

6 Steps to a Smoother Transfer

Getting started early is the key to a smooth and successful transfer to a 4-year school

STEP 1: Select the Major that is Right for You

List your intended four-year college major, or multiple major interests. NOT SURE? Complete the College Major and Career Ranking Activity and talk over your results/options with your advisor.

STEP 2: Learn How to Streamline the Transfer Application Process and Maximize the Number of Credits That Will Transfer

Ask your academic/program advisor about special agreements your NHTI degree program may have with 4-year colleges. Here are some examples:

- Articulation agreements (A transfer agreement between an NHTI major and a 4-year college.)
- NH Transfer Connection Program (Simplifies transfer from NHTI to a 4-year state college and other participating colleges in New Hampshire)
- The New Hampshire Dual Admission Program (NHTI General Studies and Liberal Arts Majors are admitted to both NHTI and a USNH institution: UNH, Plymouth State, Keene State, and Granite State College.)

The earlier you begin, the more likely you will transfer ALL OR MOST of your NHTI credits!

STEP 3: Make a List of 4-Year College(s) to Investigate

Explore and make a list of one or more 4-year colleges that meet your priorities. Check characteristics below that are important to you.

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| • Offers preferred college major/degree program(s) | • Undergraduate programs only |
| • School's reputation including school or program accreditation | • Undergraduate and graduate programs |
| • Public | • Costs (public are usually lower than private, especially in-state...ask college rep to be sure.) |
| • Private | • Available financial aid, including scholarships |
| • Religious affiliation | • Housing |
| • Ethnic affiliation and/or international student support | • Faculty to student ratio within major |
| • Disability services | • Clubs and organizations |
| • Rural | • Recreational activities and intercollegiate sports |
| • Urban | • Internship and co-op opportunities |
| • Suburban | • Geographic location and distance from home |
| • School size | |

Be sure that you explore colleges in New Hampshire and colleges outside of New Hampshire!

List the names of colleges that interest you:

STEP 4: Check out Admission, Transfer and Graduation Requirements

Find the website for college(s) of interest. Get answers to questions below on-line or contact college:

- Does this college have a transfer admissions counselor/department that specializes in recruiting and counseling transfer students? (Go to their admissions link to find out.)
- What are the entrance and graduation requirements for transfer students? Is there a minimum GPA for your intended major?
- What are the college application and financial aid deadlines for your preferred start date?
- What is the transfer credit policy? Do they work on a semester- or quarter-based calendar? How does their college credit format compare to NHTI's, and will credits be easily transferable?
- Can you access the college's application form online? Usually you can by going to the admissions link for colleges of interest.

Tour campuses that interest you!

Feel the atmosphere, attend a class, meet with faculty from your target program, eat in the dining hall, and visit staff from admissions and financial aid. Ask about special scholarships and other financial aid incentives.

STEP 5: Apply

Apply to one or more chosen colleges. Contact the NHTI Registrar's Office and arrange to have your college transcripts sent. You may also need to send transcripts from your high school and other colleges if you took college courses outside of NHTI.

Apply for scholarships and financial aid in time for your anticipated start date. Complete the FAFSA application to apply for federal and college-specific aid. Find out if the financial aid packages are renewed each year at the same rates/terms.

STEP 6: Get the Scoop on Accepted NHTI Transfer Credits, Review 4-Year Degree Game Plan, and Choose your Transfer Destination

Know what NHTI credits will be accepted and how they apply to your 4-year degree plan. Some schools accept up to 90 credits from NHTI, which can make them even more affordable. You may have to wait until you're officially "admitted" before a college will discuss transfer credits and your 4-year degree status. Be certain as to what NHTI credits are being accepted and how long it will take to earn your bachelor's degree.

Make sure you're 100% clear on the financial implications of earning your 4-year degree. Understand what each item in your financial aid package means and whether the package will be renewed each year for the same award level. Make sure you understand what is involved in borrowing and paying back your college loan(s).