

# 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 academic interests) below:

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*(NOT SURE? Complete the college major ranking activity located [here](#) 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

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

Ask your academic/program advisor about special agreements your NHTI Degree Program may have with 4-year colleges:

- [Dual enrollment](#) (*gets you admitted into NHTI and a 4-year college at the same time*)
- [Articulation agreements](#) (*a transfer agreement between NHTI 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*)

List the names of colleges that offer transfer agreements for your NHTI Degree Program:

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## STEP 3: Make a List of One or More 4-Year College 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.

- Offers preferred college major/degree program(s)
- School's reputation including school or program accreditation
- Public
- Private
- Religious affiliation
- Ethnic affiliation and/or international student support
- Disability services
- Rural
- Urban
- Suburban
- School size
- Undergraduate programs only
- Undergraduate and graduate programs
- Costs (*Public are usually lower than private, especially in-state...ask college rep to be sure.*)
- Available financial aid, including scholarships
- Housing

- Faculty to student ratio within major
- Clubs and organizations
- Recreational activities and intercollegiate sports
- Internship and Co-op opportunities
- Geographic location and distance from home
- In New Hampshire ([Click](#) to see a list of 4-year colleges in NH)
- Outside of New Hampshire ([Click](#) to search for colleges outside of NH)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

List the names of colleges that interest you \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 admission counselor or department that specializes in recruiting and counseling transfer students?

List name of college and contact information for transfer admission rep or admissions office:

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- What are the entrance and graduation requirements for transfer students? Is there a minimum GPA for the college or my intended major?

List entrance and graduation requirements:

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- What are the college application and financial aid deadlines for my preferred start date?

List deadlines: Application deadline: \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Aid deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 I access the college's application form on-line? The NH Transfer Connection Program uses a simple application form and a waiver form. You can access these forms here: [Application Form](#) and [Release Form](#).

**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 financial aid package offered is renewed each year at 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 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).*

## **Now It's Time to Accept Your preferred Offer and Celebrate this Accomplishment!**

### **Four Year Colleges in New Hampshire**

- American College of History and Legal Studies
- Chester College of New England
- Colby-Sawyer College
- Daniel Webster College
- Dartmouth College
- Franklin Pierce University
- Granite State College
- Keene State College
- New England College
- Plymouth State University
- Rivier College
- Saint Anselm College
- Southern New Hampshire University
- The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts
- University of New Hampshire
- University of New Hampshire at Manchester