

Transfer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- How can I make an appointment with the transfer center staff?
 - 1) Attend a Transfer 101 Workshop or Ready to Apply Workshop 2) Complete an academic plan with your counselor or advisor, and 3) complete the intake form, and the transfer center will contact you: <http://bit.ly/2RNmN4v>.
- How do I request official Triton transcripts?
 - You can request to have your official Triton College transcripts sent electronically, for \$5. Go to <https://www.triton.edu/students/records/transcripts-enrollment/>, click on Parchment, and create an account. If you need assistance, please contact records@triton.edu.
- How do I request official High School transcripts?
 - You can start by checking your high school website to request transcripts electronically.
- How can I obtain a fee waiver?
 - You can start by emailing transfer@triton.edu, and someone from the transfer center can send it over. You can also look at the college/university website or contact your admissions representative. Our office of Financial Aid will require that you have a FAFSA on file to certify your financial status. There are other ways to receive a fee waiver, check out the Ready to Apply Workshop for more details.
- When should I start applying to transfer?
 - It is encouraged that students apply the semester before they wish to enroll. For example, For a Spring 2021 start, between October and November 2020, and for Fall 2021 start Spring 2020 between Feb –May. All of the deadline information can be found on the individual college/university website.
- Do I have to complete an associate degree before I can transfer?
 - No. You do not need to complete a degree before transferring, however, it is highly encouraged and sometimes required. Always be sure to clarify transfer eligibility and requirements directly with the transfer destination. A new option in IL is to complete the Associate through reverse transfer.
- How do I know my credits will transfer?
 - The Transfer Center offers many tools that can help you identify what courses transfer to colleges and universities. If you have not done so already, be sure to 1) meet with your academic advisor, 2) create a free account with www.Transferology.com, and 3) use the *Transfer Guides* found on this page.
- Can the transfer center assist me with transferring to an out of state college? Can they help me with transferring out to an Ivy League?
 - The Transfer Center can assist students in researching out of state and Ivy League institutions. Please note, these colleges and universities may have different requirements from those of Illinois institutions, allow ample time to become familiar with their requirements. We encourage starting to plan at least one year ahead of transfer. We highly stress the importance of planning your classes accordingly and ask that you meet with your advisor to create a plan and schedule an appointment with our Transfer Specialist for additional support.
- I currently do not receive financial aid, do I still have to file the FAFSA?

- It is recommended that you complete your FAFSA application even if you do not receive financial aid because of your income bracket. The cost of colleges and universities is higher than that of Triton College, and often the institution will require that you have a FAFSA completed to receive additional aid beyond merit or PTK scholarship.
- If you do not receive financial aid because you are undocumented, in Illinois, you can apply for the RISE Act. To learn more about how the RISE Act can assist you with funding, visit <https://www.triton.edu/undocumented/>.
- When is the FAFSA due for transfer students?
 - The FAFSA opens in October each year, and the application closes in July. The earlier you apply, the better chance you will have of receiving both the Pell Grant (Federal) and the MAP Grant (State). The MAP grant tends to run out by February. Therefore it is encouraged that you apply as soon as the FAFSA opens.
- How can I create an academic plan with classes that transfer?
 - You can create an academic plan with your assigned advisor or counselor, make an appointment: <https://www.triton.edu/students/advising--counseling/>.
- When applying to colleges or universities, do I apply as a transfer or freshman student?
 - Most colleges and universities require that you complete at least 24-30 credit hours at the community college to be considered a **transfer student**. This information is on their transfer admissions website. If you apply as a freshman (less than 30 credits), they may require that you also submit your standardized ACT or SATs from high school.
- In the application, what is the difference between undergraduate and graduate?
 - If you are applying to earn a bachelor's degree, you are considered an **undergraduate student**. If you are applying to get into a master's or doctorate, you are applying to a graduate program.
- When do I send my official transcripts to the colleges and universities?
 - When you apply, you must submit all of your official transcripts. Colleges and universities have to make a decision based on what you have taken so far both at Triton, and anywhere else you attended. Additionally, you will be required to submit your final transcripts when your final grades or degree posts.
- Will my financial aid transfer to the College or university that I want to attend?
 - You will need to ensure that you list on your FAFSA application all of the colleges and universities you are applying for admission. Each College and university has a school code that you can add to your FAFSA application and are allowed to list up to 10 school codes that you can change as needed.
- How can I transfer my AP, IB, or CLEP credit?
 - If you would like to receive college credit for your AP, IB, or CLEP exams, you must send official test results to the institutions. Keep in mind that all colleges and universities accept AP, IB, and CLEP exams differently, all of this information can be found on their transfer admission websites.