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Are You On Track For Transfer? Part 3 of 4

Easy Transfer: Steps 4-6



The November 2009 issue of *Transfer Times* presented the first three steps to follow for a successful transfer to a senior college. These steps are reviewed below:

STEP 1: See a transfer advisor early in your career at BMCC to ensure that your degree program is consistent with your objectives.

STEP 2: Learn as much as possible about your professed career by doing the appropriate research.

STEP 3: Engage in academic planning. This involves planning your entire academic career beginning with the degree requirements at BMCC and ending with the highest degree you plan to complete.

STEP 4: Narrow Your School Search. By the time you have 30 academic credits you want to have narrowed your possible senior college choices to 3 or 4 institutions, including one 'safe school'. Visit the websites. Plan to attend open house events at these colleges. Contact the admissions offices for information regarding admission requirements, application deadlines, and deadlines for scholarships and institutional aid. If you are applying to a specialized or highly competitive program, be sure to ask if there are additional admission requirements and/or earlier application deadlines. Be aware that some programs only accept applicants for fall admission.

STEP 5: The Exit Strategy. When you have about 40 credits, see an advisor for a pre-graduation audit. This is a crucial step if you want to avoid surprises (e.g., a missing course). Your advisor will check to see if you are on track for graduation and transfer. You need answers to the questions below BEFORE you register for

your final semester at BMCC.

For graduation you need to know whether you are on track with the requirements for your degree. Are you preparing for the CPE? **Have you taken a writing intensive (WI) course? All students who entered the college in or after spring 2008 must take a WI course in order to graduate.** Do not confuse this requirement with the developmental writing courses. WI courses are specially designated sections of credit bearing courses that you will normally take to satisfy your degree requirements. **WI sections are indicated on Panther.**

For transfer you need to know whether you are on track with your transfer preparations. Have you narrowed your search to a few schools? Do you know the admission requirements and application deadlines? If you are applying to SUNY or to private colleges or universities, are you working on the application and/or scholarship essays? Have you requested letters of recommendation? Are you taking advantage of transfer fairs, informational sessions, and open house events?

STEP 6: The Final Semester Checklist. After you register for your final courses at BMCC:

- File for graduation in the Registrar's Office (S310).
- Request official transcripts.
- Complete and submit your transfer application packet.

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Transfer Fairs • Transfer Informational Sessions • Workshops

The AATC sponsors 6 transfer fairs annually and numerous senior college informational sessions. Attendance at these events is an important part of your transfer planning. These are exceptional opportunities to get answers to the questions unaddressed by the college websites and promotional materials. You can begin to gather information about academic programs, admission requirements, application deadlines, and scholarship opportunities. Additionally, these events offer undecided students the opportunity to see what programs are offered at the senior colleges.



Nontraditional Career Transfer Fair

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

12:00pm-5:00pm

Main Lobby Promenade

Senior Colleges Transfer Fair

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

11:00am-3:00pm & 4:00pm-7:00pm

Main Lobby Promenade



Evening/Weekend Services Open House & Transfer Fair

Saturday, February 27, 2010

11:00am-2:00pm

Main Lobby Promenade

Columbia University

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

NYU Steinhardt—CCTOP Scholarship

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

SUNY Binghamton

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

The New School

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

University of Pennsylvania

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

For more information and registration please contact:

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Karen Ehrlich: kehrlich@bmcc.cuny.edu

Brooklyn College

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Hunter College

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

John Jay College

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

College of Staten Island

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

For more information please contact Peter Pallis or Peter Roberts in room S763.

New Curricula: Joint Degree Programs with John Jay College

Joint degree programs are articulation agreements that not only guarantee the transfer of credits, but additionally offer a seamless transition to the receiving senior college. Under these transfer arrangements, you do not have to apply for transfer admission as you are conditionally admitted to the participating senior college program when you enroll in the associate degree program at BMCC. In partnership with John Jay College, BMCC offers 2 new joint degree programs.



If you are considering a career in law enforcement, BMCC now offers the associate's degree in Criminal Justice. After graduation you can transfer seamlessly to John Jay College and complete the bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

The BMCC program is coordinated by Professors Kenneth Anderson and Ronald Clare, faculty members in the Business Management Department.

According to Professor Anderson, the program prepares students for careers in various areas of law enforcement at the local, state, and federal levels as well as the private sector.

One particular strength of this degree program is the solid liberal arts foundation with courses in English composition, speech, sociology, and macroeconomics. This liberal arts focus means that if your career plans change, the courses you will have taken can easily transfer to other degree programs at the senior colleges. The curriculum also allows for ample exploration of the criminal justice profession. Students in the major take 15 credits in courses such as criminology, criminal law, and corrections.



Forensic Science

Forensic science is the application of the physical and biological sciences to issues in criminal justice. Television has both popularized forensic science and created confusion about the nature and scope of this profession. At the core of all academic forensic science programs are courses that are classified as *hard science*. If the scientific examination of evidence intrigues you, then consider an A.S. degree in Science for Forensics.

The program requirements at BMCC include courses in general and organic chemistry, biology, physics and calculus. Upon successful completion of the program, you can transfer to the Forensic Science program at John Jay College to earn the B.S. degree. To maintain eligibility, you must have a GPA of at least 2.5 in your core science and mathematics courses.

For more information contact Professor Lalitha Jayant in the Science Department (N645) and visit the web site: <http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/forensics>.

Spring 2010 Informational Sessions

The Graduate Center
365 Fifth Avenue (at 34th Street)

Evening, 5:30 p.m.

Wed, Feb 24, Room 9207
Wed, Mar 10, Room 9207
Wed, Apr 14, Room 9207
Wed, May 5, Room 9207

Daytime, 12:30 p.m.

Fri, Mar 5, Room 9205
Fri, Mar 19, Room 9205
Fri, Apr 30, Room 9205
Fri, May 7, Room 9204

Sessions cover the program's profile, degree requirements, and the application process.
To register for a session call (212) 817-8220.

For additional information, contact the program's campus coordinator:
Professor Rolando Jorif: rjorif@bmcc.cuny.edu

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The Final Semester Checklist:

- Make a copy of your application and all supporting materials.
- Follow-up on the status of your application.
- Apply for financial aid.

After Graduation:

- Send a final transcript to the school you will be attending.



Next Issue:

The Application Process:

How to apply to CUNY, SUNY, and other private colleges & universities.

The Transfer Timeline:

What to do and when to do it.

