Transfer Planning
5 Steps You Can Take to Make A Smooth Transition to A Four-Year School!

During Your First Year:

1. **Explore different majors and careers**
   Being major-ready is becoming the norm for transfer students. This means that four-year colleges are expecting you to arrive at their institution ready to jump into your major. During your first year, explore your options!
   - Visit the Career Information Center, 2115, to take career and personality tests, explore majors, and find out about the relationship between a career and a major!
   - Our Cooperative Education Office, 1140, is the place to visit to find jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities in the fields that you are interested in exploring. Try an internship for college credit!

2. **Search for colleges that offer your major**
   Visit us in the Transfer Center where we have a library of college catalogs and transfer guides, computers for conducting college searches, and are constantly bringing four-year representatives to campus to answer your questions. Link to our Calendar of Events to find out who’s on-campus this quarter!

3. **Create a long-range plan with an advisor**
   After you've chosen a major and decided on which schools to apply to, it's time to sit down with your advisor to create a long-range plan. Many majors have prerequisites that you will need to fit in with your AA or AS degree coursework. Visit the Advising Center, 1145C, to plan out your remaining quarters at SCCC.

During Your Second Year:

4. **Gather application materials and attend transfer planning workshops**
   - Request application packets from each school to which you have decided to apply.
   - Attend Transfer Planning Workshops to help you prepare for the application process.
   - Research scholarships through the Career Information Center, and your prospective school’s scholarship office.

5. **Get your applications ready for deadlines**
   - Fall admissions deadlines generally are between January and April.
   - Request your SCCC transcripts and apply for graduation in Registration & Records.
   - Write your admissions essay. Have the staff of the Transfer Center and the Tutoring Center proofread it.
   - Financial Aid (FAFSA) deadlines are generally around February.

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