

Transfer Checklist for a CSU

1. After completing the college assessment, meet with a Palomar College Counselor to review the requirements to transfer and develop an educational plan. Call 760 891 7511 for an appointment.
2. Discuss with your counselor what schools you are considering, when you would hope to transfer, what majors most interest you and strategies for meeting your goals. Plan to see a counselor at least once per semester to keep your plan updated. Maintaining regular contact with a counselor will keep you current and informed on any unforeseen changes that could affect your transfer plans (deadlines and transfer requirements do change periodically).
3. Become familiar with the CSU General Education (GE) checklist and www.assist.org for detailed major information. These two lists will compose most of the classes you will be taking while at Palomar College.
4. Plan on completing the “Golden 4” classes early in your Palomar experience. The “Golden 4” classes are listed on the blue CSU GE checklist: (must be completed with a “C” or better)

A1 Speech 100

A-2 English 100

A-3 Critical Thinking- one choice of ENG 202, ENG 203; PHIL 113, PHIL 116, PHIL 200; READ 120; SPCH 105

B-4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning- one choice of MATH 100, 105, 106, 110, 115, 120, 130, 135, 140, 141, 200, 205, 206, 245, PSYC 205, or SOC 205

Each of these classes must be completed with a “C” or better no later than the spring semester before transfer into a fall semester or the summer before a spring transfer. Your Palomar assessment score, prior college coursework, or passed AP/IB exams will determine if you are ready to take these classes. Many students require lower level prerequisites and should plan on taking these as soon as possible if needed.

5. Students need to apply to transfer almost one year before entering CSU.

Fall transfer to a CSU- apply October 1-November 30th the year prior

Spring transfer to a CSU- apply August 1-31st the summer prior (not every CSU accepts mid-year transfers)

Sixty CSU level units are required by the end of the spring semester before a fall semester transfer or by the end of summer before the following spring semester transfer. Most students will be in progress in the 60 CSU level units at the time of application and likely planning some more.

Do not wait to apply until 60 units are completed to apply as this will result in waiting 1-2 semesters to apply the next cycle.

Applications are completed online at www.csumentor.edu

6. Complete any additional or supplemental applications that are required. Some CSU schools require more than the original CSU application and expect a supplemental application with a different deadline. Some majors may require an independent application, portfolio or audition.
7. If you plan to live on campus in a dorm or apartment, submit a housing application soon after application. Not all CSUs have transfer housing but if they do the space will likely be limited.
8. Apply for financial aid. To receive priority consideration applications must be filed between January 1 and March 2 for the upcoming academic year. Go to www.fafsa.edu.gov to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the web. Consider completing an application even if you do not think you will qualify. Completion of the FAFSA is necessary in the event you want or need to get a federal student loan and for many scholarships.
9. Consider applying for scholarships. Many students could qualify for scholarships but do not apply. Start by going to www.palomar.edu/fa/ about the same time as applications to the CSU are due.
10. Send original transcripts of all college work according to the deadline established by the CSU to which you applied.
11. Request to have your GE certified. If you plan to use IGETC then see a Palomar Counselor first and then take the completed IGETC to Palomar College’s Evaluations Office. If you will use the CSU GE sheet then go directly to the Evaluations Office to request your certification.
12. Once offered admission, be sure to submit an “Intent to Enroll” with the required deposit to the CSU you plan to attend by the deadline indicated.