



Relocating and Transferring

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If you are considering relocating to another state and transferring, first ask yourself if you really HAVE to move? New York City is nothing short of remarkable in terms of quality, choice and convenience in higher education (The Bronx alone has over five colleges). Depending on where you are relocating, it is probably in your best interest to complete your associate degree at BCC. If you have to relocate, be sure to consider the following:

What degree program did you start at BCC?

If you started in a highly specialized degree program such as Nursing or Radiologic Technology and transfer before completing the degree, you may find that many of your credits, even if you are enrolling in a similar program, will not be accepted. Students starting at BCC who know that they will be relocating before graduating, should probably consider following the A.A. or A.S. degree programs in liberal arts because the coursework is easier to transfer.

Explore Public Colleges

A public institution is a good bet if you have to relocate to another state. However, you should be mindful that to pay in-state tuition rates you have to establish residency which can take up to one year. Visit the College Board website (<http://www.collegeboard.com>) and search for state residence requirements.

Proprietary Colleges and Accreditation

Proprietary colleges, also known as for-profit colleges, must be closely scrutinized because of a history of questionable academic and business practices by some of these institutions. If you are considering a proprietary college, be certain to check accreditation. Accreditation ensures that an institution has been evaluated and that it meets set standards of quality determined by the organization granting the accreditation. Accreditation also determines a school's eligibility for participation in federal and state financial aid programs. A list of accrediting bodies is available on the Transfer Planning web site in the links section (<http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/TransferCounseling/>). Students are also encouraged to watch the Frontline documentary, *College, Inc.*, on the PBS website.

Location and Transportation

Once you have selected a college, be sure to explore transportation because public transportation may be limited or unavailable. Most states recognize driver licenses held by residents of other states. If you become a resident of another state, be certain to apply for a license within 30 days. The following web page has links to all fifty state DMV offices: http://www.dmvnv.com/50_state_dmv_list.html

Additional Resources

Visit the Transfer Planning web site (<http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/TransferCounseling/>) for an assortment of other transfer resources.

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Quoteable Quote:

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

-Diogenes,
Greek Philosopher

