Community College Advantage

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What do you need to know?

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Starting the Search

WHY COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

• Affordability
• Career Oriented Programs
• Career exploration
  • Explore different options within intended major
• Flexible schedule
  • Desire/need to work while going to school
  • Online, in-person, days/evenings/weekends
• Learning style/educational transition
  • Smaller classes with greater access to professors and academic support
• Close to home
• Quicker entry into workforce
Applying for Admission

• When should I apply for admission?
  • Deadlines?

• How do I apply?
  • Online?
  • Common Application?

• What do I need to apply?
  • Application?
  • Fees?
  • Essay?
  • Test scores?

• Which program is best for me?
  • Degree Program vs. Certificate Program
Academics
What if I want to transfer?
Transfer

• NHTransfer.org

• Will all my credits transfer?

• Transfer databases
  • Check with the registrar

• Who helps in this process?

• What if I want to transfer…
  • After I earn my associate degree,
  • After my first year,
  • Or in between Fall/Spring semesters?
Transfer

• What if I have college credits I earned during high school?
  • Running Start, eStart, Early College, AP, IB etc.

• Check transfer agreements between schools
Financial Aid

Will I save money attending a community college?
Financial Aid Process

- Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Opens Oct. 1- studentaid.gov
- Full-time enrollment vs. Part-time enrollment

![Bar chart showing cost of attendance, tuition/fees, and average FA offer for Colby Sawyer, UNH, and NHTI.]

Based on:
- 2021-22 prices
- One academic year
- Full-time enrollment
- COA reflects on campus living
Scholarships

• Will any outside scholarships I receive be able to be applied toward community college?
  • New Hampshire Charitable Foundation- nhcf.org

• If I transfer to a 4-year institution from a CC, am I eligible for any institutional aid?
  • Check Transfer Agreements between school (ex., Great Bay CC to UNH)
  • Granite Guarantee
Student Life

Can I get involved on campus?
Life on Campus

- Living on campus vs. commuting
  - Keep in mind, living on campus will cost more
- Food options?
- Clubs/Organizations
  - Athletics
  - Student Government
- Work Study options
- Internship/Resume building
Final Advice

What is one piece of advice you would offer to help a student leaning towards a CC?
Thank you!

Please make your way to the college fair from the Destination College main platform.

nhheaf.org/dc-eventday

The link is also posted in the chat for your convenience.