Frequently Asked Questions for Transfers

General Questions

1. Who is a transfer student?

Prospective students who attended a regionally accredited college or university after graduating from high school for any length of time should apply for admission as a transfer applicant.

2. Before I apply, what can I do to prepare for my transfer?

Prior to applying it is best to begin planning your transfer a semester or more in advance. Please review our transfer requirements and important deadlines, work with an advisor at your home institution (if applicable), research your degree program, and utilize our transfer resources on our transfer page to further guide you.

3. What is the criteria for students to transfer?

- Applicants who are 21 years and older are reviewed on the basis of their completed coursework, courses in progress, and cumulative GPA in all courses attempted. They are not required to submit high school transcripts or test scores.
- Applicants under the age of 21 who have completed at least 24 hours of transferrable credit are reviewed on the basis of their completed coursework, courses in progress, and cumulative GPA in all courses attempted. They are not required to submit high school transcripts or test scores.
- Applicants under the age of 21 who have not completed 24 hours of transferrable credit are reviewed on the basis of their completed coursework, courses in progress, and cumulative GPA in all courses attempted. They will also be expected to meet NC High School Minimum Course Requirements and submit a final high school transcript and SAT or ACT scores.

Important Notes:
- AP, IB and CLEP credits are not considered in the review process to gain admission.
- Meeting admission qualifications does not guarantee admission nor does it guarantee admission into your academic program of interest. Offers of admission are extended on the basis of a competitive review process and are subject to enrollment limits.
- Only courses with a grade of C or higher from regionally accredited institutions are eligible to transfer and can be used to gain admission.

4. How do I apply and what documents are required?

First, a student will create an admissions portal account online. Once you have created an admissions portal, you can register for campus events as well as apply for admission. Once the application has been submitted you can track the receipt progress of documents received.
Each student is required to submit:
- Official College Transcripts from each individual institution attended
- Official High School Transcripts if under the age of 21 and will not have 24 transferrable hours prior to enrollment
- Official AP/IB/CLEP scores, if applicable
- Military transcripts, if applicable

5. Where do I send my documents to?

Official documents can be sent to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Mail Stop 517
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27858-4353

Also, we accept official electronic transcripts from most transcript services. If a student’s home institution offers an electronic transcript delivery option, please have transcripts sent to transfer.ecu.edu.

6. What important application deadlines do I need to be concerned with?

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7. I am currently at a North Carolina Community College, what pathways or resources are available to me?

With the North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA), there are degree specific pathways and resources that NC Community College students can take advantage of to assist with their transfer. These degree plans are here for students to be able to research which pathway (AA or AS) they would like to go depending on the particular program of interest that ECU offers. To see the complete list of resources, please utilize our Transfer Resources page.

8. Do I need to have completed an Associate’s degree (AA or AS) to transfer?

No, it is not required for a student to complete an AA or AS, however, transfer students can take advantage of the reverse transfer program. This program is offered to transfer students who have not yet completed their AA or AS degree at their community college, but would still like to complete that degree while working on their baccalaureate degree here at East Carolina.

9. How many students transfer in to ECU every year?

Our transfer population is growing every year! We have over 3,000 transfer spots for the fall/spring/summer semesters and receive approximately 5,500 transfer applications each year. Majority (68%-70%) of our transfer students transfer from an NC Community College.
Application Questions

10. Am I accepted into my academic program when I am offered admission?

Offers of admissions are extended for entrance into the university and are not guaranteed for individual academic programs. Please check your intended academic program department page for specific admission guidelines as some programs may have additional requirements, such as Nursing and Engineering.

11. What GPA do you consider in your review and how do you calculate it?

The admissions review committee carefully considers each applicant’s file and documents. Generally, we look for students to be close to or have a 2.5 cumulative GPA. We ask that students contact us if they fall below 2.5 and would like to discuss their circumstances individually with us.

If you have attended one institution, we consider the cumulative grade point average (GPA) that has been calculated by your home institution at the bottom of your transcript. If you have attended more than one institution, we recalculate a new GPA that includes each institution’s cumulative GPA. We utilize the total amount of grade or quality points earned and the total amount of attempted hours. Generally, the admissions review committee looks for students to have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or close to it.

12. Besides GPA, what are some other things you look for in a transfer applicant to be competitive for admission?

We take in consideration the number of courses the student has completed along with the rigor of the coursework. Also, we review to see if the student is making positive academic progress (upward GPA trend).

13. May I change my application term or defer an offer of admission to a later semester?

We do not offer a defer option. We review each student’s application for the term that they have requested to start. If a student is admitted for a particular term and decides not to enroll with us, they would have to submit a new application for the term in which they would like to attend.

14. If I failed a minimum course required (“MCR”) at a North Carolina high school, do I need to re-take that course before I apply for admission?

If a student does not pass a required “MCR” course (i.e. foreign language) at a North Carolina High School and the student is under the age of 21 the student would be required to complete a minimum of 24 transferable credit hours.

Credit Questions

15. What courses should I register for at my community college or 4-year institution?

By looking at our course equivalency page, you can see what courses have been able to transfer over from the institutions that we have received credits from. North Carolina’s Universal General Education Transfer Component (UGETC) courses are also recommended, as all of these courses will be able to transfer over to East Carolina University.
16. How do I know what courses will transfer to ECU?

In order to clarify if certain credits are transferable to ECU, we offer a course equivalency tool. Students must have earned a C or higher in a course from a regionally accredited institution to be eligible for transfer. If you have specific questions, we encourage students to contact us at transfer@ecu.edu.

17. I have been admitted. How do I locate my official credit evaluation?

Once a student has been admitted they will have access to an official credit evaluation. The transfer credit evaluation can be found by logging into the student’s PiratePort account. If you have any questions concerning your evaluation, please contact our Registrar at crediteval@ecu.edu. Also, please review your Degree Works audit to verify how your transfer courses were applied to your degree requirements.

Instructions for accessing your Official Credit Evaluation:
1. Use the PirateID you created to log into PiratePort
2. Select the "Tools" tab at the top of the page
3. Select "Banner Self Service" under the Banner area
4. Select "Student," then "Student Records," and then "Academic Transcript"
5. Under "All levels" click the down arrow and select "Undergraduate"
6. Click "Submit"

18. Do I have to deposit before my credits are evaluated?

We ask that you submit your deposit to secure your spot, however, you will have access to your credit evaluation when admitted.

19. I have transfer credits from a previous institution I attended, but I don’t want to submit the transcripts. Am I able to do that?

ALL transcripts from any institution that a student has attempted coursework from is required for their application. If you withdrew from the institution, you will be asked to provide an Enrollment Verification from that institution to verify that you did not attend.

20. What if the institution I attended does not have any courses listed on the course equivalency page?

The course equivalency page only lists the courses that we have had the opportunity to articulate from the students who have transferred into ECU from previous institutions. Given this, this does not mean that courses will not transfer. If a student is coming from a four-year institution, our general rule of thumb is that as long as the course is not classified as remedial or a freshman experience course, then it will transfer providing that the student has earned a C or higher in the course. However, if you are unable to determine how your credits will be able to transfer by using the course equivalency page, we ask that you contact the Admissions office and we will provide further guidance.

21. I have AP, IB or CLEP course credits. How do I know if you will accept them as college credit?

By viewing the Placement Credit list through our admissions website, you can see which AP, IB and CLEP credits we will accept.
22. I’m admitted, what are my next steps?

We advise students to view our transfer admitted student checklist for all the necessary items that an applicant needs to do in order to enroll with us.

23. What housing options are available for transfer students?

We offer on-campus housing in our residence halls on a first come, first served basis. Please view our Campus Living website for additional information: www.ecu.edu/campusliving.

We also offer plenty of off-campus housing options. We have an Off Campus Housing Services Office that can provide you with extra guidance on what is available.

24. What types of scholarships are available for transfer students?

We have transfer scholarships ranging from $1,000-$5,000. Once a student is admitted they are eligible to apply via the scholarship portal: https://ecu.academicworks.com/.

25. What is the advising and registration process at ECU like?

ECU has over 60 academic advisors that are available to you every step of the way with planning out your degree. Each college has designated advisors by major that you will meet with prior to registering each semester. For more information on Advising: www.ecu.edu/advising.

26. What academic program options are available for ALL online or distance education students?

We offer a wide variety of all online options! www.ecu.edu/options