

Glossary

Associate Degree – A degree earned at the county/community colleges. It is awarded for completion of 60 to 64 college credits

Associate degrees include:

Transfer Degrees – The Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees are covered by the new transfer law. They prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities and include similar courses to those taken by students at four-year colleges and universities in the first two years.

Career Degrees – The Associate in Applied Sciences (A.A.S.) degrees typically prepare students to enter a career. A.A.S. degrees are not covered by the new transfer law.

Bachelor's Degree – A degree earned at four-year colleges and universities. It is awarded for completion of 120 to 138 credits or more.

Bachelor's degrees include:

Liberal Arts & Science Programs – These bachelor's degrees offer majors in humanities, social science, math and natural sciences.

Five-Year Degree Programs and specialized programs – These bachelor's degrees typically cannot be completed in four years because of the programs' structures and the number of credits that are required for completion.

Professional Programs – These bachelor's degrees include majors in business, criminal justice, education, engineering, architecture, pharmacy, nursing, social work, public health, planning and public policy. They also offer majors in dance, music, theater, and visual arts that lead to the Bachelor's in Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree rather than the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree.

Basic Skills or Developmental Courses – These courses are designed to improve skills in reading, writing and mathematics at both community and four-year colleges. Basic Skills courses are completed before enrollment in college-level subjects. While these credits are not applied towards graduation requirements, they count towards enrollment status for the semester. It is best to complete basic skills requirements before transferring to a four-year institution.

Free Elective Courses – These courses count towards completion of a degree, but do not meet the general education or major requirements. Community college courses that do not apply to general education requirements or to a major's requirements are often credited as free electives.

General Education Courses – This is a group of specified courses that make up one-half to two-thirds of the associate transfer degree, and one-third to one-half of the bachelor's degree. These courses are sometimes referred to as core requirements or distribution requirements.

Graduation Requirements – These are specific courses that all students must complete at the university to earn their bachelor's degree. They are not considered general education requirements by the four-year schools, so they are not waived with the completion of an associate degree.

Major Courses – These courses are required to complete a major at the four-year college or university. Most of these 10 to 14 courses should be taken at the four-year college or university.

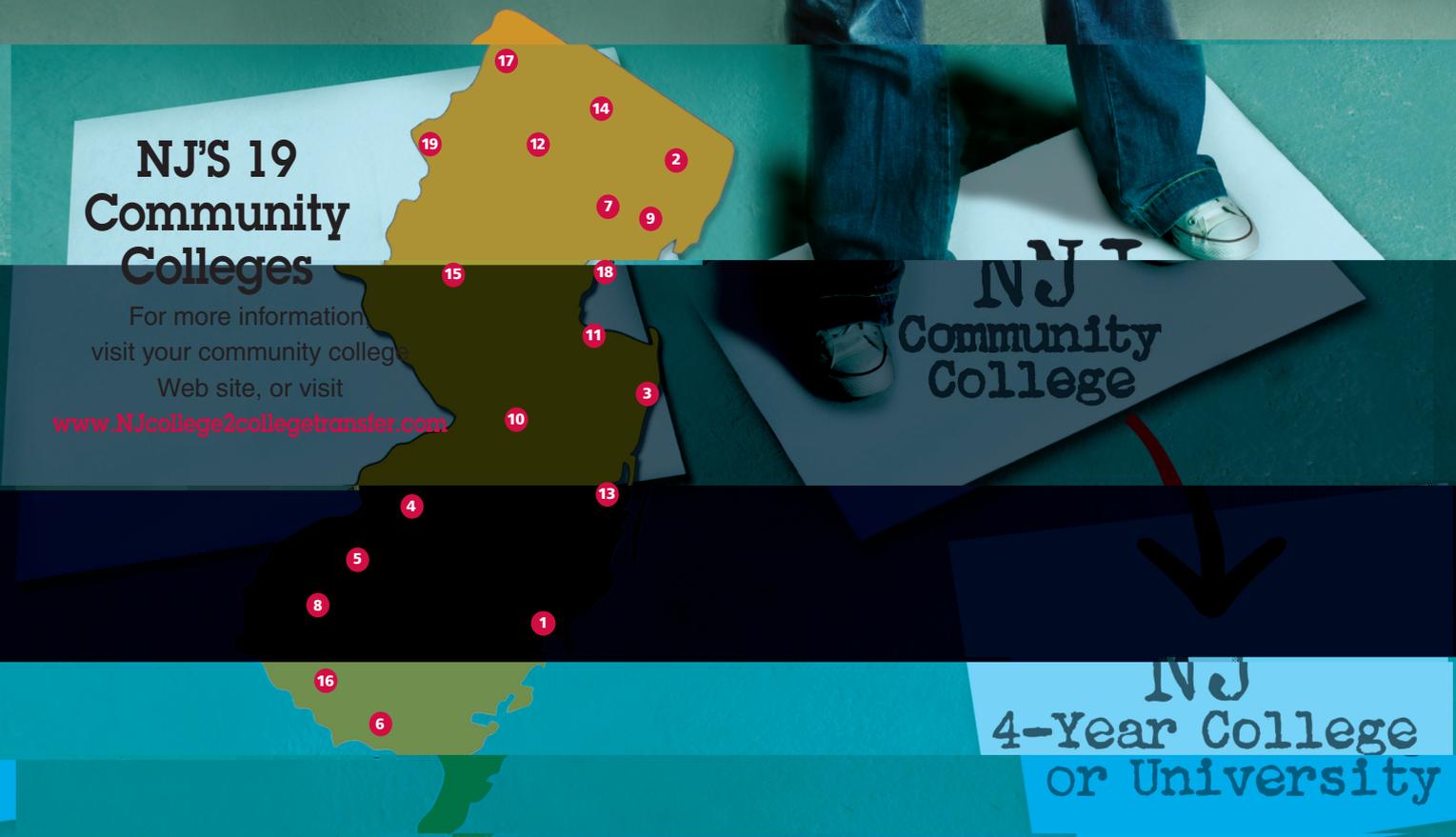
NJ Transfer – NJ Transfer (www.njtransfer.org) is a Web-based transfer information source that links New Jersey's colleges and universities.

Prerequisite Courses – These courses must be completed before taking a higher-level course, so that students have the knowledge base necessary to successfully complete the higher-level course.

NJ'S 19 Community Colleges

For more information, visit your community college Web site, or visit

www.NJcollege2collegetransfer.com



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| 1. Atlantic Cape Community College | www.atlantic.edu |
| 2. Bergen Community College | www.bergen.edu |
| 3. Brookdale Community College | www.brookdaleecc.edu |
| 4. Burlington County College | www.bcc.edu |
| 5. Camden County College | www.camdencc.edu |
| 6. Cumberland County College | www.cccnj.edu |
| 7. Essex County College | www.essex.edu |
| 8. Gloucester County College | www.gccnj.edu |
| 9. Hudson County Community College | www.hccc.edu |
| 10. Mercer County Community College | www.mccc.edu |
| 11. Middlesex County College | www.middlesexcc.edu |
| 12. County College of Morris | www.ccm.edu |
| 13. Ocean County College | www.ocean.edu |
| 14. Passaic County Community College | www.pccc.edu |
| 15. Raritan Valley Community College | www.raritanval.edu |
| 16. Salem Community College | www.salemcc.edu |
| 17. Sussex County Community College | www.sussex.edu |
| 18. Union County College | www.ucc.edu |
| 19. Warren County Community College | www.warren.edu |

SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFER
from a NJ COMMUNITY COLLEGE to a NJ 4-YEAR COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY



New Transfer Law and Agreement Helps You!

Recently, the Governor and state legislature created a law that established a statewide transfer agreement for students transferring from a New Jersey community college to a New Jersey public four-year college or university. Students can now seamlessly transfer their academic credits from a completed community college Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree program to a Bachelor's degree program at New Jersey's public four-year colleges and universities:

▪ The College of New Jersey	www.tcnj.edu
▪ Kean University	www.kean.edu
▪ Montclair State University	www.montclair.edu
▪ New Jersey City University	www.njcu.edu
▪ New Jersey Institute of Technology	www.njit.edu
▪ Ramapo College of New Jersey	www.ramapo.edu
▪ Richard Stockton College of New Jersey	www.stockton.edu
▪ Rowan University	www.rowan.edu
▪ Rutgers University	www.rutgers.edu
▪ Thomas Edison State College	www.tesc.edu
▪ University of Medicine and Dentistry	www.umdnj.edu
▪ William Paterson University of New Jersey	www.wpunj.edu

While the law does not cover New Jersey's private colleges and universities, many of those institutions have established similar policies that allow community college graduates to transfer with full junior standing.

Transferring Successfully Takes Planning and Preparation

Please refer to the following guidelines as you consider your transfer options. You'll find the terms in red defined in this brochure's glossary.

Transferring with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree

1. The statewide transfer agreement does not guarantee admission to any four-year institution. Admission requirements vary by college, and many majors have a competitive admission process. It is your responsibility to research and fulfill all admission requirements, and complete the application process for each institution you apply to.
2. An Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree will be applied to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, and the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree will be applied to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree as half of the credits required for that basic four-year degree.

To transfer successfully, community college students should select an associate degree program that aligns with their anticipated bachelor degree major. **Five-year degree programs** will require transfer students to complete all credits required for the bachelor's degree beyond the initial 60-64 credits that will transfer with the associate degree.
3. The A.A. and A.S. degrees will satisfy all lower-level **General Education** requirements, unless there are major-specific **prerequisites** or special **graduation requirements** that were not completed within the associate degree. Use NJ Transfer (www.NJTransfer.org) and consult with a community college transfer counselor when choosing courses so that you complete any prerequisites required for your major by the four-year college or university.
4. After you have been admitted, the four-year institution will identify the remaining courses you will need to take to earn your bachelor's degree.
5. Each New Jersey public four-year college or university has a minimum grade requirement for community college courses to count as transfer credit. In most cases, the minimum grade requirement is the same for transfer students as it is for students who attended the four-year institution during their freshmen and sophomore years. It is your responsibility to check with the four-year college or university that you are interested in to find out the minimum transfer grade requirement.

Transferring without an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree

1. If you do not plan on earning an associate degree, you should plan to attend your community college long enough to complete at least 30 college credits before you apply to transfer to a New Jersey public four-year college or university.
2. The more credits you earn, and the better your community college grades, the stronger your application to the four-year college or university will be.
3. Keep in mind that **basic skills or developmental courses** that you may be required to take at the community college will not transfer to a New Jersey public four-year college or university.
4. When you transfer without a degree, a maximum of 60 to 64 credits applicable to an A.A. or A.S. degree will be transferable towards a bachelor's degree at a New Jersey public four-year institution.
5. After you have been admitted, the four-year institution will identify the remaining courses you will need to take to earn your bachelor's degree.
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About NJ Transfer

One tool that can help you is NJ Transfer (www.njtransfer.org). NJ Transfer allows you to see how your community college credits will transfer to many public and private New Jersey four-year colleges and universities.