75-90 CREDITS GET READY to transfer!

1. Keep up with deadlines:

Meet final application deadlines, and look for deadlines regarding:

- $\hfill\square$ Confirming admission
- □ Tuition deposits
- □ Housing requests
- □ Financial Aid
- Submitting proof of immunizations

Late applications or responses are not accepted! *Remember!* Apply for graduation to earn your Associate degree.

Apply for graduation in ctcLink at the beginning of your final quarter at North. Reach out to your advisor with any questions. <u>northseattle.edu/graduation</u>

2. Transfer your final credits and register for classes:

- □ Send official transcripts after your final quarter. This second official transcript will transfer the final credits you completed and show that you earned your transfer degree.
- □ *Attend orientation at your new college*. **Tip**: Choose the earliest date possible, as you will register for classes at orientation.
- □ Connect with helpful offices at your new school, such as Disability Services, Veteran's Affairs or a Transfer Welcome Center. Look for housing and work on your new campus.



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Transfer Planning Timeline

A step-by-step guide to help you transfer to a university successfully



0-18 CREDITS EXPLORE majors and careers and CHOOSE a transfer degree

1. Explore majors and careers:

- □ *Check out NSC Counseling* for workshops, HDC classes, one-on-one help and web resources: <u>northseattle.edu/counseling</u>.
- □ *Visit the Career Services office* or use their online resources: <u>northseattle.edu/career-services</u>
- □ *Research* career and education information using <u>wa.cis360.org</u>. (Ask an advisor for the log in credentials.)
- □ Look up other websites: <u>explorehealthcareers.org</u> or <u>myplan.com/majors/what-to-do-with-a-major.php</u>
- 2. Choose a 90-credit transfer degree that fits

your major: Associate of Arts (AA-DTA), Associate in Business (AB-DTA), Associate in Computer Science (AS CSC-DTA), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), Associate of Science General (AS-DTA), Associate of Science Track 1 (AS-T 1) or Associate of Science Track 2 (AS-T 2)

Degree worksheets: <u>bit.ly/NSCTransferDegrees</u> Program pathway maps for common majors: <u>bit.ly/NSCProgramPathways</u>

FIND MORE



bit.ly/NSCTransferWeb



bit.ly/TransferCanvasNSC

0-18 CREDITS CHOOSE and EXPLORE continued

3. Get some experience:

- Volunteer or talk with people who work in fields of interest. Find opportunities at <u>volunteermatch.org</u>
- □ Join related clubs: northseattle.edu/campus-life/student-clubs.

4. Research potential four-year colleges and universities:

- Attend transfer events listed at <u>bit.ly/transfercalendar</u>.
 Ask questions about majors, campus culture and scholarships.
- □ Use college search websites such as <u>college-insight.org</u>, <u>bigfuture.collegeboard.org</u>, or <u>campustours.com</u>.

19-44 CREDITS PLAN for your future

1. Get to know four-year schools better:

- Meet with four-year college advisors. Visit campuses at events like UW Seattle Transfer Thursday: <u>transfer.uw.edu/thursday/</u>
- Learn major and admission requirements from four-year college websites: <u>bit.ly/ListofUniversities</u>
- □ *Start your list of preferred schools*. Have a backup plan if not admitted to your first choice. Note specific application processes and deadlines for your schools and major.
- Make an Education Plan (ed plan): Meet with your advisor and make a plan to complete your degree and prepare for your major. Schedule an appointment: <u>northseattle.edu/advising/see-an-advisor</u>. Learn more about ed plans: <u>bit.ly/CreateYourEdPlan</u>

Why Earn a DTA Degree?

For most Washington state four-year colleges and universities, an AA-, AB- or AS-DTA degree will transfer as a package, and **may**

- fulfill most of the university's lower division general education coursework.
- grant junior standing (depending on major entry requirements).
- give students priority application review status.
- qualify students for special scholarships or application fee waivers.
- allow transfer of up to 15 credits of "normally non-transferable" coursework such as vocational or professional/technical classes.

Please note, completion of an Associate degree does not guarantee admission to a four-year college or university. Each institution has specific admission requirements (i.e. GPA, residency, core requirements).

KEEP FINANCES IN MIND

□ **Update your FAFSA or WASFA after October 1st** of the year *before* you plan to transfer, and by your school's priority Financial Aid deadline. List all the schools to which you will be applying. Websites: www.fafsa.gov, readysetgrad.org/wasfa



Seek out scholarships, particularly for schools and majors where you will apply. Other places to look include www.washboard.org and northseattle.edu/scholarships. If recommendation letters or forms are needed, ask recommenders one to two months before the deadline.

45-74 CREDITS APPLY to your chosen schools

1. Stay on track with your Education Plan: Make an appointment with your advisor to check that you will graduate when planned, and that all prerequisites for your major are included in your plan.

2. Begin your four-year college applications:

- □ Start the application process for each school, becoming familiar with the online forms and supporting information needed. Request letters of recommendation if needed, giving at least one month's notice.
- Begin your personal statement and short question answers for each application. Attend a personal statement workshop and request help reviewing your draft from The Page One Writing & Language Center: <u>northseattle.edu/tutoring</u>.
- Request official transcripts from all colleges attended, and high school transcripts and test scores if needed. Order North transcripts at northseattle.edu/transcripts.
- □ *Ask about possible application fee waivers*. Some colleges grant waivers just for earning a transfer degree, others have a petition process.
- □ **Please note:** International and Running Start students may have different deadlines and application processes.