

TRANSFER CHECKLIST & PLANNING TIMELINE

Early planning saves time, money and is crucial for a successful transfer. The following checklist and timeline will ensure a smooth transition!

15 OR LESS CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED.

Visit with career services if you're unsure of your career path.

www.nicc.edu/careerservices

Make an appointment with an advisor to:

- Ensure your program of study aligns with your educational goals, career path and transfer major.
- Identify course requirements in your field of study.
- Discuss your transfer plans and length of time it will take to complete your degree.

Identify two or three colleges that you are interested in, taking into consideration:

- General location, size, cost, atmosphere.
- Strength in academic area of interest.
- Internship opportunities, job placement, etc..

16-44 CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED.

Research and visit transfer institutions. Explore college websites and meet with the admissions representatives. Most area colleges and universities visit our campus during the fall and spring semesters. Visit www.nicc.edu/events for more information. Plan to visit the campus(es) that fit best with your educational goals and personal interests. Visiting a Campus will help solidify whether the college will be a good fit.

Check credit transferability. Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) has articulation agreements and transfer plans in place with various colleges. A listing is available at www.nicc.edu/transfer. If the college you are interested in is not listed, contact the admissions office at the four-year institution. With the four-year institution, ensure that you are meeting course requirements and in the correct transfer major.

Research transfer scholarships. Many four-year institutions offer scholarships to community college graduates.

45+ CREDITS COMPLETED.

Choose your transfer college:

- Meet with an advisor and/or faculty to learn more about your major, transfer requirements and deadlines.
- Gather information about financial aid and housing (on- or off-campus).

Complete the admission process:

- Apply for admission at your transfer college (It's okay to apply for admission at more than one college if you are still weighing your options)
- Be aware of application deadlines, make sure your application is complete and the application fee or fee waiver form is submitted.
- Submit NICC graduation application at www.nicc.edu/graduation.
- Request your official NICC transcripts be sent to your transfer institution at www.nicc.edu/transcript.
- Send your high school transcript, if required, and any previous colleges you attended.

Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after Oct. 1 and have results sent to your transfer institution.