

Finding a College that is Right for You!

Not sure where you want to transfer to...check these tips out to help you in your decision making process.

Tip 1: Figure out what you want! Before you start looking at specific universities, you should first take some time to decide what is most important to you in your future school. Make a list of your personal preferences and consider the following:

- Location
- Size
- Academic Programs
 - Highly Ranked Programs
- Extra-Curricular Activities
 - Sports
 - Student Organizations
 - Student Life
- Cost

Tip 2: Begin your research! Now that you have an idea of what you are looking for in a university, start looking at what specific schools have to offer.

- Start Early
- Does it meet your personal preferences? If so...
- Learn about the Application Process
 - Dates & deadlines
 - Personal Statement
- Learn about the Departmental Application Process
 - Dates & deadlines
 - Personal Statement
- Research Financial Aid & Scholarships
 - Dates & deadlines
- Get familiar with Housing
 - Dates & deadlines
- Use available resources, such as the Transfer Center (*located in Building 6, lower level*) for guidance
 - Attend Transfer workshops and information sessions held at Highline
- Visit the university campus
- Connect with an admissions counselor at the university you are applying to

Tip 3: It's not about finding the best college, it's about finding the college that is best for you!

Tip 4: Apply Early! Now that you have selected your school and are familiar with the requirements, make the decision to apply to your selected schools.

Helpful websites for college/university research:

www.princetonreview.com

www.petersons.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.campustours.com



Compare Your College Choices

Name of College		
City and State		
Distance from Major City?		
How will I get there?		
Number of Students Enrolled		
Does the college offer the academic programs (majors) I'm seeking?		
If undecided, what programs does the college offer that I'm interested in?		
Life outside the class: Does this college seem like an interesting place to be?		
What features (extra-curricular activities, traditions, location) pertaining to the student experience sound appealing?		
What is one positive feature about this college?		
One negative feature?		
Admissions deadline		
What is the cost?		
Room/Board/Housing costs?		
My notes about this college:		
Is there anything else I want to know about this school?		
On a grade scale from A to F, how would I rate this college as a match for me?		

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