



# Academic Advisor Resource Guide

# From Community College to WGU

Dedicated WGU Transfer Advisor | WGU Transfer Success Courses Weekly Transfer Focus Emails

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WGU Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program



This Academic Advisor Resource Guide provides an overview of a student's journey through the advisor's lens, from the community college to WGU through the Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program.

### WGU and the Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program

As an institutional member of the Bridge to Bachelor's Program, WGU offers a seamless academic pathway for students who wish to complete their associate degree through the Colorado Community College System and secure admission into a specific major at WGU. The program offers personalized student advisement and guidance on course selection, scholarship opportunities, and additional support during enrollment. Our WGU Transfer Advisors focus on early engagement and preparation to ensure students are well-prepared to succeed when enrolling at WGU.



#### **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.

What is **competency-based education**? Simply put, it measures skills and learning rather than time spent in a classroom. Students earn competency units (the equivalent of credit hours) when they demonstrate their skills through completing assessments. So rather than advancing only when the semester or term ends, students can progress through courses as soon as they have proved they've mastered the material.

## **Together**

As you assist your students in understanding their degree and how it supports their career goals, we're here to help. Our WGU Transfer Team provides guidance for you and your students as they complete their associate degree and prepare for admission to WGU.





#### **Connecting**

If your student has selected WGU as a transfer university on the Colorado Community College System college application, it's time to connect. The WGU Transfer Advisors can begin working with your students early in their journey. Our transfer team will guide them through the transfer pathways from your community college to 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 specific bachelor's degree programs at WGU.

<u>Click here to see our Transfer Pathways.</u>

#### Early Engagement with WGU through the Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program

Early engagement in the Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program can help students ensure that their pathway from the community college maximizes their transferable credits and lessens the cost of their degree. Early engagement also leads to greater completion rates of associate programs.

#### **Great Community of Students and Mentors**

Students choosing to join the WGU Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program will immediately begin to feel as though they are a part of the WGU community of students. WGU will provide your students with pre-advising to prepare them to transfer to WGU when they're ready to earn their bachelor's degree.

#### Benefits of the Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program:

- Students who enroll in the Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program will be placed on an academic path that ensures they will earn maximum credit for the coursework they complete at their Colorado Community College with their associate degree.
- Students will be advised on course selection, GPA requirements, program requirements, enrollment, and admissions criteria to ensure seamless transfer.
- In collaboration with CCC Academic Advisors and WGU Transfer Advisors, we will co-advise and monitor the student's progress on their pathway to ensure all necessary requirements for enrollment at WGU are met in advance.
- Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program students will have free access to specially designed Transfer Success Courses throughout their program to ensure transfer preparedness.

All Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program participants will receive regular communication from WGU throughout their time at the community college to ensure students feel a part of the university while they are completing their associate degree.





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

If your student has indicated WGU as a transfer institution on the Colorado Community College application, they will be assigned a WGU Transfer Advisor once the student's information is received at WGU.

#### Connecting Your Student with Their WGU Bridge to Bachelor's Transfer Advisors

Feel free to connect your student with our WGU Transfer Advisors by email at <a href="ColoradoB2B@wgu.edu">ColoradoB2B@wgu.edu</a>.

#### WGU's Transfer Advisor and Your Student

- Once your student is connected with their personal WGU Transfer Advisor, their advisor will introduce themself and share additional information about the program.
- Next, your student will receive an email outlining the program's requirements. They will be asked to provide two documents to assist them in their journey from your community college to WGU. Students will email the documents directly to their WGU Transfer Advisor.
  - Unofficial transcript
  - Degree Audit
- Your student will receive monthly communication from their WGU Transfer Advisor throughout the program.
  - Semester Schedule: As we assist your student, we will ask them to provide us with their semester schedule to offer continued support throughout their journey.

#### **Transfer Success Courses**

Through their journey, your student will learn more about WGU through the online Transfer Success Courses. These courses are very short and provide students with information about attending WGU in advance of their transfer.

#### WGU RaiseMe Scholarship

The WGU RaiseMe Scholarship is based on community college achievements. With this scholarship, students can earn up to \$1,000 towards their first term at WGU (eligibility requirements must be met).

Click here for more information.

#### Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

PTK members are eligible to apply for the WGU exclusive Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship of \$2,500. Click here for more information.

#### **Final Semester at Community College**

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

#### **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.

