



FAQ'S

Frequently asked questions about transferring from TCC to a university for bachelor's degree attainment.

What is the difference between a “work ready” program and a “university transfer” program?

- **Associate in Arts (A.A.) & Associate in Science (A.S.) vs. Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.):**
 - *Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.)* are degrees that prepare you to pursue a bachelor's degree. A.A. focuses on liberal arts and general education and A.S. targets scientific and business focused subjects.
 - Graduating from TCC with an A.A. or A.S. degree typically ensures that you do not have to take any more freshman or sophomore level general education courses at a public, 4-year university. Private and out-of-state universities may have additional requirements.
 - *Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)* degrees are considered work ready degrees. These degrees prepare you to enter your new career as soon as you graduate without having to pursue a bachelor's degree. They are not designed for transfer, but in some specialized programs there are transfer options.

What is the benefit of completing an associate's degree at TCC?

- Community college classes typically cost less than the same classes at a 4-year university. Our recommendation is to take all the courses you can at TCC that will count towards your four-year degree. A TCC academic advisor can direct you on the appropriate coursework for maximum transferability of credit.

Are there transfer scholarships available?

- There are several transfer scholarships available at 4-year universities. Typically, there are options for admission scholarships, departmental scholarships, honor society scholarships, and many more. Make sure to research and apply early for scholarships because of the following circumstances: priority deadlines, GPA requirements, and limited funding.
- For Example, currently there are 3 local universities that offer scholarships specifically for TCC students.
 - **University of Tulsa - Tulsa Achieves Continuation Scholarship:**
 - GPA 3.25+
 - Award: \$20,000
 - **Oklahoma State University (Tulsa Campus) - Tulsa Achieves/EDGE continuation Scholarship:**
 - GPA 2.7+
 - Amount varies and is need based.
 - **Northeastern State University (Broken Arrow & Tahlequah Campus) - Tulsa Achieves Continuation Scholarship:**
 - GPA 3.25+
 - Amount varies and is based on GPA
- There may be admission application fees at some 4-year universities that can range from \$25 to \$60 or more. If you are interested in learning how to receive an admission application fee waiver, work with the transfer admissions counselor at your anticipated transfer university about these opportunities.



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Will my credits from TCC transfer to a 4-year university?

- You will need to complete at least 60 credit hours once you transfer to complete your bachelor's degree. For example, if your bachelor's degree requires a total of 120 credit hours, you will only be able to transfer 60 from TCC into the bachelor's degree program. Keep in mind that some programs require more than the credit hours outlined above.
- Elective courses may not count towards your course requirements for your bachelor's degree program. In addition, some courses transfer only as an elective, and some 4-year degree programs allow few, if any, electives.
- The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) created a Course Equivalency Database to provide transfer students with access to learn which institutions will automatically credit their course work as equivalent. Course equivalencies are tables of courses that are transferable among Oklahoma public colleges and institutions (it does include some private institutions). Each table displays equivalent courses at each college and university and is organized by academic discipline (chemistry, history, etc.). Course equivalencies are determined by the academic year in which the course was finished or appears on the official transcript. The database is housed on the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education website, okhighered.org/transfer-students/course-transfer.
- Out-of-state universities are not obligated to accept any of your major specific classes, unless TCC and that university share a transfer map. Check to see if the out-of-state university you plan to attend has a transfer equivalency database to see which courses you are taking at TCC that will transfer.
 - Browse the TCC Transfer Map Search Tool by visiting tulsacc.edu/transfer.

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TRANSFER MAP SEARCH TOOL



When should I start meeting with an admissions counselor at the 4-year university?

- As soon as you decide which university you intend to transfer to complete your bachelor's degree, schedule a meeting with the transfer representative/admissions counselor from that university. It is recommended you check which specific university representatives are visiting the TCC Transfer Centers. The Transfer Center Calendar is available to view at tulsacc.edu/transfercenter.
 - If you need contact information for transfer university representatives, check out the Transfer Center on your campus to see if they have business cards available. You may also contact the Office of University Transfer & Academic Partnerships at TCC2University@tulsacc.edu for contact information.

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For more information about transfer maps, transfer planning resources, and transfer exploration opportunities, visit the University Transfer & Academic Partnerships website at www.tulsacc.edu/transfer.