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Plan ahead and make good decisions early in your college career, so you'll be ready to transfer.

- Define your interests and career goals and work with your academic advisor to make decisions about major, career, and academic path.
- Utilize FOCUS 2, the free online career exploration system.
- · Attend transfer fairs and college visits.
- Learn about LCCC's transfer agreements and guides
- Attend the job fair and discuss career and major decisions with your faculty

More resources are described at www.lccc.edu/transferservices.

Choose the Right Institution

Consider these when choosing where to apply: location, size, cost, services, activities, majors, housing.

Start with a list of what is most important to you when selecting your transfer schools. Use campus and online resources to search for colleges. Think outside of the box and don't limit yourself.

Investigate Your Choices

- Take advantage of LCCC's college fairs and transfer days.
- Visit schools!
- Meet with the transfer admissions counselor, an academic advisor and financial aid/scholarship officer if necessary.
- Attend an open house, which usually includes general information sessions, tours of campus, class visits and overnight stays. Schedule an individual visit as well.

Get Organized

Once you have your choices narrowed down:

- Complete a letter of intent, if applicable, before earning 30 credits.
- Work with your advisor and transfer schools to make sure you are taking the right courses for your LCCC degree and transfer programs.
- 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,
- Read application requirements carefully and be sure to proofread what vou 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.
- Visit Educational Support Services for assistance with essays, if needed.

Stay Organized

Once the offers start coming, stay organized to respond to schools in a timely manner. When you have made your final decision (congratulations!) pay attention to next steps and deadlines regarding deposits, registration, orientation, etc. Don't forget to apply for graduation from LCCC. Finally, remember to send your final LCCC transcript at the end of the semester with your final grades.



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Choosing a Four-Year College or University



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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.

See Iccc.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships/ **transfer-scholarships/** for more information.

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The LCCC Transfer & University Center



The LCCC Transfer and University Center, located in Room 4 on the lower level of the Student Services Center, provides office space during scheduled hours for admissions, advisors and faculty from four-year colleges and universities to meet with current and prospective students in a confidential and professional setting to discuss academic program offerings, the transfer admissions process, credit evaluations, financial aid, and student services.

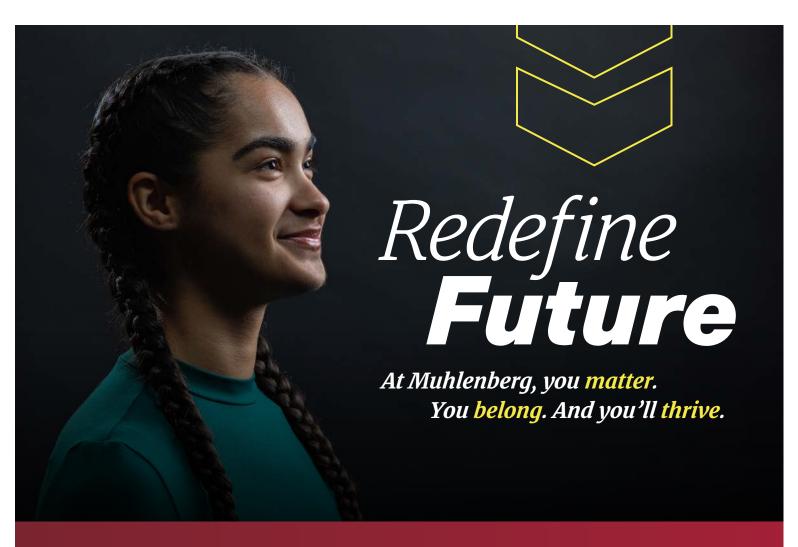
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Remember the following points when using the Internet to make decisions:

- 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.

Resources:

lccc.edu/transferservices

<u>bigfuture.collegeboard.org/plan-for-college/get-started/tips-on-transferring-from-a-2-year-to-a-4-year-college</u>

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Financing Your **Bachelor's** Degree



Consider:

- 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?
- Are you considering completing your bachelor's degree online?
- What is the reputation of the institution?
- Is the college accredited?
- 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?



October 15, November 6

Virtual Transfer Information Sessions • 6-7 p.m.

Provides an overview of the process and timeline for transfer students.

October 11 & 25, November 15 (BUS TRIP)

On-campus Transfer Fridays • 11:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Learn about the transfer admission process, programs, credit evaluation, financial aid, campus housing, dining, student life, and more. Includes campus tour.





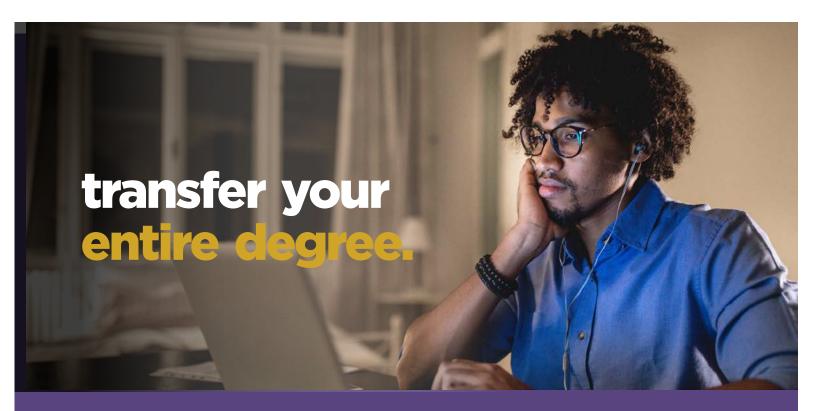
The LCCC **Transfer** Fair and College Visit **Program**

Consider asking the transfer admissions counselor these questions:

- Do you offer my major and if so, please tell me about it.
- Are there special entrance requirements such as prerequisite courses or a minimum GPA?
- What are the admissions deadlines? What should I be doing
- Are high school transcripts and SAT scores used in making the admissions decision?
- Do you offer special scholarships for transfer students?
- Is there anything I need to know about selecting my courses so I am assured they will transfer?
- Do you offer an Honors program?
- What is your transfer credit policy?
- How many transfer students are accepted each year?
- Are there special programs or registration dates for transfer students? Are there any programs not open to transfer students?
- Are faculty available to meet with students?
- Is on-campus housing available to transfer students? What opportunities are available for off-campus housing?
- Is there job placement assistance after graduation?
- What support services and student activities are available?
- Is credit granted for CLEP, life experience or cooperative education?
- Do you have any transfer open houses coming up? Who do you recommend I meet with when I'm on your campus?
- How can I benefit from scholarship, admission and/or transfer agreements because of my associate degree?

What other questions do YOU have?





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The **Important** College Visit



Take advantage of open houses, campus tours, and other opportunities to visit college campuses during your decision-making process.

Helpful Tips:

- 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.
- Can't get there or considering an online institution? Many colleges and universities offer virtual campus tours.

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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Transfer 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 Iccc.edu/academics/ academic-advising/transfer-to-a-four-yearschool/transfer-guides-by-school/ 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 Alvernia University Arcadia University Bellevue University Cedar Crest College Chestnut Hill College Delaware Valley University DeSales University Excelsior College Kutztown University LaSalle University Lock Haven University Moravian University Southern New Hampshire University **Temple University West Chester 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:

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Drexel University East Stroudsburg University Edinboro University (PennWest)

Excelsior College Grand Canyon University Harrisburg University Indiana University Kutztown University LaSalle University Lincoln University

Lock Haven Commonwealth University Mansfield Commonwealth University

Marywood University Messiah University Millersville University **Moravian University**

Mount Vernon Nazarene University Muhlenberg College School of Continuing Studies

Penn State University Colleges Shippensburg University Slippery Rock University Thomas Edison State University

Upper Iowa University West Chester University **Western Governors University**

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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's 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 Chestnut Hill College Delaware Valley University Drexel University East Stroudsburg University Kutztown University LaSalle University Lebanon Valley College Moravian University** Susquehanna University **Temple University** Wilmington University

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.

Transfer agreements, also

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 for the following colleges and universities:

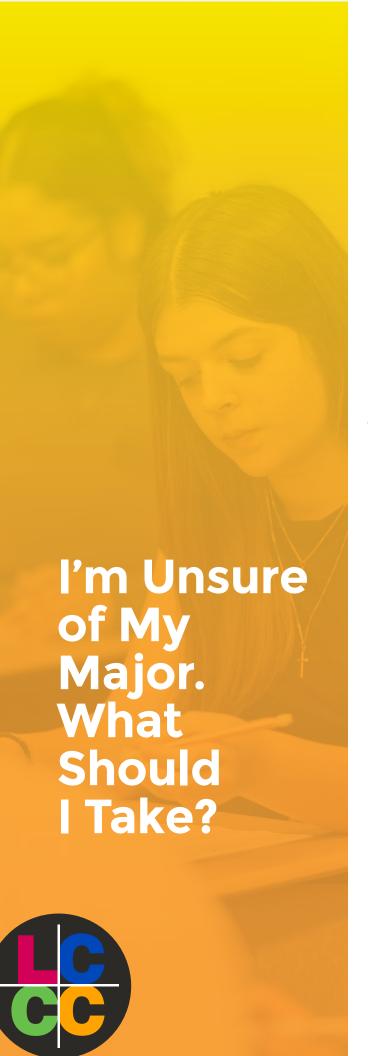
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Pennsylvania Statewide **Transfer and Articulation** Center (PA TRAC)

PA TRAC is an online, "one-stop shop" for transfer information related to Pennsylvania's statewide transfer and articulation system. You'll find searchable databases of course equivalencies, transfer agreements, information about transfer policies, college profiles and transfer tips for the participating institutions, including the PA community colleges, 14 state system universities and five private colleges and universities. See www.pacollegetransfer.net.

For more information please see:

lccc.edu/academics/academicadvising/transfer-to-a-four-yearschool/



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.

Explore LCCC and find your future.







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My Transfer Decision Process

SHENANDOAH DENARDO, General Studies Major 2025



"Start Here. Go Anywhere." This is LCCC's catchphrase, but "anywhere" gives a student a wide range of options to choose from. Whether one chooses to continue their education at

a four-year institution, jump into the workforce, or another path that best suits them, there are a great deal of factors to think about as a student.

After LCCC, my plan has always been to further my education at a four-year university to receive my bachelor's degree. Wanting to get ahead of the game, I started my college search in the spring of my freshman year. After psychology did not work for me, I explored both graphic design and interior design as two possible directions. Having an idea of what fields of study I wanted to focus on helped me in talking with transfer advisors at other institutions. From researching programs and schools I knew I wanted to live oncampus so not only did I look at the cost of tuition and fees but also room and board. I also looked at the scholarships that were offered within that school to help me financially.

At first, I wanted to stay local so I started my search with Lehigh University. Lehigh had a beautiful campus with stellar art facilities, but they did not have what I was looking for program-wise. I also looked at Kutztown University, which also did not exactly suit what I was looking for. With additional research on both career paths, I decided to pursue interior design over graphic design. This helped me immensely

because I was then able to narrow my search to institutions with that program. I researched and spoke with advisors from both Marywood University and Moore College of Art and Design. Both of these programs looked phenomenal, however after talking with them, it was still not exactly for me. Finally, I looked into Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). After extensive research on their interior design program and the course requirements, it seemed to be the best fit in terms of transferring most of my credits. I talked with an IUP transfer advisor about this and the other factors I was considering: time, tuition, room and board cost, and their Promising Scholars Program. After a great discussion, I feel confident that IUP is the best decision for me in terms of my budget, what I want to study, and how much time the program will take after LCCC. Finally, I created a plan of what classes I wanted to take during my second year that would transfer with ease and working with my LCCC advisor, Fauzia Graham, my plan came to life!

Just thinking about the process of transferring to a four-year school can be overwhelming. There are numerous factors to consider and it is important that you transfer to a university that best suits you. I was lucky to have the LCCC faculty and staff support me and my interests. Not only was I able to ask for advice but I also worked with professors and advisors to make a plan of how to approach my second year with a seamless transfer. I came here to figure out what I wanted to do career-wise, how I was going to make that happen, and I accomplished just that thanks to LCCC.

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Top 10 Transfer



- **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
- **7.** Pay attention to admissions requirements and deadlines and be prepared to meet them.
- **8.** Make scholarship search an ongoing process.
- **9.** Visit 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.

Is College Worth the Cost?

ILONA MCCOGNEY. Academic Advisor



With the rising costs of a college education, the tightening of federal, state, and local budgets, and the frequent appearance of media and news reports

questioning the worth of a college education compared to the burden of student debt, many prospective college students and transfer students are left wondering if all the time, effort, and cash they're devoting to their degrees will pay off in the end. Is college worth the cost? The answer from many reliable data and research sources is still a resounding "yes"!

A 2023 report by the College Board found that individuals with a college degree earn more on average, fare better in the job market, are more likely to receive retirement benefits, employerprovided health insurance, and risk lower unemployment and poverty rates than non-degree holders.

In 2021, the median earnings of those with a bachelor's degree working full time were \$29,000 (65%) higher than

those with only a high school diploma. During the same year, 83% of adults with bachelor's degrees or higher were employed, compared with 67% of adults with a high school diploma.

Likewise, the 2024 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) "Education Pays" report clearly highlights the correlation between education level and earnings. Workers' earnings increase as educational attainment rises. In 2022, for example, workers whose highest level of education was a high school diploma made \$899 per week, and earnings improved with every level of education completed. The median weekly earnings for workers with an associate degree was \$1,058, with a bachelor's degree, \$1,493, with a master's degree, \$1,737 and with a professional degree, \$2,206.

Furthermore, their data on unemployment rates and earnings by educational level reveals that, while earnings rise, unemployment rates lower by education level. For example, someone with only a high school diploma faced an average unemployment rate of 3.9%, with an associate degree

an unemployment rate of 2,7%, with a bachelor's degree an unemployment rate of 2.2 % and with a professional degree an unemployment rate of only 1.2%.

In general, the higher your level of education, the higher your income, and the lower your risk of unemployment are likely to be.

Whether you've finished 15, 30, 45, or all 60+ credits of an associate degree here at LCCC, congratulations! You're already on your way to achieving your career and educational goals, while saving thousands of dollars toward the cost of a higher degree.

Start here - Keep going!

RESOURCES:

College Board Education Pays 2023 - https://research.collegeboard. org/media/pdf/education-pays-2023.pdf Last Modified Date: August 29, 2024

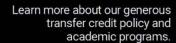
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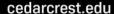
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Navigating the Costs of Higher **Education**

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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

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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.

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Around since 1999, this site only takes minutes to create an account and get you on the path to saving money for college.

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For every career, there is a test. Peterson's offers over 150 tests, from admissions to licensure exams, serving over 500,000 students annually.

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Primarily used for acquiring and selling college textbooks, Chegg also offers homework help, test preparation, and applications for over 25,000 scholarships.

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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.

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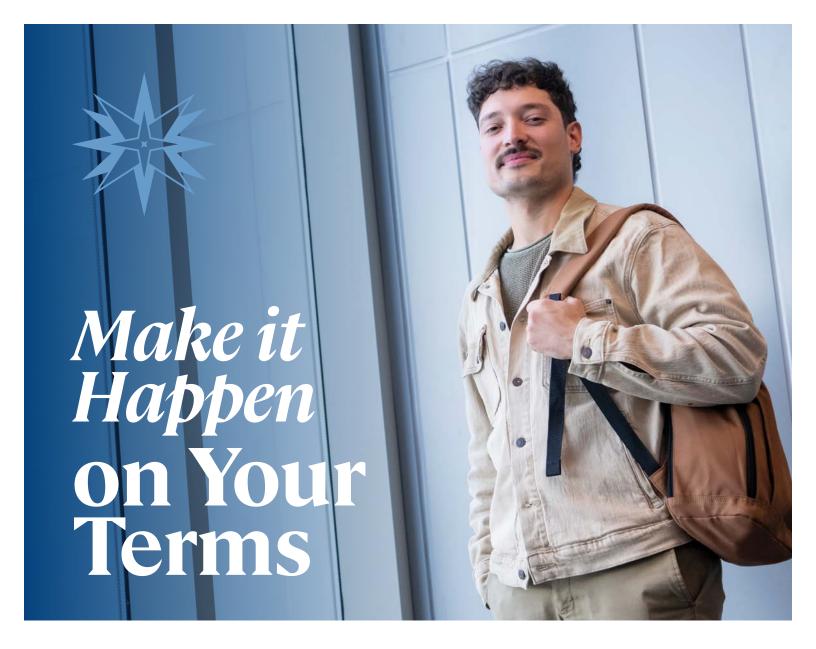
www.brokescholar.com

It is 100% free with over \$3 million in scholarships and no personal information is required.

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www.careeronestop.org/ toolkit/training/findscholarships.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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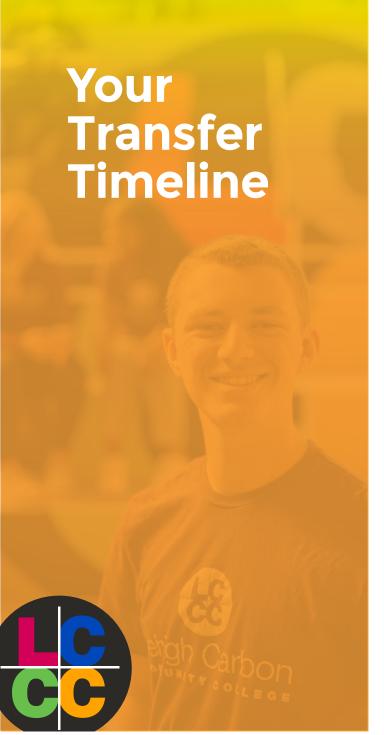
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Stay on course!

0-15 Credits

- Define your career goals and map out a plan.
- Explore resources such as FOCUS 2, an online career exploration program, and the transfer web page.
- Attend free transfer workshops, fairs and college visit events.
- Explore student activities and athletic opportunities, which can enhance your college experience and help you decide which activities you want at your four-year school.

15-30 Credits

- Meet with your advisor to stay on track.
- Continue to gather information and attend transfer fairs and college visit programs.
- Develop a "short list" of schools.
- Visit the schools, attend 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:

Albright College East Stroudsburg University Alvernia University Kutztown University

Arcadia University **LaSalle University Bloomsburg University Muhlenberg College School of**

Continuing Studies Cedar Crest College Central Penn College **Temple University Delaware Valley University**

• Apply for financial aid and research transfer scholarships.

31-45 Credits

- Meet application deadlines.
- Request faculty recommendations, if required or recommended.
- Have official transcripts 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.

46-61 Credits

- Apply for graduation before the deadline.
- If you have not already done so, submit your applications. Respond to acceptances by the deadlines.
- Review credit evaluations carefully.
- Receive and understand your financial aid package. Contact the university or college financial aid office with questions.
- If you receive academic accommodations, visit Disability Support
- Have a final transcript sent to your transfer institution to include the grades of your final semester at LCCC.

A.A.S., A.A., A.S. -What's the Difference

ERIC KRAMER, Academic Advisor

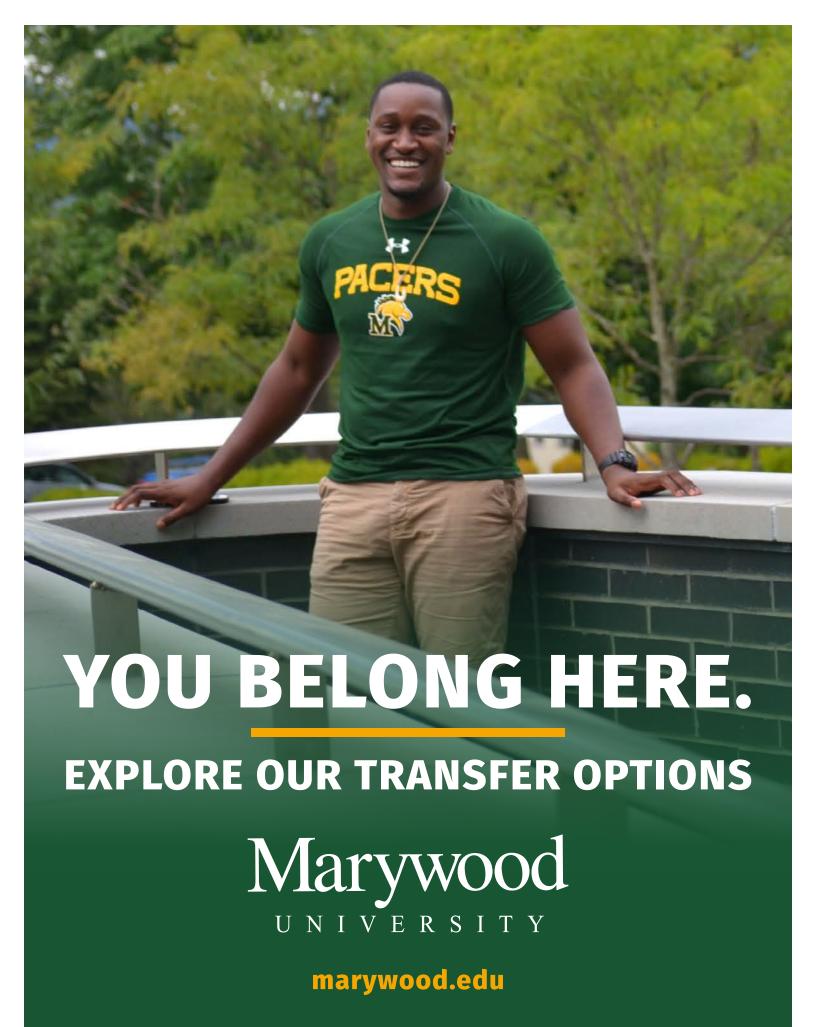


An applied associate of science, or an A.A.S., is often referred to as a technical or terminal degree. It is a two-year degree that helps to prepare students to enter directly into a career right out of community college. Many A.A.S. degrees have courses that focus primarily on giving the student expertise for the workforce

and are not designed to transfer. Conversely, an Associate of Science (A.S.) or an Associate of Art (A.A.) help a student meet more general education requirements in order to set them up for transferring to a four-year institution.

If you decide after committing time to an A.A.S. degree that you would like to ultimately transfer, the good news is that you may have opportunities depending on your major! Some of these options include a Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership degree through Commonwealth University, or learning more with the Muhlenberg College School of Continuing Studies.

For more information about potential transfer options, please visit the Academics & Career Pathways page on webpage: lccc.edu/academics/programs/, or set up an appointment with your academic advisor by contacting adviseme@lccc.edu





Reasons for Taking Honors Courses at LCCC



Challenge yourself academically.

Taking an honors-level course at LCCC exposes you to the level of rigor and academic skills you will need at a selective college or university.

Get the most for your money.

Community college is less expensive than four-year colleges and you can take honors courses that will require you to read, think, calculate, and/or write at a higher level.

Show your transfer institution that you took advantage of opportunities.

It might seem like it would be better to get an A in a regular course than a B+ in an honors course, but transfer programs at more selective colleges and universities will value the rigor of your education more than your GPA.

Get to know your professors.

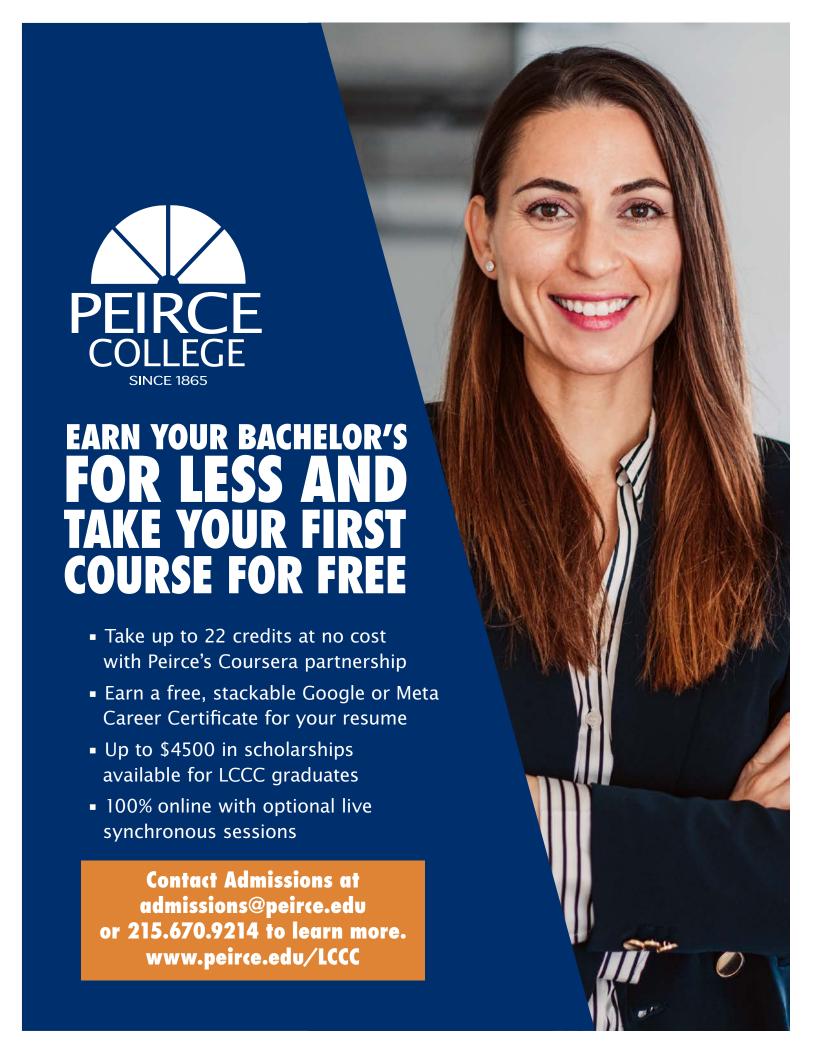
Working at an honors level gives you more contact with your professors. That not only enriches your experience, it gives them a deeper understanding of you and your skills, which will translate into stronger letters of recommendation.

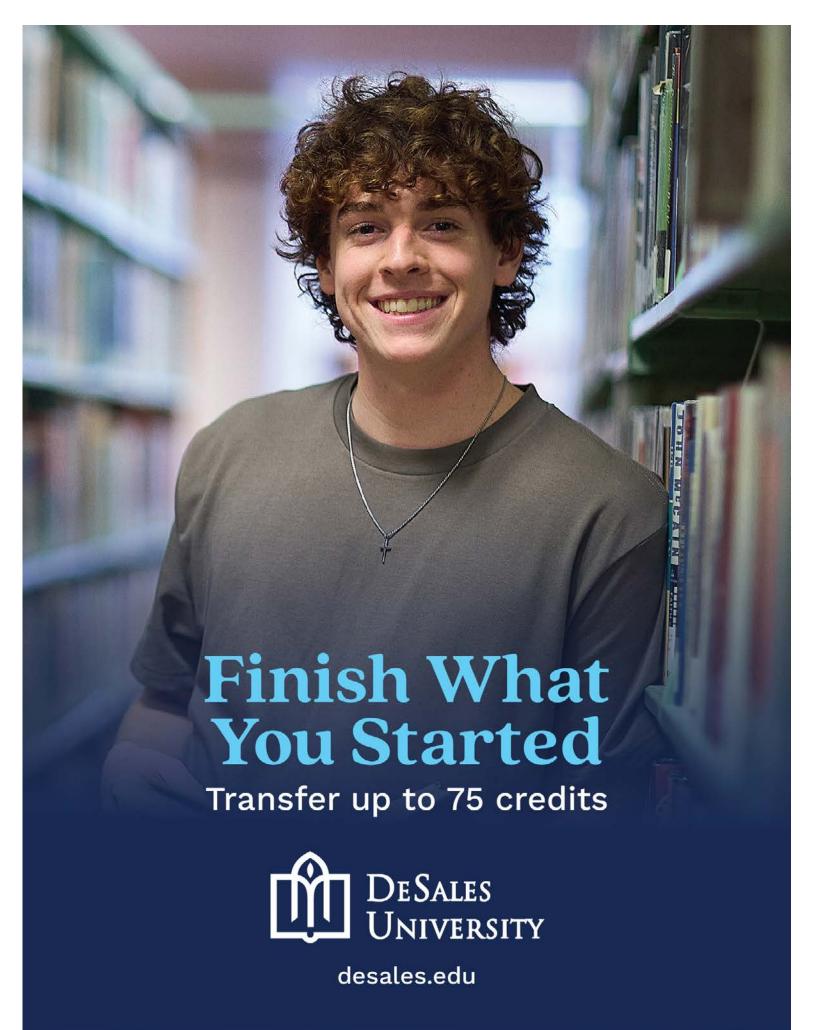
Complete honors level coursework while at LCCC.

Students may take honors section courses or complete honors projects by developing a project and working with their faculty in another class to make it honors level. Students who complete five or more honors level courses with the grade of B- or better may graduate with the distinction of College Honors. You must submit a Letter of Intent and maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete a minimum of 15 credits of honors level work prior to graduation. The College Honors Letter of Intent is available in the Advising Office (SSC 124) or on the website at: https://www.lccc.edu/ academics/collegehonors-program/

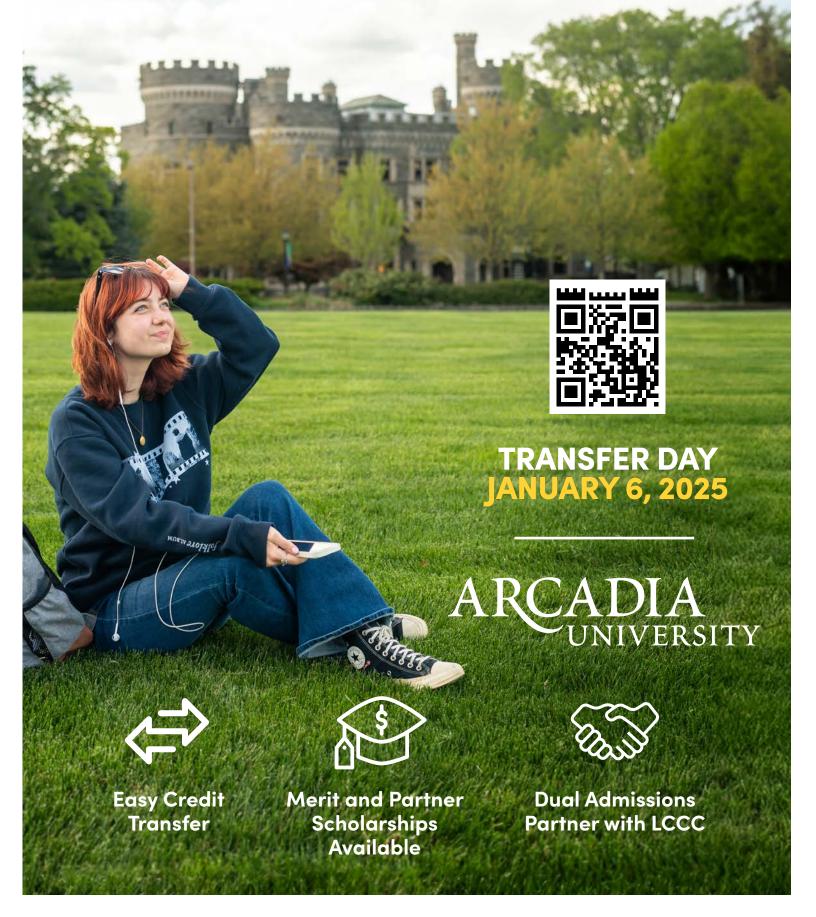
Questions?

Please email honors@lccc.edu





Thinking of Transferring?



Things to Consider:

YOUR SKILLS

What do you do well? What would you like to learn to do? Some things come naturally to some people and some things have to be learned. Make a list of your skills to help you evaluate which major might be best for you.









YOUR INTERESTS

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

YOUR VALUES

Knowing what you value can help you when you choose a major because many majors center around certain values.

YOUR PERSONALITY

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 2," and see what sorts of occupations your type frequently enters. Then check out majors that will lead you toward those occupations.



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Getting Accepted Into a Selective **Health Care Program**

How can I rise to the top in an extremely competitive applicant pool?

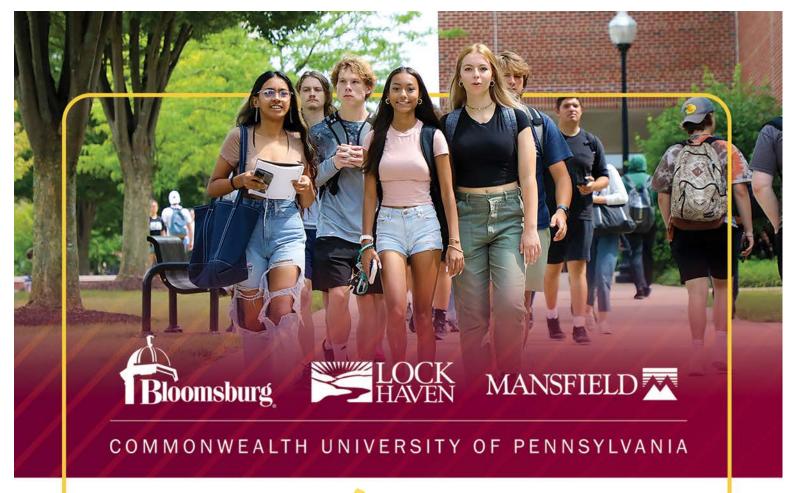
This question is often not easy to answer and encompasses many factors. Of course one of the main components in being accepted is your academic performance, especially in the science courses. However, many other factors also contribute to acceptance rates. For example the applicant pool greatly impacts the student's ability to be accepted into selective health care programs. Applicants might have the same GPA, similar scores on standardized tests and one will be accepted and the other one not. This might be the result of large numbers of applicants.

Here are a few suggestions.

- Apply to numerous programs and if possible, apply to programs in other states. Often the schools want a diverse class of students from various locations. However, even applying to two or three programs within the same geographical area will increase your chances of being accepted.
- Second, focus on your science classes. You want the highest possible grade the first time you take anatomy and physiology. Don't register for 17 credits the semester you take the core science classes. Mix in your general education electives and lighten your load so you can focus on the science classes. Take social science and general education electives in the summer sessions, leaving sciences for the full semesters.
- Take a test prep before sitting for the required standardized tests 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.

Remember, your advisors and professors are here to help you navigate this process. You will gain valuable knowledge and support in your journey to acceptance.





Get the Transfer Credit You Deserve

At Commonwealth U, our articulation agreement with LCCC means a seamless pathway for you to continue your education at Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, Mansfield, or Clearfield. Plus, we offer you an easy way to fullfill your gen ed requirements by transferring at least 30 credits in English Composition, Oral Communications, Math, General Science, Behavior & Social Sciencs, and Arts & Humanities to save you time AND money!

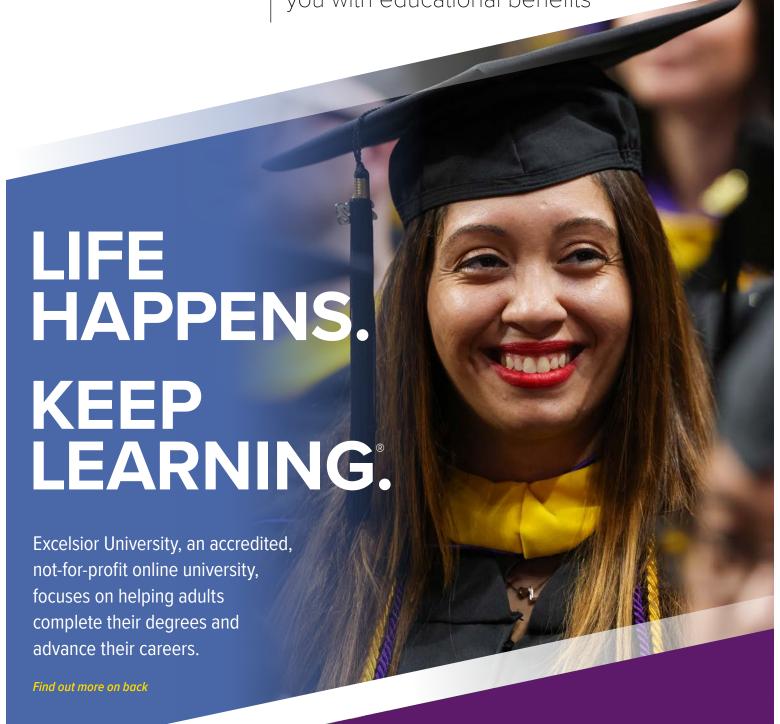
- Renewable transfer scholarships ranging from \$2,000 \$5,000 for qualified LCCC graduates
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Prior to Meeting with an Advisor

- Complete LCCC Application
- Complete FAFSA Application
- Ensure all transcripts (high school and prior college) are requested and submitted
- Complete required placement testing
- Complete course planner (if required) and/or review curriculum
- · Review work and personal schedules

HOURS

LCCC Main **LCCC Allentown LCCC Tamaqua** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit studentservices.lccc.edu/ramonline



Academic Advising at LCCC

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