Take the Steps!

4 SEMESTERS BEFORE TRANSFERRING:

- Investigate possible transfer institutions offering your intended program(s). We suggest you consider the program features you desire (i.e., cost, location, size, services, distance learning).
- Utilize LFCC’s faculty advising, counseling and career center personnel/resources to aid you with choosing your major.
- Learn more about general education requirements and program-specific curriculum requirements at the four-year institutions that are of interest to you.
- Begin reviewing scholarship and financial aid options at the four-year institutions that are of interest to you.

3 SEMESTERS BEFORE TRANSFERRING:

- Utilize LFCC’s faculty advising, counseling and career center personnel/resources for continued assistance.
- Decide which transfer institution best meets your needs.
- Declare your intent to transfer to your LFCC academic adviser.
- Use the transfer guides produced by the four-year institutions of your choice to assist you with course selection.
- Familiarize yourself with potential institutions’ academic calendars and deadlines.

2 SEMESTERS BEFORE TRANSFERRING:

- Continue selecting courses at LFCC that transfer appropriately to your program of study at the four-year institution.
- Submit your application for admission, application for financial aid and all of your official transcripts to the four-year institution of your choice.
- Complete and submit the four-year institution’s guaranteed admissions forms.
- Once admitted, complete any specific scholarship and housing applications (as appropriate) for your chosen benefit institution.
- Talk with advisers and academic professionals at LFCC and your chosen transfer institution. Be sure to stay informed about changes in program requirements.

1 SEMESTER BEFORE TRANSFERRING:

- Complete transferable course work in your LFCC program; apply for graduation from LFCC.
- Send final LFCC official transcripts to your four-year institution at the end of your last semester before transferring, and verify that you have all the clearances necessary for graduation from LFCC.
- Attend your chosen four-year institution’s new student orientation sessions (or webinars) or use its online orientation tools. Be sure to request maps, directories, online information and other materials from the four-year institution.

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Guaranteed Admissions Agreements at LFCC
Students who graduate from LFCC, or another Virginia community college, with a transfer associate degree and the required grade point average are guaranteed admission to participating four-year colleges and universities. LFCC has guaranteed admissions agreements with more than 20 colleges and universities, including:

- Christopher Newport University
- The College of William & Mary
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- James Madison University
- Old Dominion University
- Shenandoah University
- Shepherd University
- University of Mary Washington
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Tech
- Virginia Union University
- Virginia Wesleyan College

What are the benefits of attending LFCC first?

- High quality, personalized instruction
- As an LFCC student, you will enjoy small class sizes, challenging coursework, and one-on-one attention from innovative instructors!
- Excellent support services
The counselors and advisers at LFCC are devoted to your success and will guide you through the transfer process step by step!
- Affordable higher education
Tuition at LFCC is approximately one-third the cost of many nearby Virginia’s private four-year colleges and universities. Private institutions are even more expensive! The cost of two full-time semesters at several local institutions (for in-state students and including mandatory fees) is approximately $2,100.
- Financial aid – which reduces your cost even more!
To qualify, you must complete a transfer associate degree with a 3.0 grade point average and meet financial aid eligibility requirements. The grant provides $1,000 for all eligible students, with an extra $1,000 for students who pursue undergraduate work in engineering, math, nursing, teaching or science.

Do you know about the Virginia Transfer Grant?
Another financial aid opportunity!
In-state students who attend LFCC or another Virginia college community college have an opportunity to receive up to $2,000 annually for three years (or 70 credit hours) upon transferring to a four-year institution.

"My two years at LFCC have increased my desire, not only for scholastic achievement, but also for higher education and going above and beyond."
— David Dutton, LFCC graduate

David Dutton graduated from LFCC in the 2008 Reznor Conservation Fellowship, with an associate degree in Historic Arts and a fine art specialization. He transferred to the University of Mary Washington to study historical preservation and archeology. Now on his own, David now works at the Maryland Institute of Conservation Science. David eventually wants to become a conservator for a museum.

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