

Tip #3 – Ask the Right Questions

You made the smart choice of choosing to complete your general education requirements at a community college and now you need to make the smart decision of which colleges/universities are the best fit for you. Below are questions you can ask yourself and college recruiters to help you make the best decision:

Questions to Ask Yourself

1. Have I taken the correct courses and degree to transfer? – It's always safest to choose general education courses that are [IAI approved](#) when you are seeking to transfer from a community college to a 4-year college/university.
2. Do I want to go to college/university in-state or out of state?
3. Does campus and class size matter to me?
4. Do I prefer an urban or rural setting for college/university?
5. Is Greek life on a campus important to me?
6. What financial factors are in play for my college choice?
7. Have I met the minimum GPA requirements to apply to my colleges and universities of choice?

Questions to Ask a College Recruiter

1. What is the minimum number of credits I need to take at the community college to be considered a transfer student?
2. What is the maximum number of credits you will take from a community college for transfer?
3. Will my credits transfer to your institution?
4. What is the minimum GPA to apply to your college/university? What is the average GPA of accepted students at your college/university?
5. Aside from GPA, what are other important factors that you are looking at within the college application?
6. When is your early application deadline for transfer students? Final application deadline?
7. Do you accept application fee waivers?
8. Do you require the ACT/SAT for transfer students?
9. Along with my college transcript(s), do you also require the high school transcript?
10. What is the student-teacher ratio for my college of interest?
11. What campus life activities does your institution offer?
12. Is there campus housing for transfer students?
13. As an out-of-state/out-of-city transfer student, am I required to live on campus?
14. What scholarships are available for students with my GPA? (Keep in mind that most scholarships are for students with a 3.5 or higher GPA, though there are exceptions that provide scholarships for students with a lower GPA).
15. Are you a CCC partner? If so, tell me more about the partnership and how I can participate.
16. Do you have a study-abroad program?
17. What type of summer internship programs are available to students?
18. What student services/programs are available to help me succeed academically?



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19. For International Students:

- a. Do you require TOEFL of all international students?
- b. Does completion of my associate's degree or specific college courses affect the need for TOEFL testing?
- c. Is the high school transcript required regardless of completion of my associate's degree?

20. For Veterans:

- a. Are you a member of the Yellow Ribbon program?
- b. What scholarships are available at your institution for veterans?
- c. What services are available to veterans on your campus?

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