Is a Bachelor’s Degree in Your Future?

**FIRST STEP…**

Determine what you want from a Bachelor’s Degree program!

- What features are the most important to you: size, cost, and/or location of the institution?
- What is the academic reputation of the institution and the program?
- What are the specific degree requirements for your program and do they seem interesting to you?
- Are there internships, or other experiential learning opportunities available?
- If you want to be involved outside of the classroom on campus, are there student groups, student government, or other clubs/organizations that interest you?
- Does the institution offer courses at times or via delivery methods that you need?
- Does the college have programs available that assist you in career development and/or job search following graduation?
- How did you feel about the school after your visit? Did it feel like a good fit? What are the students like?
- Have you looked at all of your alternatives?

**SECOND STEP…**

Stay on track!

- Organize materials in a folder and label them appropriately
- There may be an application for both the college and your major. Make sure you know!
- Learn the process for applying/receiving Financial Aid and scholarships.
- Keep an updated copy of your CSCC Degree Audit and bring it when you meet with other colleges.
- Begin to keep track of your next college’s deadlines so you don’t miss anything.
- Secure recommendations and related paperwork for selective enrollment programs and/or scholarships.
- Know the policy for evaluation of transfer credit and send your CSCC transcript when requested (www.csc.edu, Quick links, transcript request form).

**FINAL STEP…**

Come see how Columbus State can help!

- Visit the Transfer Center in Aquinas Hall 126
  Meet Admissions Representatives and Academic Advisors from various four year colleges. Other Transfer Center resources include work stations where you can run your DARS and search college websites. The center also has information about the transfer process. http://csc.edu/academics/transfer/meet-university-advisors.shtml
- Go to Arts and Sciences Advising in Union Hall 048K
  Academic Advisors can help you with questions about the AA/AS program of study and long-term planning for transferring credit to another institution. http://www.csc.edu/services/advising/asadvisors.shtml
- Sign-up for Blackboard Communities to receive email reminders of 4-year college events and campus visits. Send your request to transferinfo@cscc.edu
- Attend the Transfer Fair in Autumn & Destination Days in Spring
- Explore our Transfer Agreements— http://www.csc.edu/academics/transfer/search-transfer-agreements.shtml
- Research information about our Preferred Pathway Partners — http://www.csc.edu/academics/transfer/preferred-pathway.shtml

**THIRD STEP…**

Research online to be more informed!

https://www.transferology.com/
Find information on academic programs, course descriptions, and equivalency guides to schools in Ohio.

https://www.collegeboard.org/
A site for students, parents, and professionals. Helps you find college facts using College Matchmaker, etc.

http://www.collegesource.org
An online college catalog search site for U.S. and International schools

http://www.princetonreview.com/
http://collegenet.com
https://www.petersons.com/
Essential information on all colleges: programs, aid, etc.