

# TRANSFER TALK

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFICE OF TRANSFER SERVICES

## FROM BCC TO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

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### What is an Occupational Therapist?

Occupational therapy is for individuals recovering from a physical or mental illness that supports rehabilitation through the performance of daily activities while focusing on adapting an environment or a task (e.g., the way a place of work is set up). While physical therapy is used to improve patients' ability to move their bodies and manage pain (see the Spring 2022 issue of *Transfer Talk*), occupational therapy is used to help or regain patients' ability to perform everyday activities on their own. Occupational therapists also assist patients who have cognitive or developmental disabilities that affect their motor skills, behavior, or emotions. The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* notes:

*"Patients with permanent disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, often need help performing daily tasks. Therapists show patients how to use appropriate adaptive equipment, such as leg braces, wheelchairs, and eating aids. These devices help patients perform a number of daily tasks, allowing them to function more independently."*

Occupational therapists may also work in mental health and educational settings, while those employed in hospitals work as part of a healthcare team along with doctors, registered nurses, and other types of therapists. According to the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, **employment of Occupational Therapists is projected to grow 14 percent from 2021 to 2031**, "much faster than the average for all occupations."

### Education

Occupational therapists earn master's degree in Occupational Therapy from programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. All states require Occupational Therapists to be licensed and to pass the national examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. To sit for the exam, candidates must have earned a degree from an accredited educational program and complete all fieldwork requirements.

The sole Occupational Therapy program in the CUNY system is at **York College**, making it very competitive. The program is a combined Bachelor of Science / Master of Science (B.S. / M.S.) and does not require a Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Admission requires applying to York

first and then a separate application to the program. Prerequisite coursework for the program is as follows:

- Biology I and II or Anatomy and Physiology I and II
- Chemistry I
- Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Life Span Development
- Physics I
- Statistics and Probability

Students must complete all prerequisite courses, as well as 60 credits, by the end of spring semester prior to admission. Occupational Therapy prerequisite courses taken more than 10 years ago must be repeated. And while the minimum overall GPA is a 2.9, it is strongly recommended that students strive for the

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**The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* is a publication of the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics that is excellent resource for career exploration that includes information about the nature of work, education, earnings, and job outlook.**

**<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm>**



best possible grades as the search for students typically begins at the top of the GPA scale. Students must also submit a current resume and complete 50 hours of volunteer work in an Occupational Therapy setting.

The most suitable major to pursue at BCC is the **A.S. Dietetics and Nutrition**. Students who pursue this degree are required to complete BIO 23 and BIO 24, Anatomy and Physiology I and II, to fulfill their Pathways Life and Physical Sciences and Scientific World requirements respectively. They are also required to complete CHM 17 Fundamentals of General Chemistry I in the Major Requirements. Students are advised to complete MTH 23 Probability and Statistics in the Pathways Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning requirement. In the Flexible Core of Pathways, complete SOC 11 Introduction to Sociology to fulfill the World Culture and Global issues requirement and PSY 11 Introduction to Psychology to fulfill the Individual and Society requirement. Complete PSY 31 Abnormal Psychology or PSY 40 Life Span Development in the Flexible Core elective. With the free electives in the Major Requirements, students are advised to complete PHY 11 College Physics I and PSY 31 Abnormal Psychology or PSY 40 Life Span Development. **Students are encouraged to consult with York College's catalog for any updates since the publication of this issue.**

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# SPRING 2023



**Looking Forward.**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023**

**11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Colston Hall Lower Level**

**THE IN-PERSON TRANSFER FAIR RETURNS!**

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 learn about bachelor degree programs designed to meet your educational and career goals.



# ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS & 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 **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.

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.

## **BCC Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts, Psychology Option to CUNY School of Professional Studies Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (online) (Articulation Agreement)**

### **About the Program**

The online BA in Psychology investigates why people behave the way they do. Throughout the program, students gain insight into motivation, learning, social behavior, and development across the lifespan. Students learn how to conduct research, design surveys, interpret behavioral situations, and communicate effectively.

Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/3I1j3Qc>

### **Advising notes**

Students must have an overall 2.5 GPA for admission. Students are also advised to complete MTH 23 or MTH 23.5 in the Pathways requirements to optimize transfer credit.

## **About the CUNY School of Professional Studies (SPS)**

The CUNY School of Professional Studies (CUNY SPS) provides top-ranked online programs that meet the needs of adults who are looking to finish a bachelor's degree, progress from an associate's degree, earn a master's degree or a certificate in a specialized field, and advance in the workplace or change careers.

## **BCC Associate in Science in Business Administration to SUNY Binghamton Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Articulation Agreement)**

### **About the Program**

Binghamton University's business administration program prepares students for successful careers. The School of Management ensures that students learn the soft skills, such as teamwork and communication, and technical skills needed to become leaders in an economy driven by disruption and innovation. Through experiential learning opportunities, including case competitions and project courses, students explore the challenges of decision-making in complex contexts and situations, and learn how to develop innovative solutions that are considerate of legal, environmental and societal factors.

### **Advising notes**

Students must have an overall 3.3 GPA for admission. Students must also earn a minimum grade of "B" in BUS 41, ECO 11, ECO12, and MTH 30 or 31. Learn more about this partnership here: <http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/bronx-cc-and-som-articulation-agreement-signed-and-final.pdf>

See all of BCC's articulation agreements and partnerships on the Transfer Services website:  
<http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/services/transfer-services/>



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Transfer Services provides students with services to inform and facilitate transfer to appropriate senior colleges.

- 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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# TRANSFER PLANNING: WHAT TO DO AND WHEN TO DO IT

The primary reason for early and continuous transfer planning is to ensure that the desired degree program and curriculum are consistent with future career or educational plans. Waiting until the last semester may limit options. Articulation agreements and other partnerships are excellent tools for transfer planning because they provide a course of action for students, including an outline of the most appropriate courses to schedule.

## 0-12 Credits

- **Read the College Catalog** (students are responsible for knowing what their degree entails).
- Become familiar with **DegreeWorks**, CUNYfirst, OSSES, and **Transfer Explorer**.
- Visit Career Development to **explore career options and their requirements**.
- Attend a Transfer Planning workshop.
- Select your degree program.
- Read articulation agreements.
- Explore Pathways course options.

## 13-24 Credits

- Attend the Transfer Fair.
- **Check for new articulation agreements**.
- Visit college websites.
- **Check your progress on DegreeWorks**.
- Visit Career Development and **write your resume**.

## 25-35 Credits

- Attend the Transfer Fair.
- **Attend a Scholarship Workshop**.
- Explore transfer options.
- Attend senior college open house events.
- **Begin scholarship search**.
- **Check your progress on DegreeWorks**.
- Check for new articulation agreements.

## 36-45 Credits

- **Check your progress on DegreeWorks**.
- **Update your resume**.
- Attend the Transfer Fair.
- **Apply for scholarships**.
- Check for new articulation agreements.

## Final Semester

- **Apply for graduation**.
- **Send applications**.
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships.
- **Attend orientation at your new school**.

# TRANSFER APPLICATION ESSENTIALS

**BCC CEEB Code: 2051**

Get other college and high school CEEB codes at  
[http://www.suny.edu/Student/apply/\\_tables\\_codes.cfm](http://www.suny.edu/Student/apply/_tables_codes.cfm)

## CUNY Priority Application Deadlines:

Spring Admissions: September 15  
Fall Admissions: February 1

**CUNY Transfer Application** is available on-line at **www.cuny.edu**. You will need your CUNYfirst log-in information to complete application.

**CUNY Application Processing Center:** 212.997.CUNY

**SUNY Recruitment Response Center:** 1.800.342.3811

- **Students should be mindful that good grades are an important part of transferring to the institution or program of choice.**
- **Students transferring to a CUNY four-year college should check if there are specific grade requirements for courses as well as for the program of choice.**
- **Students applying to a CUNY four-year college should also note that if more than one college was attended, the GPA for admissions will be determined through a combination calculation of all attempted coursework.**

# TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Be sure to visit the new page on our website that details everything you need to apply for scholarships including CUNY, SUNY, and prestigious scholarships as well as searches and book recommendations.

<https://www.bcc.cuny.edu/campus-resources/transfer-services/transfer-scholarships/>