

Pathway: Physics

Area of Study: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math



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Overview

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Science - Transfer, Track 2 degree requirements with a concentration in Physics. (Read program QR code to see more)

Estimated Length of Completion

Degree: Associate of Science - Transfer, Track 2 (PHST2AS)

11 quarters, Part time

Career Opportunities

A Physics pathway can lead to various career opportunities. Examples include:

- Physical sciences technician
- Physics Teacher
- Engineer
- Programmer
- Research scientist
- Web developer
- IT consultant/data analyst
- Financial analyst

A Bachelor's degree or higher may be ... (Read program QR code to see more)



Future Education

Once you complete the AS-Track 2 degree, additional education opportunities include:

- Bachelor's degree in Physics. In addition, prepares you well for graduate coursework in Engineering, Earth and Space Science, Mathematics or a related field at a four-year college or university.
- [Bachelor of Applied Science \(BAS\)](#) degree at one of the Seattle Colleges such as Application Development at North Seattle College.

North Seattle College has direct transfer agreements with four-year institutions throughout Washington state, including the University of Washington, Washington State University, and Seattle University. Physics graduates from North have also transferred to out-of-state institutions. Program and admissions requirements vary from college-to-college. For example, the University of Washington requires two quarters of world language for admission, three quarters to graduate. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice. You can use the College Navigator search engine found at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> to find Physics programs in Washington state or around the country.



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Get Started

Step 1: Apply and register at North Seattle College anytime (the application is always free). Once you become a student, register for classes using the online class schedule and go to the academic calendar for registration dates and tuition deadlines.

Step 2: See an advisor to create a personalized educational plan by the end of your second quarter. Your plan will include prerequisites, graduation requirements, and transfer preparation if you plan to transfer to another college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

Tuition and Fees

Learn more about the [estimated cost of attendance and general fees to attend college](#).

Financial Aid and Funding Resources

It's time to apply for Financial Aid for next year by completing either the [FAFSA](#) or the [WASFA](#) 2024-25.

Need help paying for college?

To apply for financial aid, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back, visit [North's Financial Aid Department](#) for details. Part-time and full-time students can qualify for financial aid funds.

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Before Quarter One

- [Pre-College or Transitional Studies Math](#) (if needed)
- [Pre-College or Transitional Studies English](#) (if needed)
- Apply for [Financial Aid](#) and other funding before your first quarter. Visit the [Financial Aid Office](#) to explore how to pay for college.
- [Transfer previous college credits](#) to North if applicable.
- Attend [New Student Orientation](#).
- [Explore placement options](#): take the [math](#) and [English](#) placement tool if needed.
- Make an informed choice on the [number of units to take each quarter](#).
- F-1 international students must enroll full time (12+ units) each quarter and check in with the [International Programs office](#) before the start of the quarter if enrolling in less than 12 units and/or before starting any work or volunteer experience.
- If you need academic accommodations for a documented disability, please contact [Disability Services](#).

A sample schedule and quarterly to-do list are below. The schedule and to-do list will help you explore courses and complete tasks on time. The guide assumes a fall quarter start, but you can begin in any quarter.

Sample Schedule

This is an example of a quarterly schedule:

Quarter 1

- ENGL&101 English Composition I (5 units)
- MATH&141 Precalculus I (5 units)

Quarter 2

- CHEM&139 General Chemistry Prep (5 units)
- MATH&142 Precalculus II (5 units)

Quarter 3

- CHEM&161 General Chem W/Lab I (6 units)
- MATH&151 Calculus I (5 units)

Quarter 4

- CHEM&162 General Chem W/Lab II (6 units)
- MATH&152 Calculus II (5 units)

Quarter 5

- CHEM&163 General Chem W/Lab III (6 units)
- MATH&163 Calculus 3 (5 units)

Quarter 6

- MATH220 Linear Algebra (5 units)
- PHYS&114 General Phys I W/Lab (5 units)

Quarter 7

- MATH224 Vector Calculus (5 units)
- PHYS&221 Engineering Physics I (5 units)

Quarter 8

- MATH238 Differential Equations (5 units)
- PHYS&222 Engineering Physics II (5 units)

Quarter 9

- PHYS&223 Engineering Physics III (5 units)
- World Language I or Visual, Literary and Perf Arts (5 units)

Quarter 10

- CSC110 Intro to Cmptr Progming (5 units)
- Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)
- Recommended: Undergraduate Research (UGR) (5 units)

Quarter 11

- Visual, Literary and Perf Arts or
Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)



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Sample Quarterly To-Do List

This is an example of a quarterly to-do list:

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- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in [Starfish](#) to meet and discuss your goals. Learn more about Starfish [here](#).
- Explore careers and majors through workshops, [counseling](#) and [career services](#).
- Come to the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.
- Visit the [Student Learning Center](#) to learn about tutoring services offered in-person and online.
- Check out [campus life: Student Clubs \(Physics, Rocket Club, Engineering Club\) and Affinity Groups](#), Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), [TRIO](#), [Equity & Welcome Center](#), [Wellness Center](#), etc.
- Apply to [LSAMP](#).
- Join Society of Physics Students and/or American Association of Physics Teachers.
- Introduce yourself to a physics faculty member to plan early.

Quarter 2

- Create an [educational plan](#) with your [assigned advisor](#).
- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Attend Engineering Mentor Night
- Apply for Washington State Opportunity Scholarship and WISE scholarship
- Consider applying for an NSF summer REU (National Science Foundation) undergraduate research experience.

Quarter 3

- Apply for the [Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship](#) and [other scholarships](#).
- Consider [Student Leadership positions](#) lab assistant, tutoring center, and other [on-campus jobs](#).
- Attend "Making Learning and Teaching Visible" campus event every spring.
- Apply for Summer financial aid.

Quarter 4

- Consider taking summer classes or an internship.
- Research and develop a list of four-year colleges and universities.
- Update your educational plan with your assigned advisor.

Quarter 5

- Contact Physics department at potential universities.
- Explore careers and majors through workshops, [counseling](#) and [career services](#).
- Attend campus lectures and forums from the Arts, Humanities & Social Science Division.



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Quarter 6

- Update your educational plan with your assigned advisor.
- Contact Physics department at potential universities.
- Fill out Barton Scholarship application in January.
- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Explore possible internships and research on jobs.physicstoday.org.
- Attend Engineering Mentor Night.
- Consider applying for a summer NSF REU (National Science Foundation) undergraduate research experience.

Quarter 7

- Check transfer requirements for recommended electives if time such as: 200 level science and math courses such as: Statistics (MATH&211), Undergraduate Research, Technical Writing, Biology, Computer Science, Organic Chemistry, Engineering, Foreign Language, Astronomy, GEOL101.
- Apply for the [Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship](#) and [other scholarships](#).
- Write your personal statement for university applications.
- Explore possible physics studies interships.
- Apply for Summer financial aid.

Quarter 8

- Visit the [Student Learning Center](#) for tutoring.

Quarter 9

- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships.
- Check in with university for transfer plan.
- Explore possible internships and research on jobs.physicstoday.org.
- Consider applying for a summer NSF REU (National Science Foundation) undergraduate research experience.

Quarter 10

- Fill out Barton Scholarship application in January.
- [Apply](#) for the [Associate of Science - Transfer, Track 2 \(AS-Track 2\)](#) degree in ctcLink. Check with your assigned advisor to be sure you are meeting degree requirements.
- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Attend Engineering Mentor Night.

Quarter 11

- Consider taking summer classes or an internship.
- Order cap and gown for commencement and join [alumni association](#).
- Attend on-campus graduation fair and commencement ceremony.



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