

TRANSFER PROCESS

Plan ahead. The earlier you begin to prepare for transfer, the better. For a successful transfer to a four-year college or university, ECC recommends the following:

- Meet regularly with your academic advisor who can assist you with your educational choices and decisions as well as planning the courses required for your major.
- Choose a major. For assistance in choosing and/or confirming your major, make an appointment with a Career Development Specialist.
- Consider enrolling in GSD 120, Exploring Careers and College Majors, a 1-credit hour course to investigate career choice, college majors, and choosing a transfer college or university.
- Develop a transfer education plan or review **Guided Transfer Pathways** with your academic advisor and keep her or him informed of your transfer plans.
- Discover your options. Meet with college representatives on ECC's campus at College Night, State University Transfer Day, Private Illinois Colleges and Universities (PICU) fair and other transfer **events** throughout the year.
- Discuss special transfer partnerships and opportunities with your academic advisor.
- Examine all of your options. Become familiar with transfer institutions' entrance, graduation, and major requirements.
- Take a road trip. Visit the campuses of the schools you are considering.
- Compare information gathered on your transfer school options and make a decision on your transfer school.
- Contact the admissions department of your transfer school. Maintain contact with your academic advisor at ECC and at your transfer school to ensure you are on the right path.
- Use the Self Service module on accessECC to track your progress toward completion.
- Complete your associate degree. At the beginning of your last semester at ECC, apply for graduation. **Apply for your degree** even if you do not plan to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Attend orientation at your new school. These orientations help ease the transfer process.

For more information, or to **make an appointment** with an Academic Advisor or Career Development Specialist, call the Student Success Center at 847-214-7390, or schedule directly through the Student Portal App.