



COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVANTAGE

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CHOOSING A COLLEGE



WHY COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

- What are some of the reasons a two-year degree may be a good fit for a student?

FIVE REASONS COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE A GREAT INVESTMENT

- Higher Student Success (A+ grade icon)
- Test Drive Your Passions (car icon)
- Flexible Class Schedule (calendar icon)
- Hands on Training (gears icon)
- Save Money (piggy bank icon)

The Community College ADVANTAGE

- 45%** of all students who completed a four-year degree also attended a Two-Year College. *Source: National Student Clearinghouse 2010-11 "Two Year Contributions" Snapshot Report*
- Almost a Third** of college-bound high school students Choose Community College. *Source: "How America Plans for College" 2011 and 2012 Sallie Mae*
- Community college transfer students **Perform as Well or Better** than students at four-year institutions. *Source: "Improving Student Transfer from Community Colleges to Four-Year Institutions" College Board*
- Community College Costs Less**
Average annual tuition 2012/13:
 - Community College: \$3,131
 - Public University: \$8,655
 - For-Profit University: \$15,172
 - Private University: \$29,056
- \$4,350** The average amount in Grants and Federal Tax Benefits for a full-time community college student 2012/13. *Source: "Trends in College Pricing 2012" College Board*
- 62%** of students who earn an associate's degree from a two-year public college have **ZERO Student Loan Debt**. *Source: "Trends in Community College Education" 2011 College Board*

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STARTING YOUR SEARCH

- What are some of the factors to consider when choosing a community college?





APPLYING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE



APPLYING

- **What is the deadline to apply to community college?**
- **How does a student apply? Online? Common App?**
- **Are there additional required elements for admission (i.e. high school transcript, essay, test scores, application fee)?**
- **If a student took Running Start, eStart, or Early College coursework in high school, will those credits count towards a CC degree?**



ACADEMICS



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- What types of supports are available to students? Is there an additional cost?
- Is there a career center on campus to help students with internships, resume building, and the job search?





TRANSFER TO 4-YEAR

- If a student wishes to continue their education after receiving their associate degree, are there advisors to help with this process?

- What is Dual Admission?

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- What are transfer/articulation agreements?

- Will all of a student's credits transfer?

- nhtransfer.org


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FINANCIAL AID



FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

- Which form(s) will a student need to complete?
Who can help?
- When are the application deadlines?
- Does a student need to be full-time to receive aid?

NH Community College	UNH	Franklin Pierce
Community College	NH Public University	NH Private University
\$6,450 – Based on 30 credits	\$15,520 for a full time student	\$39,055 for a full time student



SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Can a student use outside scholarships to help pay for college?
- Where can a student find scholarship information?



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING:

- Certificate, license or other industry-recognized credential
- Two-year or associate degree program
- Four-year or bachelor's degree program



SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Which grants might a student applying to community college qualify for?
- If a student transfers to a 4-year institution from a CC, am they eligible for any institutional aid?
 - Transfer agreements
 - Granite Guarantee



GRANITE GUARANTEE

Up To Four Years Tuition-Free

New Hampshire Residents



STUDENT LIFE



COLLEGE LIFE

- What types of clubs, sports, and organizations can a student join on a community college campus?
- Are there opportunities to travel while enrolled?
- What are some of the cultural, entertainment, and recreational activities offered on campus?
- Can a student live on campus?
- What are the food options?





QUESTIONS?

If you would like additional assistance,
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THANK YOU!

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