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What is the Lampitt Bill?

New Jersey Transfer Law

New Jersey passed a law, the Lampitt Bill, in September 2007, regarding transfer from New Jersey community colleges to New Jersey four-year public colleges. The law provides for transfer of up to 60-64 credits for and AS degree graduates, but there are rules and regulations. For more information, please click on "[Transfer Resources](#)"

When should I start to plan for transfer to a four-year college?

From the first day you start Brookdale Community College, you should be thinking about what you plan to do next. When you meet with your Student Development Specialist (counselor) make sure to inform them that you intend to transfer after graduation.

What steps should I take?

You can begin by checking out possible schools and their requirements and by discussing your transfer institution options with your Student Development Specialist (counselor).

Successful transfer depends on you taking some initiative:

1. Determine where you want to transfer as early as you can and learn the requirements of the particular college. Each college offers different majors and has different entrance requirements and course requirements.
2. Determine what you want to major in at the four year school and make sure you're in the appropriate degree program at Brookdale.
3. Work with your Student Development Specialist (counselor) to select courses that meet requirements toward your Associate's degree and your four year degree.

What kind of Brookdale degree programs are designed to transfer?

In general, Brookdale offers Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), and Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.) degrees which are designed to transfer. While not designed for transfer, there are some Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degrees for which Brookdale maintains articulation agreements. See listing of "[Articulation Agreements](#)" on the Transfer Resources homepage.

What grade point average (GPA) do I need to transfer to a four-year college or university?

Generally a 2.5 GPA or higher is preferable. Competitive programs such as accounting, business administration, computer science, education, and engineering may require a 3.0 or higher. It is advisable to strive for the highest GPA you can attain. Enrollment is up at most four year institutions and the more competitive your GPA the more likely you will be accepted. Most colleges require a minimum 2.0 GPA or a "C" average for transfer.

If I maintain a high GPA will all my courses transfer?

A high GPA will help you get admitted to the school and major of your choice. However, your courses will be evaluated based on separate criteria. To ensure that your courses meet your goals in transfer, you need to identify your major and transfer institution as early as possible. Work with your counselor to see that your Brookdale courses meet the needs of your Brookdale degree as well as the curriculum at your transfer institution.

What happens if my change my major?

If you change your major when you transfer, it is possible that some of your Brookdale courses will be not be applicable to the graduation requirements of your new program major.

Is it important to graduate from Brookdale before transferring?

In order to take advantage of the articulation agreements that Brookdale has developed with four year institutions, you will need to graduate from the specified program. In some cases, your credits will be treated differently in transfer if you do not have an Associate's Degree. Students who transfer community college credits without the degree will have them evaluated on a course-by-course basis.

What are Articulation Agreements?

Articulation agreements are formal agreements between Brookdale and other colleges and universities. These agreements define how the courses you complete at Brookdale will be evaluated for transfer credit when you transfer to a participating institution. View "[Articulation Agreements](#)" on the Transfer Resources webpage.

What is the New Jersey Coastal Communiversiity?

The New Jersey Coastal Communiversiity provides an opportunity for students to earn Associate, Bachelor and graduate degrees through one of seven colleges or universities right in Monmouth County. Associate degree students at Brookdale can prepare to move seamlessly to a partner program. College graduates and returning students can also take advantage of this unique opportunity.

The Communiversiity members are: Brookdale Community College, Georgian Court University, Montclair State University, New Jersey City University, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. For more information see the "[Communiversiity](#)" website.