

## Information for Students Transferring to 4-year Institutions

The Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, and Associate of Science are transfer specific degrees primarily for the student who plans to go from WNC to a four-year college or university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in liberal arts, sciences, humanities, math, business or related areas. For students who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate program at any Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institution (UNR, UNLV, NSU or selected programs at Great Basin College), completion of a transfer degree will automatically fulfill the lower division general education requirements for a baccalaureate degree (program or major requirements may not be fulfilled). All WNC students who plan to transfer to UNR, UNLV or NSU are strongly encouraged to obtain a transfer degree prior to matriculation at the university.

Community college students who plan to transfer to UNR, UNLV or NSU and who did not complete the university entrance requirements in high school must complete a minimum of 24 transferable semester credits with a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Students who earn an Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, or Associate of Science degree from WNC will be admitted into a NSHE university or state college regardless of their grade point average.

**All students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university are encouraged to meet with a WNC advisor** as soon as possible to ensure their understanding of current transfer guidelines and to carefully design a transfer program that will best meet their needs. Students are encouraged to select the institution and program into which they expect to transfer as early as possible.

### **Checklist for transferring:**

- 1) Meet with a WNC advisor on a regular basis to ensure you are selecting the appropriate courses for your transfer program. An advisor can assist you with a transfer agreement (if applicable), GPA requirements, etc.
- 2) Apply for graduation for a WNC degree. Discuss with your advisor which WNC associate degree will best meet your needs and allow you to fulfill your program requirements for transfer. Submit a WNC application for graduation and pay your fees by the deadline.
- 3) Send an official copy of your transcripts. Request a copy of your transcript from WNC Admissions and Records, and from any other college you previously attended to send to the transfer institution. You will need to submit a WNC transcript when you first apply to the transfer institution, and then again after you complete your last WNC course and final grades have been posted.
- 4) Apply for admission and pay all fees to the intended transfer school by their deadline. Be aware of important dates and residency requirements. Start early! Many colleges and

universities set priority application deadlines as early as Oct. 1 for admission the following fall semester.

5) Financial Aid. Apply for financial aid and scholarships. If you currently have financial aid, be sure to let your lender know that you will be transferring to another institution after graduation so that repayment will not begin.

6) Housing. If appropriate, contact residential housing.

7) Academic Advising. Meet with an advisor at the intended transfer institution. Based on your desired degree, this step may happen sooner. For example, students who intend to transfer to UNR for a degree in Engineering should meet with a UNR advisor during the semester they take Math 181 at WNC. Communicate your intended transfer institution and degree with your WNC advisor so they can guide you on the appropriate timeline to connect with an advisor at your transfer school.

8) Explore Campus Resources. Find valuable campus resources such as the Transfer Center, computer labs, writing centers, tutoring, and student organizations.

### **Reverse Transfers**

All WNC students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university are strongly encouraged to obtain an Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, or Associate of Science degree prior to transfer. However, students who transfer before completing a WNC associate degree are encouraged to complete the courses needed to fulfill the requirements remaining for their associate degree at the university or college after transferring. Students may then request to have a transcript sent to WNC that shows completion of those requirements and apply for graduation at WNC degree at that time. Contact Admissions and Records for further information.

**Transfer agreements for the University of Nevada, Reno are available on their website.**

Students who transfer to a Nevada Institution of Higher Education and experience any difficulties with transfer are encouraged to contact a WNC advisor. The main WNC point of contact for transfer questions within Nevada institutions is Denise Stout, 775-445-3271.

### **How WNC Courses Transfer**

Not all WNC courses are transferable to a university (particularly for CTE programs such as Auto, Computer Information Technology, etc.). Students are encouraged to meet with a WNC advisor to verify transferability.

The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) uses a Common Course Numbering (CCN) system to facilitate the transfer of credits between its institutions. This system ensures that equivalent courses at different NSHE institutions have the same course prefix, number, title, and credit hours. For example, English 101 at WNC will meet the same English 101 requirement across all Nevada of System Higher Education colleges and universities.

## Transfer Programs

WNC students may select a course of study which enables them to complete some or all of the lower division requirements for a four-year degree in the following emphases at UNR, UNLV, NSU or other schools. These include but are not limited to:

Accounting - Agriculture - Animal Science - Anatomy - Anthropology - Architecture - Art - Astronomy - Atmospheric Sciences - Biochemistry - Biology - Business - Chemistry - Chemical Engineering - Civil Engineering - Communication Arts - Communicative Disorders - Computer Engineering - Computer Science - Criminal Justice - Dance - Dental Hygiene - Drama - Early Childhood Education - Economics - Education - English - Ethnic Studies - Environmental Science - Finance - Fish/Wildlife Management - Foreign Languages - General Studies - Geography - Geology - Geological Engineering - History - Hotel Administration - Humanities - Industrial Arts - Industrial Education - Information Systems - Journalism - Liberal Arts - Literature - Management - Marketing - Mathematics - Mechanical Engineering - Metallurgical Engineering - Meteorology - Mining Engineering Motion Picture and Cinema - Music - Natural Resources - Nursing - Occupational Therapy - Oceanography - Philosophy - Physician Assistant - Physical Education - Physiology Physics - Political Science - Pre-Dentistry - Pre-Law - Pre-Librarianship - Pre-Medicine - Pre-Optometry - Pre-Pharmacy - Pre-Physical Therapy - Pre-Veterinary Medicine - Psychology - Public Administration - Public Relations - Radiologic Technology - Recreation - Religious Studies - Social Science - Social Welfare - Social Work - Sociology - Special Education - Speech Communication - Theatre Arts - Urban Planning - Vocational Education - Zoology