

# Montgomery College's Seven Steps to Transferring

**STEP 1 – Meet with a counselor and/or program advisor each semester** to make sure you are registering for the right classes, since that saves you both time and money. And, meet with a four-year pre-transfer advisor or admissions counselor on campus or at the MC transfer fairs.

**STEP 2 – Review the transfer and credit for prior learning websites.** MC has a lot of great and timely information about transferring and earning credit. Explore when schools will be visiting MC, articulation agreements and how credits will transfer, admission partnerships, credit for military experience, and more.

**STEP 3 – Explore majors and search for compatible institutions.** Not all schools have all majors. Knowing what and where you want to study can help make the transfer process easier. Visit four-year institutions to see if they are a good fit for you. Unsure about a career? Use Career Coach to research career options.

**STEP 5 – Complete your degree.** Earning an associate's degree saves you time and money, and it may help you get a job or a promotion. Some articulation agreements require a degree, and a degree may waive graduation requirements at some schools. When you do earn your degree, make sure to send your final transcript.

**STEP 4 – Research how to apply to schools.** Every institution has a different process and deadline for applying. It's important that you know when and how to apply! Some programs — like MTAP or TSA — have separate applications and deadlines. And, some institutions have rolling admissions.

**STEP 6 – Figure out how to pay for your bachelor's degree.** Everyone should apply for FAFSA, and everyone should look for scholarships. Attending a four-year institution is expensive, but there are lots of ways to pay for it. Get help by using the MC Transfer Scholarship website.

**STEP 7 – Make the transition to a college or university.** Know what to do after you're admitted, and prepare accordingly. Think about where you are going to live or if you are going to commute. Attend orientation, and seek out resources and help. Don't fret, you're moving forward!

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