



# TRANSFER TALK

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LOOKING FORWARD

## FROM BCC TO LIBRARIAN

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### Exploring Libraries

Libraries are institutions that provide free information and resources to the entire community regardless of socioeconomic status and location (check out the Brooklyn Public Library Books Unbanned project). They exist physically and virtually and offer services that includes, but are not limited to, books, magazines, newspapers, music, and databases. Many provide additional vital services such as computer and internet access as well as spaces to read, write, and collaborate. Libraries help promote literacy, provide a free place to learn new things, and help to preserve history. According to American Library Association, patrons find that public libraries improve quality of life and are a good use of tax revenue. British journalist Caitlin Mora once noted, "...libraries they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer, but a citizen instead."

Mexican artist Pedro Reyes said that when he travels, "...if there's a good library there, that's where I'll go, because I want to look at materials, I'm interested in that I might not have in my own library yet." Because lending libraries are not common in Mexico, Reyes opened his own personal library to the public in 2019 and started lending books to Instagram followers (@tlacuilibiblioteca). He expanded on this idea and in 2021 launched TLACUILO, Mexico's first Art-lending library at the Museo Carrillo Gil in Mexico City. The TLACUILO collection focuses on art and literature and includes artworks, books, and vinyl records (TLACUILO means "scribe" in Nahuatl, the indigenous Aztec language spoken in Central Mexico). Reyes notes that libraries have the capacity to endlessly grow and evolve.

### What is a Librarian?

Librarians select and acquire books, journals, databases, and a range of other materials for a library's collection as well as organizing, managing, and pro-

viding easy access. They also assist library patrons in locating information resources and provide guidance on how to use them effectively. Librarians may also develop programs and services that meet the needs of the community. There are various types of librarians, each with their own specific duties and responsibilities which include public librarians, academic librarians, youth services librarians, archivists, and digital archivists.

### Becoming a Librarian

According to the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, librarians generally require a master's degree in library science. Names for library science programs may vary and may sometimes be referred to as a Master of Information Studies or Master of Library and Information Studies. Master's degrees typically take one to two years to complete, and coursework explores learning different research methods and strategies, online reference systems, and internet search techniques. The

American Library Association accredits master's degree programs in library and information studies. Queens College, SUNY University at Albany, and SUNY University at Buffalo offer master's degrees in library science.

### Undergraduate Majors

Undergraduate degrees in librarianship are rare, so what should one major in to best situate themselves for a master's degree in library science? Traditionally, most students applying to master's degree programs have pursued humanities degrees in majors such as English. However, specialized librarians, such as those in a corporate, law, or medical libraries, usually supplement a master's degree in library science with knowledge of their specialized field. Generally speaking, it is perhaps best to major

**"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."**

**- Walter Cronkite**

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in something you enjoy without thinking too much about how it could relate to a library career. And as I have often conveyed to students, if you are not sure what you want to do, then perhaps it is best to pursue the A.A. in Liberal Arts or the A.S. in Science and use your time at BCC to thoughtfully explore your interests.

Learn more via the Occupational Outlook Handbook (<https://rb.gy/njq13x>) and at the American Library Association website (<https://www.ala.org/>).

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# Quotes on Libraries

**“When I read about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that American society has found one more way to destroy itself.”**

**- Isaac Asimov**

“Information helps you to see that you’re not alone. That there’s somebody in Mississippi and somebody in Tokyo who all have wept, who’ve all longed and lost, who’ve all been happy. So the library helps you to see, not only that you are not alone, but that you’re not really any different from everyone else.” - Maya Angelou

**The health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries. — Carl Sagan**

# 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 Science, Health Sciences Health Services Administration Option to Lehman College Bachelor of Science, Health Services Administration (Articulation Agreement)

### About the Program

The program in Health Services Administration at Lehman College provides an economically and culturally diverse undergraduate student population with the critical knowledge and skills needed by health services managers who will work with clinicians to manage health care delivery systems, hospitals, organized physician groups, community health facilities (including ambulatory care facilities), nursing homes, extended care facilities, financing and insurance agencies, managed care organizations, and other organizations which either directly provide critical personal health care services or support the provision of those services. Learn more at <https://rb.gy/bm9ulx>

### Advising notes

BCC students must have a 2.5 GPA. Students are advised to complete MTH 23 or MTH 23.5 in the Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning Pathways requirement as well as ECO 11 and ECO 12 the Pathways U.S. Experience in Its Diversity and Individual & Society requirements respectively. Students are also advised to complete BIO 20 and 21 to fulfill the Scientific World and Life and Physical Sciences requirements respectively and COMM 11 as the Pathways elective.

**See all of BCC's articulation agreements and partnerships on the Transfer Services website:**

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

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## TRANSFER SERVICES EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS



The Office of Transfer Services offers an array of events and workshops that includes:

- The Transfer Fair
- Transfer Planning Workshop
- Four Year College On-Campus Tabling
- Scholarship 101 Workshop

Please visit our website and click on the links for Events and/or Workshops for dates and times.

<https://www.bcc.cuny.edu/campus-resources/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).
- **Explore Pathways course options.** (Pathways is CUNY's general education)
- Visit Career Development to **explore career options and their requirements.**
- **Read articulation agreements.**
- Become familiar with DegreeWorks, CUNYfirst, OSSES and **Transfer Explorer.**
- **Attend a Transfer Planning workshop.**
- Select your degree program.

## 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](http://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 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/>