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**OWL Transfer
Program**

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Academic Advisor Guide

The OWL Transfer Program focuses on early engagement and preparation for students seeking admission to WGU upon completion of their associate degree. This Academic Advisor Guide gives an overview of the student's journey through the advisor lens.

The OWL Transfer Program

The WGU OWL Transfer Program is for students enrolled at a participating partner institution. This partnership provides a seamless academic pathway for students seeking to complete their associate degree and guarantees admission into a specific major at WGU. Participation in this program will promote maximum transfer credits, which will decrease time to degree completion and the cost of a bachelor's degree. The OWL Transfer Program focuses on early engagement and preparation to ensure that students are ready to succeed at WGU when they enroll.

About WGU

WGU is unique in providing flexible learning architecture, which allows for personalized learning, adapts to the changing workforce needs, and provides relevant pathways for a student's first and next opportunity. We are accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) and remain the only institution offering career-relevant, competency-based degrees at scale, creating a model other colleges and universities are increasingly striving to replicate.

Together

As you assist your students in understanding their degree and how it supports their career goals, we're here to help. Our OWL Transfer Advisors will work with you and your student as they complete their associate degree and provide guided support as they prepare for admission to WGU.



The Student Experience

Academic Advising

If your student is considering transferring to WGU after completing their associate degree, the OWL Transfer Program may be the right fit for them. It offers seamless transfer pathways from your community college to specific bachelor's degree programs at WGU.

Courses at Your Community College

Through the transfer articulation agreement, courses have been reviewed and outlined to maximize the number of transfer credits from the associate degree to a bachelor's degree at WGU.

Early Engagement with WGU through the OWL Transfer Program

Early engagement with the four-year institution is key in students maximizing their transfer credits from their associate degree. Students can participate in the OWL Transfer Program as early as their first semester at your community college. The latest that a student can participate in the program is in the last two remaining semesters at the community college. Participating in the program early on provides an opportunity for the student to ensure that their pathway from the community college maximizes the number of transfer credits from their associate degree and lessens the financial cost of their degree. We understand that many students are still in the exploratory stage of their academic careers, and that's okay. Our program ensures that the participating student works with YOU, their primary academic advisor.

Associate Degree Completion and Graduation

We understand that students' academic journeys change; if your student decides at the end of the OWL Transfer Program to transfer to another university, that's okay. Our goal is to provide additional support to you and your student as they move toward the completion of their associate degree.



OWL Transfer Program Benefits

FREE to Students

The program is FREE to students; there is no application fee for the OWL Transfer Program.

Join as a First-Year Student

We encourage students to participate in the program as early as their first semester at their community college. The latest they can participate is prior to their third semester or before they've earned 30 credits. Remember, early engagement in the program helps maximize their transfer credits.

Transfer Pathways and Maximum Transfer Credits

WGU's OWL Transfer Program will help guide community college students on courses that will meet associate degree requirements and seamlessly transfer to WGU. This means that if students follow the transfer pathway, they will complete their associate degree and maximize their transfer credits from the community college to WGU.

Guaranteed Admission to WGU

Upon completing the OWL Transfer Program, your student will be guaranteed admission to WGU.

OWL Transfer Scholarship

The OWL Transfer Program provides a \$900 scholarship, renewable for up to four terms, to students who complete the requirements of the OWL Transfer Program. Once enrolled at WGU, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress to remain eligible for the scholarship.

Early Engagement

Early engagement ensures the educational and career path selected by the student aligns with the degree to seek at WGU.

Pre-Advising and Co-Advising

With your guidance, WGU Transfer Advisors will co-advise your students to ensure all requirements for enrollment at WGU are met.



The Student Journey

The Journey Begins with You and Your Student and Continues with Us

If your student is interested in transferring to WGU upon completing their associate degree, then the OWL Transfer Program is an excellent opportunity.

OWL Transfer Program

If your student is considering WGU as their transfer institution and a qualifying program within the OWL Transfer Program, they are ready to start their OWL journey. Please note that the program is FREE. Joining the OWL Transfer Program is not part of the application process to WGU. Your student will be provided instructions on how to apply to WGU once they have completed their associate degree.

OWL Transfer Advisor and Your Student

Once the student has completed enrollment for the program, their personal OWL Transfer Advisor will be in contact with them to introduce themselves, share additional information about the program, and offer pre-advising of courses prior to each semester at the community college.

OWL Emails

Students will receive weekly email communication that will nurture them through their educational experience.

Program for Academic and Career Advancement (PACA)

The PACA course will be recommended to your student. A grant makes the course possible for them at no cost. Students who enroll in PACA are highly encouraged to complete the course because it's designed to help them develop the positive mindset and confidence needed to persist through their academic pursuits.

Transfer Success Courses

The Transfer Success courses provide students with an overview of WGU and the specific college they've selected based on their degree of choice. These courses are very short and give students information about attending WGU before they enroll, allowing them to decide if WGU is the right fit for them.

Final Semester at Community College

In the student's final semester at their community college, their OWL Transfer Advisor will assist them with completing the WGU application, and the student will be assigned an Enrollment Counselor. The Enrollment Counselor will help them finalize the entire enrollment process to WGU. Upon graduation from the community college, the student will submit their final official transcript to WGU.

OWL Transfer Scholarship and WGU RaiseMe Scholarship

The OWL Transfer Scholarship is based on completing the OWL Transfer Program. The WGU RaiseMe Scholarship is based on achievements while attending the community college. Through WGU RaiseMe, students can earn up to \$1,000 in micro-scholarships toward their first term at WGU. The OWL Transfer Advisor will help students apply for both scholarships.

WGU Official Enrollment

Once your student is admitted into WGU, they will be assigned a Program Mentor to assist and support them throughout their time at WGU.



OWL Transfer Program Requirements

Students who complete the OWL Transfer Program and choose to transfer to WGU MUST meet the following requirements to ensure guaranteed admission and guaranteed scholarships:

- Participated in the OWL Transfer Program for at least two semesters while at the community college.
- Meet regularly with the community college advisor and with the WGU OWL Transfer Advisor.
- Completion of all three Transfer Success courses.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Successful completion of an AA, AS, or AAS degree from one of our OWL transfer institutions.
- Interest in transferring to WGU after completing their associate degree at the community college.

Participating Institutions

[Click here for a list of participating institutions.](#)

Helpful Links

- [Meet Our Transfer Advisors](#)
- [WGU Transfer Pathways](#)
- [WGU RaiseMe](#)
- [Program for Academic and Career Advancement \(PACA\)](#)

More Information

For more information about the OWL Transfer Program, please email us at OWLtransferprogram@wgu.edu.