Educational Session

2379 - Bridging Silos: Pre-Transfer Advising Partnerships to Promote Transfer Student Success
Partnerships and Collaboration, Matriculation Trends and Issues

How long will it take me to graduate? What classes can I take at my current school that will transfer to your institution? Our Pre-Transfer Advising team answers these questions and more for prospective/admitted transfer students to help them make informed decisions - ultimately saving them time and money. Learn how we’ve leveraged collaboration to develop a suite of Pre-Transfer advising services. Participants will review their current pre-transfer advising services and discuss opportunities for enhancement.

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About Us

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Agenda

- Introduction
- CU Boulder Transfer Landscape
- History & Overview of Pre-Transfer Advising at CU Boulder
- Assessment & Results
- Small Group Discussion
- Q&A
Current Pre-Transfer Advising Services
Menti Poll
Vision

The University of Colorado Boulder will exemplify a transfer receptive culture and make transfer students an institutional priority.
Mission

- To provide holistic and comprehensive support to our diverse population of CU Boulder transfer students, empowering them to reach their academic, community, personal, and professional goals.
- To facilitate a transparent and inclusive experience for transfer students throughout their CU Boulder life cycle.
- To foster belonging and community for all students.
- To evaluate and enact policies and procedures that ensure equity for transfer students.
Transfer Profile

26.9% Racial/Ethnic Diversity

3.29 Average Transfer GPA

46 Credits Transferred (Average)

1,548 new transfers enrolled in fall 2021

18.6% of incoming fall 2021 students were transfers

Source: CU Boulder Office of Data Analytics
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<td><strong>Colorado Resident</strong></td>
<td>53.7%</td>
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<td><strong>Previous Institution</strong></td>
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| **Top Transfer Institutions** | Front Range Community College  
CU Denver  
Red Rocks Community College |
| **First Generation** | 18.3% |
| **Top Majors** | Psychology  
Mechanical Engineering  
Integrative Physiology  
Computer Science  
Aerospace Engineering |
| **Graduation Rate** | 77% |

Source: CU Boulder Office of Data Analytics
Team

- Members
  - 2 Pre-Transfer Advisors
  - 1 Pre-Transfer Advising Specialist
  - Director of Transfer Success Initiatives

- Housed in the Office of Undergraduate Education

- Funded by Undergrad Ed, Admissions & Financial Futures
History

2018
Creation of Pre-Transfer Advising

2019
Expansion of Team & Services

2020
COVID Pivot & Current Student Services

2021
Team Transition

2022
Bridge to Bachelors
Partners

Transfer Admissions
Recruitment, Transfer Credit Evaluation & Marketing

Schools & Colleges
Stay up to date on curriculum, programs & policies

CO Community Colleges
Advising & Transfer Centers and System Leadership

Transfer Advocates
Representatives from across campus including Student Affairs, University Libraries, and more
Services

Prospective & Admitted Student Advising

Community College Partnerships

Advisor Training & Professional Development

FYXP 3000: Transfer Success Seminar

Transfer Student Programming

Sharer Scholars Program
Pre-Transfer Appointments

Topics Covered:
- Educational goals
- Degree requirements
- Campus resources
- Courses at current institution for future transfer
- Major & career exploration
- Applicability of transfer credit
- Estimated time to completion
- Next steps
Assessment

- % Confirmed: 65.7 (Pre-Transfer Appt), 49.8 (No Pre-Transfer)
- % Enrolled: 71 (Pre-Transfer Appt), 53.2 (No Pre-Transfer)
- % 2nd Fall Retention: 83.5 (Pre-Transfer Appt), 73.4 (No Pre-Transfer)
“I was nervous prior to the pre-transfer appointment and after finishing felt comfortable with having all my questions answered while gaining more knowledge about my desired degree”

“I was not expecting so much information from my advising appointment, but I learned a lot about how my courses will transfer to CU Boulder, and how life as a transfer on campus would be. {The Pre-Transfer advisor} was extremely friendly and helpful and I really appreciated all her time and help!”
“Answered all my questions, even anticipated a few – I am very happy with how my appointment went and I feel very prepared for next steps.”

{Pre-Transfer Advisor} was just plain AWESOME. She put CU Boulder in such a positive light that it is difficult for me to put into words … She was thorough, and patient, and so genuinely interested in helping us determine exactly how all of {student’s} hard work was going to translate into the Engineering program, it was amazing. She also gave us ideas for other resources and offered assistance if we came up on any stumbling blocks. {Student} felt so welcome— and so supported—she almost did not know what to think. We both came out of that meeting knowing that CU was going to be, without question, {Student’s} top choice going forward.
Pre-Transfer Advising at Your Institution

Worksheet & Discussion

Review your current pre-transfer advising offerings & partners
Brainstorm opportunities & identify a bite size initiative you can implement
Thanks!

Follow Up? Collaboration?

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