Transfer Guide

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Lehigh Carbon Community College
You made an excellent decision to begin or continue your studies at LCCC. Whether this is your first semester or fourth, whether you are a full-time or part-time student, and whether you have come to us directly from high school or have returned after a break, this transfer guide will help you get from here . . . to there.

Planning ahead and making good decisions early will help you better prepare for a seamless transfer without loss of time, credit and money. Academic Advisors are available to help you define your long- and short-term goals and assist with your academic planning. Transfer services, events, and resources are designed to help you navigate the steps and the decision-making process.

We wish you success at LCCC and beyond and look forward to working with you as you achieve your dreams!

Academic Advising Services
Transfer and University Center Services
School of Student Support and Success
Lehigh Carbon Community College

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Step 1: Know Yourself and Plan Ahead!
You’ll find if you plan ahead and make good decisions early in your college career, you will be in a better position when it’s time to transfer.
- Define your interests and career goals and work with your academic advisor who can help with decisions related to your major, career, and academic path.
- Utilize FOCUS 2, the online career exploration system, which is free to all LCCC students.
- Attend transfer fairs and college visits to help learn about the many opportunities for you as a transfer student from LCCC.
- Learn about LCCC’s transfer agreements and guides to see how your courses and program will transfer to colleges and universities.
- Attend the job fair and discuss career and major decisions with your faculty to learn more about the employment opportunities that will be available to you.
It’s a good idea to access this information and begin making decisions ASAP. More resources are described at www.lccc.edu/transferservices.

Step 2: Choosing the Right Institution
There are many things to consider when choosing which colleges to apply to after earning your associate degree.
- Location, Size, Cost, Services, Activities, Majors, Housing
These are just some of the factors. Start with a list of what is most important to you when selecting your transfer schools. Make use of campus and online resources to search for colleges. Think outside of the box and don’t limit yourself; you might be passing over some great opportunities.

Step 3: Investigating Your Choices
The more information you have about your college choices and the sooner you know it, the easier your decisions will be.

To help decide if a college is the “right fit”:
- Take advantage of LCCC’s college fairs and transfer days.
- Visit schools! (The college visits can’t be stressed enough!)
- Schedule an appointment with the transfer admissions counselor, an academic advisor and financial aid/scholarship officer if necessary.
- Most colleges and universities offer open house programs which include general information sessions, tours of campus, class visits and overnight stays, but many will encourage individual visits as well.

Step 4: Getting Organized
Once you have your choices narrowed down, pay close attention to the details of your academic plans:
- Complete a letter of intent, if applicable, before earning 30 credits.
- Work with your advisor and transfer school(s) to make sure you are taking the right courses for your LCCC degree and transfer program(s).
- Keep your GPA up to qualify for admission to competitive programs and scholarships.
- Note deadlines for each school’s admission application, financial aid, scholarships and housing, to name a few.
- Read application requirements carefully and be sure to proofread what you submit.
- Request official transcripts from LCCC and any other college attended, as well as high school transcripts when required.
- Complete financial aid and scholarship applications.
- Allow extra time to request faculty recommendations and to write your essays, if needed.
- Visit Educational Support Services for assistance with essays, if needed.

Step 5: Staying Organized
Once the offers start coming, you’ll need to stay organized to respond to schools in a timely manner. When you have made your final decision (congratulations!) start paying attention to next steps and deadlines regarding deposits, registration, orientation, etc. Don’t forget to apply for graduation from LCCC! This is important for countless reasons. Finally, remember to send your final LCCC transcript at the end of the semester with your final grades.

Haive a plan. Start by talking to LCCC and the four-year schools you are interested in to confirm credits are transferrable and the courses fit into your desired curriculum to limit both time and cost!

Alvernia University
Listed below are some questions you may want to consider when choosing what college(s) to apply to:

- Does the institution offer the major you are considering?
- What is the geographic location you prefer?
- What are the admissions requirements?
- What is the cost of tuition and fees?
- Are financial aid opportunities and scholarships available?
- What kind of support services are available to students, such as tutoring, counseling, disability support, health-related concerns, etc.?
- Do you want an urban or rural setting?
- Do you prefer a large or small campus?
- Is the college accredited?
- What is the reputation of the institution?
- What is the student/faculty ratio?

- Is special help available if needed?
- What size student body are you looking for?
- Do you want to live on or off campus? Do you want guaranteed housing for transfers?
- Are you interested in fraternity/sorority life?
- Do you prefer a private, public or religious college?
- Are there particular sports or activities you wish to participate in?
- What else is important to YOU?

LCCC academic advisors have expertise in helping you clarify and prioritize the factors you may want to consider in your college search.
Remember the following points when using the Internet to make decisions:
• Check the reliability of your websites.
• Be wary of unofficial vs. official information.
• Be sensitive to subjective versus objective information.
• Take note of the date the website was last updated.

www.lccc.edu/transferservices
www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search
www.petersons.com/college-search/
www.collegeview.com/index.jsp

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Continuing your education is an investment into your future. You know that, but you may still wonder how you’ll pay for your bachelor’s degree. You’ve already made a good financial decision by starting at LCCC. By remaining in good standing and achieving high grades, you may qualify for merit-based scholarships in addition to need-based financial aid.

To be considered for federal, state, and sometimes institutional aid, ALWAYS complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, even if you are not sure you’ll qualify.

In addition to federal and state aid, loans are available to students. There are different requirements depending on the loan program, so be sure to contact the financial aid office at the four-year school(s) you intend to apply to for more information.

Many colleges and universities offer special transfer scholarships with a wide range of amounts. In addition, there are other scholarships and special grants to students who meet the eligibility requirements.

Always check with the Financial Aid Office and/or website of the school(s) you apply to. Transfer admission representatives may also provide tips and information about the financial aid process and scholarships you might qualify for.

Additional Resources:
www.lccc.edu/transferscholarships
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.meritaid.com
www.fastweb.com
www.finaid.org/scholarships
www.collegeanswer.com
www.collegefish.com
www.collegeboard.org

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“Make sure you’re thinking about where you plan to transfer as soon as possible and check to see how your courses will transfer. Planning ahead can help you avoid taking the same class twice.”

Ian McDevitt
Computer Specialist Programming Concentration A.A.S., 2010
Computer Science B.S., Wilkes University, Class of 2013

“Research programs that will allow for the maximum amount of transfer credits, and meet with advisors from your prospective schools to make sure you understand their admissions process.”

Drexel University

Wilkes University
Here is a list of questions you may want to consider asking when speaking with a four-year transfer admissions counselor during a transfer fair or on-campus visit:

1. Do you offer my major and if so, please tell me about it.
2. Are there any special entrance requirements to the college or my major that I need to be aware of, such as prerequisite courses or a minimum GPA?
3. What are the admissions deadlines I should be aware of? What should I be doing now?
4. Are high school transcripts and SAT scores required or preferred? Are they used in making the admissions decision?
5. Do you offer special scholarships for transfer students? How is it calculated?
6. Is there anything I need to know about selecting my courses so I am assured they will transfer?
7. Do you offer an Honors program and if so, can you tell me about it?
8. What is your transfer credit policy? What is the minimum grade, how many will transfer, and how many more will I need to complete the bachelor’s degree?
9. How many transfer students are accepted each year?
10. Are there special programs or registration dates for transfer students? Are there any programs not open to transfer students?
11. What are the costs for tuition and room and board?
12. Are faculty available to meet with students?
13. Is on-campus housing available to transfer students? What opportunities are available for off-campus housing? How many students live on campus?
14. Is there job placement assistance after graduation?
15. What support services and student activities are available?
16. Is credit granted for CLEP, life experience or cooperative education?
17. Do you have any transfer open houses coming up? How do I schedule a visit? Who do you recommend I meet with when I’m on your campus?
18. I WILL be completing my LCCC degree. Can you tell me how I will benefit from scholarship, admission and/or transfer agreements because of my degree?
19. What else should I be aware of to best prepare for a smooth transition?
20. What other questions do YOU have?
Take advantage of open houses, campus tours, and other opportunities to visit college campuses during your decision-making process. Here are some tips to help make the most from the college visit.

- Contact the Admissions Office and register for an open house, campus tour or to make an individual admissions appointment.
- Dress appropriately. The campus tour could involve hills, stairs, puddles, etc. You’ll also want to be aware of the impression you’ll leave with those you meet during the day.
- Prepare a list of questions and decide who you want to answer them. For example, you would want to ask the transfer admissions representative about application requirements, the financial aid officer about scholarships, and a student about college life, cafeteria food and parking.
- Attend a class, meal, game or club meeting if possible to get a real student’s eye view. Contact the Admissions Office to see if they can help with the arrangements and permission if needed.
- Put your phone away unless you are taking pictures or making quick notes! Those who are meeting with you will remember, and may note, if you don’t seem to be interested in what they have to share.

Consider the fit during and after your visit. Reflect on what impressed you the most and the least, as well as other questions you have that came up or weren’t answered. Keeping notes or a journal of these visits and your impressions may come in handy later if memories begin to blend together.

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If undecided about your major, it’s best to take courses that satisfy the general education requirements and prerequisite courses for majors you might be considering. For example, if you are interested in a science-related major, you’ll want to start math and science courses while completing English, social science, and humanities. If you’re thinking about a business-related major, focus on math, economics, accounting, and English courses. It’s best to work closely with an advisor to determine which courses to take within these requirements.

“Before you decide where to go after LCCC, it is important to do your research. Investigate programs at a variety of schools and look into scholarships and other funding opportunities. The earlier you start, the better.

Frankline Obara Odongo
Business Administration A.A., 2014
Accounting B.A., Muhlenberg College, Class of 2016
Master of Accountancy, Temple University, Class of 2017

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PennState

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One-on-one support? Check.
A variety of learning options? Check.
Financial aid options? Also, check.
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Visit one of our campuses.

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1. Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your transfer plans EARLY in your LCCC experience.
2. Choose a college major and decide which schools you want to apply to as soon as possible.
3. Complete dual admissions letters of intent, if applicable.
4. Check the transferability of your courses BEFORE you take them.
5. Understand how your LCCC courses fit into your four-year program to avoid taking the wrong courses or excessive electives.
6. Take advantage of transfer workshops and programs such as transfer fairs and information sessions to get important information about the transfer process.
7. Pay attention to admissions requirements and deadlines and be prepared to meet them!
8. Make scholarship search an ongoing process.
9. Visit! Check out the campus, classrooms, technology, library, dorms. See how YOU fit. Schedule an appointment with a transfer counselor in the Admissions Office and request a campus tour.
10. Maintain the best GPA you can! Admission to the school of your choice and major may depend on it!

Plan early, ask questions often, and learn intimately the policies of schools you are seeking to apply.

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We asked four-year admissions representatives and LCCC alumni what their best advice would be. Here’s what they said:

“Contact schools you think you might transfer to in order to find out if there’s any course advisement or transfer admission requirements, dual admission agreements, etc.”

LaSalle University

“Meet with your advisor frequently to ensure that you are taking the correct classes to transfer. Always check with your transfer institution to ensure that those classes will indeed transfer into your program of study.”

Zoe David, Education A.A., 2017
Kutztown University, Class of 2019

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Top 10 Websites

There is no doubt that college is more expensive than ever before, and it can truly be an overwhelming deterrent for prospective students who wish to continue their education but are not sure how to navigate the surmounting costs of higher education. Let these top 10 websites put your financial worries at ease as you bag scholarships, grants, and financial aid!

• **Fastweb**  
  [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
  Ranked as the #1 site for your connection to scholarships, colleges, and financial aid, Fastweb has it all! You can target scholarships based on your strengths, interests, and skills, find resources to help you with financial aid, discover the perfect college for your interests and budgets, and search among 10,000 part-time jobs!

• **Cappex**  
  [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)  
  Serves over 11 million students with over 3,000 college profiles and has a staggering $11 billion in scholarships!

• **Unigo**  
  [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)  
  Offers 14 scholarships totaling over $3.6 million!

• **BigFuture (CollegeBoard)**  
  [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)  
  Explore college majors, career options, scholarships, financial aid, and more!

• **Scholarships.com**  
  [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
  Around since 1999, this site only takes minutes to create an account and get you on the path to saving money for college!

• **Peterson’s**  
  [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)  
  For every career, there is a test. Peterson’s offers over 150 tests, from admissions to licensure exams, serving over 500,000 students annually.

• **Chegg**  
  [www.chegg.com](http://www.chegg.com)  
  Primarily used for acquiring and selling college textbooks, Chegg also offers homework help, test preparation, and applications for over 25,000 scholarships.

• **Niche**  
  [www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships](http://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships)  
  In addition to help with scholarships, Niche rates the atmosphere of colleges and their “personalities.” After all, you want to make sure your college is a match for your individuality!

• **BrokeScholar**  
  [www.brokescholar.com](http://www.brokescholar.com)  
  It is 100% free with over $3 million in scholarships and no personal information is required!

• **CareerOneStop**  
  [www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx](http://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx)  
  Contains a wealth of great information, including over 8,000 scholarships! User-friendly filters help make the search based on your needs all the easier!
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- Attend free transfer workshops, fairs and college visit events.
- Explore the student activities offered at LCCC. Involvement in organizations, athletics, and other groups can enhance your college experience and may help you decide which activities you want at your four-year school.

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- Meet with your advisor to stay on track with the college search and decision-making process and to ensure progress toward your degree.
- Continue to gather information and attend transfer fairs and college visit programs.
- Develop a “short list” of schools that match what you are looking for.
- Visit the schools on your list, taking advantage of open houses, campus tours, financial aid sessions and an admissions interview.
- Before earning 30 credits, submit letters of intent if planning to transfer to any of the following institutions:
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  Delaware Valley University
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  Kutztown University
  LaSalle University
  Muhlenberg College Wescoe School
  Temple University
  • Apply for financial aid for the following year and begin to research transfer scholarships.

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- Note the application deadline for each institution and be sure to meet them.
- Request faculty recommendations, if required or recommended, giving your professors plenty of time to do their best work on your behalf.
- Arrange for your official transcripts to be sent from LCCC, from any previous colleges you have attended and, if necessary, from your high school. Be sure your transcript reflects your most recent grades earned.

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- Review credit evaluation(s) carefully.
- Receive and understand your financial aid package(s). Contact the university or college financial aid office with questions.
- If you receive academic accommodations, be sure to visit Disability Support Services.
- Be sure to have a final transcript sent to your transfer institution to include the grades of your final semester at LCCC. If you have any transfer questions or problems, make an appointment with your advisor.

The following transfer timeline may help you stay on course:

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East Stroudsburg University offers 57 undergraduate degree programs that combine personalized faculty attention and real-world experience. Look into Additive Manufacturing and 3D Printing in the University’s Stratasys Super Lab, wildlife forensic work in the Northeast Wildlife DNA Lab, or Business Management with our Bloomberg Finance Lab.

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And, at our main campus, the Warrior Promise tuition guarantee provides incoming undergraduate students with the same tuition rate, without an increase, for as many as four consecutive years.

ESU offers students a complete college experience on main campus as well as convenient options for students at our Lehigh Valley Center in Bethlehem. Schedule a visit or attend an upcoming campus event to see why you belong at ESU. For more, go to ESU.edu/transfer or contact:

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Transfer agreements, also known as articulation agreements, are formal agreements between LCCC and other colleges and universities to allow the transfer and application of credits, courses and programs toward the degree at another college or university. LCCC has several different types of agreements:

**Course-to-Course Articulation**
Course-to-course articulation, also known as course equivalencies, is when one college or university compares the content of courses to the content of courses at another college or university and determines transferability. LCCC students can check out how courses transfer to more than 50 schools at [www.lccc.edu/transferservices](http://www.lccc.edu/transferservices) under “Course Equivalencies, Transfer Guides and Agreements.”

**Core-to-Core (or General Education to General Education) Articulation**
Core-to-core agreements allow a student to use general education courses from the community college to be applied to, or to fulfill general education or “core” requirements at a four-year college or university. Agreements differ so it is important to learn the details. In most cases, if a student earns an appropriate associate degree (usually an A.A. or A.S.), the four-year institution’s core requirements are satisfied except for core courses required by the intended major and possibly for other requirements that reflect the specific values of the transfer institution (e.g., religion, foreign language).
LCCC has core-to-core agreements with several colleges and universities including:

- Albright College
- Bloomsburg University
- California University
- Carlow University
- Cedar Crest College
- Central Penn College
- Cheyney University
- Clarion University
- Drexel University Online
- East Stroudsburg University
- Edinboro University
- Excelsior College
- Geneva College
- Harrisburg University
- Indiana University
- Keystone College
- Kutztown University
- LaSalle University
- Lincoln University
- Lock Haven University
- Mansfield University
- Marywood University
- Millersville University
- Moravian College
- Muhlenberg College
- Wescoe School
- Temple University
- Wilmington University

**Program-to-Program Agreements**
(also known as Program-Specific Agreements or 2+2s)
A program-to-program or program-specific agreement is one in which an entire curriculum or program of study is accepted from one institution for transfer into another institution. This type of agreement provides a graduate of a specific associate degree advanced standing in a specific bachelor degree.
LCCC has more than 500 program-to-program pathway opportunities for our A.A., A.S. and A.A.S. degrees with 35+ colleges and universities including:

- Albright College
- Bloomsburg University
- California University
- Carlow University
- Cedar Crest College
- Central Penn College
- Cheyney University
- Clarion University
- Drexel University Online
- East Stroudsburg University
- Edinboro University
- Excelsior College
- Geneva College
- Harrisburg University
- Indiana University
- Keystone College
- Kutztown University
- LaSalle University
- Lincoln University
- Lock Haven University
- Mansfield University
- Marywood University
- Millersville University
- Moravian College
- Muhlenberg College
- Wescoe School
- Temple University
- Wilmington University

**Dual Admissions Agreements**
A dual admissions agreement is a cooperative partnership between two institutions that facilitates the admission process for students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree. The agreement typically prepares students to transfer their associate degree credits into a bachelor degree program with no loss of time or money, providing the student maintains the required academic standard and follows the requirements of a program parallel to the desired transfer program. Often there are also financial incentives and support services associated with each program.

LCCC has dual admission agreements with the following:

- Albright College
- Alvernia University
- Arcadia University
- Bloomsburg University
- Cedar Crest College
- Central Penn College
- Kent State University
- Kutztown University
- LaSalle University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Temple University
- Wilmington University

**Letters of Intent**
Many of LCCC's dual admissions agreements require that students complete a letter of intent to indicate their plan to transfer upon the completion of their associate degree. The forms vary from school to school but generally ask when the student will be completing and transferring and their anticipated program of study. Generally, the letter of intent must be completed before 30 college credits are earned.

Letters of intent are accessible on [www.lccc.edu/transferservices](http://www.lccc.edu/transferservices) for the following colleges and universities:

- Albright College
- Alvernia University
- Arcadia University
- Bloomsburg University
- Cedar Crest College
- Central Penn College
- Kent State University
- Kutztown University
- LaSalle University
- Muhlenberg College
- Wescoe School
- Temple University
- Delaware Valley University

Pennsylvania Academic Passport and the Statewide College Credit Transfer System
Academic Passport, the 30-credit framework, statewide program-to-program agreements and [www.pacollegetransfer.net](http://www.pacollegetransfer.net), an online resource for college planning among PA community colleges and the 14 PA State System universities, are some of the many statewide initiatives to assist students with the transfer of credits and degrees.

For more information please see [lccc.edu/transferservices](http://lccc.edu/transferservices).
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Alvernia University offers the Pennsylvania Community College Transfer Award for adult students. Qualified applicants who have received their associate’s degree or successfully completed more than 70 transferable credits at a Pennsylvania Community College, may be eligible for a transfer award up to $2,000.

PROGRAMS AT THE SCHUYLKILL CENTER

**Adult Degrees:**
- Accounting
- Behavioral Health
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Criminal Justice Administration with Behavioral Health minor
- Early Childhood Education (Grades Pre K-4)
- Early Childhood Education (PreK-4) with Special Education (PreK-8)
- Finance
- Healthcare Administration
- Healthcare Science
- Human Resource Management
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According to both the College Board and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the answer still is a resounding “YES.” According to College Board’s 2016 report called “Education Pays,” those with a college degree earn more on average, degree holders fare better in the job market, employees with a degree are more likely to receive retirement benefits, more degree holders have employer-provided health insurance, and poverty is more common among non-degree holders.

Furthermore, the BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) of the U.S. department of Labor’s most recent, 2017 release of data on unemployment rates and earnings by educational level shows that earnings rise and unemployment rates lower by educational attainment. For example, someone with only a high school diploma faces an unemployment rate of 7.4% and average weekly earnings of $504, while someone with an associate degree an unemployment rate of 3.6% and average weekly earnings of $819, and someone with a bachelor’s degree an unemployment rate of only 2.7% and average weekly earnings of $1,156.

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2. Choose the Best Location
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3. Use Note Cards
Keep your note cards in your pocket or purse and take them out whenever you have a free moment. Reviewing information keeps it fresh in your mind.

4. Don’t Procrastinate
You will feel less anxious when you are prepared so don’t put off studying until the night before the test. Break your studying into segments rather than approach it all at once. That way you will not be overwhelmed.

5. Reward Yourself
Plan on rewarding yourself after you have reached your study goal. Ex. – ice cream, TV, etc.

6. Study Groups
Meeting with other students can help you focus on key areas to study. They can also discuss items that you might have missed in class.

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Your Interests
What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? How do you spend your weekends? What are your hobbies? Your interests are often the things that drive you to learn and grow. Everybody is interested in something. Make a list of some of your interests, and then see what majors match up with those interests.

Your Values
Our values determine our lifestyle. How we live our lives on a daily basis is very much driven by the values we hold. Knowing what you value can help you when you choose a major because many majors center around certain values.

Your Personality
All people are “hard wired” to be certain personalities, regardless of life experiences. Certain personality types tend to work in certain occupations. Your personality also helps determine which types of environments you prefer. Evaluate your personality type, which you can do on “FOCUS,” and see what sorts of occupations your type frequently enters. Then check out majors that will lead you toward those occupations that interest you.

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For healthcare students in every college, how to be accepted into a “Selective” healthcare program, like nursing, physical therapy, physician’s assistant or medical school, is a common question students ask of their academic advisors. How can I rise to the top in an extremely competitive applicant pool?

This question is often not an easy question to answer and encompasses many factors. Of course one of the main components in being accepted is your academic performance demonstrated by your transcript and individual grades, especially in the science courses. However, many other factors also contribute to acceptance rates. For example the applicant pool. The pool you are competing against is another key factor which greatly impacts the student’s ability to be accepted into selective healthcare programs. In many instances, the difference between applicants is “paper thin.” Applicants might have the same GPA, similar scores on standardized tests such as the “TEAS,” (Test of Essential Academic Skills) or the GRE, (Graduate Record Examination) and one will be accepted and the other one will not be accepted. This might be the result of large numbers of high achieving students within the same applicant pool. Often these programs will receive thousands of applications each year for 60 seats or less. Obviously, these numbers will play a factor in your acceptance into their program.

So back to the original question, how can I be accepted into one of these highly selective program? Well, here are a few suggestions.

• First make sure you are applying to multiple programs. Often as advisors, we see students only applying to one program. This is not an effective strategy. Apply to numerous programs and if able, apply to programs in other states. Often the schools want a diverse class of students from various geographical locations, so applying to programs in other states is an effective strategy, if you are willing to relocate. However, even applying to two or three programs within the same geographical area will increase your chances of being accepted.

• Second, make sure you focus on your science classes. You want the highest possible grade the first time you take anatomy and physiology, rather than the second time. Therefore, do not register for 17 credits the semester you take the core science classes. Mix in your general education electives and lighten your load so you may focus your attention on the science classes, thus achieving the highest possible grade. Summer sessions are a great way to take your social science and general education electives, leaving your sciences for the full semesters.

• Another suggestion is to take a “test prep” program before sitting for the standardized tests required for admission. This often makes a huge difference in your score, since these programs allow you to become familiar with the testing content and format, normally resulting in higher scores.

• Lastly, stay positive and focused on your academic goal. If not accepted the first time, try again the following year. We see many students accepted into these highly selective programs their second time applying.

Remember, your advisors and professors are here to help you navigate this process. Make sure you use their assistance—you will gain valuable knowledge and support in your journey to acceptance!

“Researching financial aid options and required paperwork is just as important as submitting the application materials. Remember that doing well at LCCC could lead to scholarship opportunities. Don’t hesitate to contact the transfer representative at the colleges you hope to transfer to. Ask questions!”

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BASTL helps Adam Campbell reach for the skies

For almost as long as he can remember, Adam J. Campbell knew he wanted to fly. As he got older, he realized that the job he coveted with a major airline would require a bachelor’s degree as well as time in the cockpit.

After earning his Professional Pilot associate degree from Lehigh Carbon Community College in 2015, Campbell started looking for a bachelor’s program. That’s when he learned about Bloomsburg University’s Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership degree. In addition to accepting all his LCCC credits, the flexible program would allow him to continue amassing flight hours and to work part time at Wegmans Food Markets warehouse as a product selector, where he ensures that the correct orders are loaded on trucks headed to stores.

“I look at the BASTL program as beneficial, both in case I ever pursue a career outside aviation as well as giving me management skills that will help me if I become an airline captain at some point,” said Campbell, who earned his BASTL degree in December 2017. “As a captain, I’ll be the leader of the whole crew, and I think the skills I learned in the BASTL program will help me manage everyone on the plane more effectively.”

The courses on project management also helped him at Wegmans, he said. “The project management classes and how to deal with management during stressful times were very helpful. I still refer to the project management books from class, and during the BASTL program we really learned how to set goals and get things done.”

Campbell, who has a young daughter, Addilyn, with his girlfriend, Alyssa Hager, said that completing many of the BASTL courses online and taking the rest at LCCC allowed him to spend more time with his family.

Within the next 10 months — after an additional 1,000 hours of flight time — Campbell plans to fly with a regional airline or working as a certified flight instructor. Ultimately, he wants to fly freight for a major carrier.

Campbell said that without the BASTL program, it’s possible he wouldn’t have earned his bachelor’s degree yet and wouldn’t be as close to realizing his dream.

“I’ve already told a lot of people at work about the program, and to anyone thinking about it, I would say do it,” Campbell said. “It’s a great way to expand your career options.”

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**Unemployment Rate by Educational Attainment**

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- 7.5% High school diploma
- 7% Some college, no degree
- 5.4% Associate degree
- 4% Bachelor’s degree


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