachelor's degree.

● Determine when you want to transfer and apply
  ○ Work backwards to make sure you meet all necessary deadlines.
  ○ Have your advisor proofread your application so that it shines!
  ○ You'll need to fill out a Transfer Student Application