



Transferring to Other Institutions

What does 'Transfer' Mean?

Transfer is the recognition by one institution of education completed at another. It means you can start studying at one institution and then apply to another to finish your degree or diploma. If you're admitted, and if the courses you've taken are a good match, you'll be able to use credits you've already earned to fulfill some of the requirements for your credential. Knowing about transfer opportunities will help you make wise choices in your college studies so that you can continue your education toward a degree in your chosen field. Talk to the Coordinator in your program area to select approved courses.

Caution: Completion of college courses does not guarantee admission to a degree program. Admission after completing college courses, like all other admissions, is competitive. Also, there may be limitations on the numbers of students admitted to the degree program. Higher grades improve your chances of successful admission.

Why Transfer?

Northern College can provide a pathway to a remarkable assortment of post-secondary institutions and programs. For example, you can start your post-secondary education in a college program such as arts and science. To finish a Bachelor's degree in arts and science, you have to move to a university or university-college. To finish a degree in a specialized area such as Business, Human Services, Computers or Engineering Technology, you need to transfer to an institution offering an undergraduate degree in your specialty.

You can also transfer to non-degree programs. For example, you can start a Business Diploma at one college and finish it at another. Or you can take distance education courses from a variety of places and transfer the credits to your "home" institution. Please note that most colleges have a residency requirement that will require you to complete at least one full semester of study (or 25% of the program) at your 'home' institution in order to graduate.

Many students feel that starting their post-secondary education at a college is a good move. Colleges are close to home, class sizes are smaller, and tuition may be more affordable.

Where Can You Transfer?

Northern College has negotiated a number of partnerships which allow Northern students to utilize credits earned at the College for direct admission to specialized programs at other colleges and universities. Other more general transfer agreements apply to all the colleges and certain universities.

In the following table, Northern College is the Sending Institution – the institution FROM which you are transferring. The Receiving Institution is the institution TO which you are transferring. For details of each agreement, consult Northern College's website at <http://www.northernc.on.ca>

Transfer Agreements between Northern College and Universities

Northern College Credential	Receiving University	University Degree at Receiving University
All diplomas for which University of Western Sydney has programs	Western Sydney	All Bachelor's Degrees
All 2- and 3-year Northern College diplomas with overall "A" average	University of Ontario Institute of Technology	Honours Bachelor of Commerce Bridge Program
Appropriate College Diploma (2 & 3 year)	Lakehead	Bachelor of Arts (College-University Arts Degree Completion Program)
All Northern College Business Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Business · Business – Accounting · Business – Marketing · Business Administration · Business Administration – Accounting · Business Administration – Info Systems 	Griffith University	Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Commerce Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) Bachelor of Business (Information Systems)
Business Administration	Lakehead	Bachelor of Commerce
Business Administration	Windsor	Bachelor of Commerce
Business - Accounting Business - Marketing Business Administration - Accounting Business Administration - Information Systems Business Administration - Marketing	Athabasca	Bachelor of Management 3 year or Honours Bachelor of Management or Honours Bachelor of Management with Major or Bachelor of Communication or Bachelor of Communication with Major
Co-op Apprenticeships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Heavy Equipment Techniques · Mechanical Techniques – Industrial Millwright 	Cambrian College	Technician Co-op Diploma (2 & 3 yr)
Electrical Engineering Technology	Lakehead	Bachelor of Electrical Engineering
Mining Engineering Technician	Cambrian College	Mining Engineering Technology
Mining Engineering Technician	Michigan Technological University	Mining Engineering
Child and Youth Worker Early Childhood Education Teacher Assistant Aboriginal Educational Assistant	Athabasca	Bachelor of Professional Arts (Human Services) UGD
Social Service Worker	Athabasca	Bachelor of General Studies- Arts and Science
Developmental Services Worker	Ryerson	Bachelor of Arts (Disabilities Issues)
Community Economic and Social Development	Algoma University College	Bachelor of Arts Community Economic and Social Development UGD
Civil Engineering Technology	Athabasca	Bachelor of Science
Civil Engineering Technology	Lakehead	Bachelor of Civil Engineering
Civil Engineering Technology	Griffith University	Bachelor of Civil Engineering
Computer Science Technology Electrical Engineering Technology Computer Science Technology	Athabasca	Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Computing and Information Systems
Office Administration – Executive (2 year)	Athabasca	Bachelor of Professional Arts - Communications
Police Foundations	Athabasca	Bachelor of Professional Arts (Human Services)

Transfer Agreements between Northern College and other Colleges

Northern College Credential	Receiving College	Credential from Receiving College
Health or Social Services Diploma/Degree(from Northern College or another college or university)	Northern College	Post-Diploma Certificate in Dementia Studies, Multidiscipline
Student exchange or study abroad opportunities (from comparable programs in participating Ontario colleges)	TAFE-New South Wales, Western Sydney Institute, Australia	The goal is to recognize courses in co-operating institutions for cross crediting.

General Information about transfer to Ontario universities from college programs

- With a 3-year college diploma and a minimum of a B average, you can expect to receive transfer credits equivalent to about two years of university work.
- With a 2-year college diploma and a minimum of a B average, transfer credits range from consideration for admission (no transfer credits) to almost a year of university work.
- With a 1-year college credential and a B average or better, you will not usually be granted transfer credits but will be considered for admission to the first year of university studies.

General Information about transfer to universities outside Ontario from college programs

Athabasca University, American and Australian Universities tend to give more university transfer credits for college work. For example, a 3-year college diploma can translate into transfer credits ranging from 2 to 3 years of university work.

Refer to university websites for specifics about transfer credits.

What Can You Transfer?

1. You can transfer completed programs.

A Block Transfer occurs when a group of courses, often in the form of a certificate or diploma, is recognized for transfer credit.

Example:

If you completed a three-year Business diploma at college, you will receive a block credit if you are transferring into a Business degree program at an institution with which Northern College has an agreement. You should be able to transfer directly into the second year or third year of a degree program depending on the agreement.

2. You can transfer individual courses.

You may receive equivalency course credits or unassigned credits. When institutions grant unassigned credit (sometimes called level credit), it often means they don't offer a course similar to the one you took and therefore can't assign a course equivalency.

Many credentials have room for "elective" courses (those you can choose freely or from a list) that can be used to build credits and fulfill certain requirements. If there's room, and if your unassigned credits are relevant to the program, you can often use them as "electives".

Be sure to keep your course outlines. You will need these to show what was included in the courses you have taken.

Bottom Line:

Transfer is based on equivalency. If your courses match the content and standard of the program you are applying to, you will probably get transfer credit. But if the programs are totally unrelated, you may be unable to transfer any credits and will have to start from scratch.

Why Can't You Transfer?

Some of the reasons you might not get transfer credit even if your courses are identified as equivalent:

- You took only one course where a two course combination was required.
- You failed the course.
- You took the course too long ago.
- You took too many credits in a certain area or at a certain level.

Examples could be including too many electives or introductory level courses.

- You didn't get a high enough grade.
- You didn't get approval first to take a certain course.
- You took equivalent courses at two institutions.

Where Can You Find Additional Information?

Athabasca University website
<http://www.athabascau.ca>

British Columbia Transfer Tips
<http://www.bcaat.bc.ca/tips/index.html>

Brock University website
<http://www.brocku.ca>

Griffith University website
<http://www.gu.edu.au/>

Laurentian University website
<http://www.laurentianu.ca>

Lakehead University website
<http://www.lakeheadu.ca>

Michigan Tech website
<http://www.mtu.edu>

Nipissing University website
<http://www.nipissingu.ca>

Northern College website
<http://www.northernc.on.ca>

Ontario College-University Transfer Guide
<http://www.ocutg.on.ca>

Royal Roads University website
<http://www.royalroads.ca>

South Dakota School of Mines website
<http://www.sdsmt.edu>

University of Western Sydney website
<http://www.uws.edu.au>