



# transfertalk

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFICE OF TRANSFER SERVICES

## BEYOND THE HALLS OF BCC

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Bronx Community College is a stepping stone for students interested in pursuing their bachelor's degrees. With careful planning, students can enter four-year colleges or universities as juniors, prepared to complete work in a number of different majors. One element of effective planning is a comprehensive understanding of the institution that is most suitable to your needs. There are many higher education options and different types of colleges suit different types of students. Take a look at the following descriptions to help you see where you fit.

### Public, Private, and Proprietary Institutions

Public colleges, such as those within the CUNY and SUNY university systems, are funded by local and state governments and usually offer lower tuition rates than private colleges, most notably for students who are residents of the state where the college is located.

Private colleges, such as Mercy College, rely mainly on tuition, fees and private sources of funding. Private donations provide attractive financial aid packages and scholarships for students.

Proprietary institutions, also known as for-profit colleges and universities, are different from traditional colleges in that they are privately owned with a goal of turning a profit. They are educational businesses that offer programs that tend to be technical in nature. Some schools in this sector have a history of questionable business practices and should be scrutinized very closely.

### Universities

Universities are postsecondary schools that include a college of arts and/or sciences, one or more programs of graduate studies, and one or more professional schools. Universities confer bachelor's degrees and graduate, master's and Ph.D. degrees. Many universities also confer professional degrees, for example, in law or medicine. Generally, a university is bigger than a college and offers more majors and research facilities. Class size often reflects institutional size and some classes may be taught by graduate students.

### Upper Division

Upper-division schools offer the last two years of undergraduate study, usually in specialized programs leading to a bachelor's degree. You'd generally transfer to an upper-division college after completing an associate degree. SUNY Downstate's Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Imaging is an example of an upper division transfer program.

### Liberal Arts Colleges

Liberal arts colleges offer a range of courses in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. A liberal arts college does not necessarily train students for a career, though that may happen. Instead these colleges aim to make students critical thinkers and global citizens. Most focus mainly on undergraduate students. Classes tend to be small and personal attention is available. Amherst College is an example of a Liberal Arts college.

### Agricultural, Technical, and Specialized Colleges

Specialized colleges emphasize preparation for specific careers. Specialty major schools focus primarily on one field of study, such as art, engineering, music or business. Often small, these colleges offer you the opportunity to become completely immersed in your major and to know that your peers have similar interests. New York School of Visual Arts is such a school.

### Career School, Technical School or Vocational / Trade school

Sometimes these terms are used interchangeably. These schools may be public or private, two-year or less-than-two-year. Career schools offer courses that are designed to prepare students for specific careers, from welding to cosmetology to medical imaging, etc. The difference between technical schools and trade schools is that technical schools teach the science behind the occupation, while trade schools focus on hands-on application of skills needed to do the job.

### Special Interests

- **Hispanic-Serving Institutes:** At these schools, Hispanic students comprise at least 25 percent of the total full-time undergraduate enrollment.
- **Historically-Black Colleges:** Historically Black Colleges originated in the time when African-American students were systematically denied access to most other colleges and universities.
- **Religiously-Affiliated Colleges:** Some private colleges are affiliated with a religious faith. The affiliation may be historic only or it may be a part of daily student life.

### Still have questions?

If you still have questions, please visit the Office of Transfer Planning in Loew 313 or Sage 102. Also, consider participating in one the Transfer Planning Thursdays workshops, offered every second Thursday during the Fall and Spring semesters.



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Transfer Services can help you:

- Understand the educational paths that will move you toward your intended career
- Ensure that your degree program is consistent with your objectives
- Select courses to maximize the number of credits transferred
- Take charge of your planning for transfer by teaching you how to conduct research
- Understand the benefit of articulation agreements

Transfer Services addresses student needs via advisement, coordination of the transfer fair, the *Transfer Talk* newsletter, videos and workshops.



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## - ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS AND OTHER PARTNERSHIPS -

An **articulation agreement** is an agreement between two schools that helps course credit at one school to be accepted or transferred and applied toward a degree at another school.

A **memorandum of understanding (MOU)** is an agreement between institutions that expresses an agreed course of action and conditions under which the receiving institution will accept students for matriculation.

A **joint degree program** agreement stipulates that following successful completion of the associate degree program and graduation from Bronx Community College, students will be automatically accepted into the specified baccalaureate program of the named senior college.

### BCC ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY to CUNY NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY

#### ABOUT

Students completing the degree program will obtain knowledge in power systems, controls, microcontrollers, sensors and instrumentation, as well as the growing area of mechatronics. Potential employers include IBM, CODEX, Bank of America, ITT, GE, ConEd, Verizon, MTA, Honeywell, and Northrop Grumman. Graduates may continue toward a master's degree in electrical engineering at City College or other institutions of higher learning.

## - EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS -

#### Transfer Planning Thursdays

Learn the value of early transfer planning by using tools such as the college catalog and articulation agreements to chart your academic career toward a bachelor's degree and beyond. A must for students with fewer than 30 credits. This is an ASAP approved workshop.

Every second Thursday of the month   12-1:30   North Hall 133	
September 6, 2018	October 11, 2018
November 8, 2018	December 6, 2018

#### Second Saturday Scholarship Workshops

Learn the scholarship essentials: Researching scholarships; Resumes for scholarships; Writing scholarship essays. A must for ALL students! This is an ASAP approved workshop.

Every second Saturday of the month   12-1:30   North Hall 210	
September 8, 2018	October 13, 2018
November 10, 2018	December 8, 2018

# FALL 2018 TRANSFER FAIR



## Wednesday, October 24, 2018

### 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Colston Lower Level

Meet representatives from CUNY, SUNY, and many other colleges and universities. They will share information about academic programs, admissions requirements, financial aid and scholarships.

Don't miss this opportunity to educate yourself about bachelor degree programs designed to meet your educational and career goals.