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Transfer Admissions – Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I apply to TCNJ as a transfer student?

A: TCNJ currently uses the Common Application, which is available at www.commonapp.org. Transfer applicants must complete the common application in-full, which includes an essay. In addition, transfer applicants must submit the TCNJ Supplement, which lists the specific academic programs we have available. To avoid delays in the processing of your application, transfer applicants are encouraged to submit their entire common application and TCNJ Supplement directly online.

Q: What is the application deadline for transfer students?

A: You must apply by November 1 for the spring semester and by February 15 for the fall semester.

Q: What paperwork do I need to submit?

*A: We require official transcripts from high school and any college that you have attended. These transcripts must be sent directly from the institution to our Admissions office. If you took the SAT I or ACT exam while in high school, you must submit those scores. Mid-term reports, secondary school reports, and letters of recommendation are **not** required, however, college instructor evaluations are recommended. There is a \$75 application fee.*

Q: When will I be notified of my decision?

A: Applicants who have submitted all required documentation by the deadline will receive a decision letter by the third week in December (for spring admission) or April 1st (for fall admission).

Q: How many credits can I transfer to TCNJ?

A: If a student has attended a New Jersey two-year college, TCNJ can accept a maximum of 64 credits. If a student has attended a four-year college, TCNJ can accept a maximum of 80 credits.

Q: How can I see which credits will transfer to TCNJ?

A: Students that are transferring from a New Jersey two-year college may check the www.njtransfer.org website to review courses that are transferrable. Students that are transferring from an out of state two-year college or a four-year college should contact the Office of Records and Registration and request a Transfer Credit Evaluation by calling 609-771-2141. Transfer credit evaluations are done by appointment only.

Q: What is the required minimum grade point average for a transfer student?

A: The minimum GPA is a 2.5, but we encourage students to apply with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Students seeking admission to some of the more competitive programs may need higher GPAs to be considered for admission.



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Q: How many credits do I need to graduate from TCNJ?

A: The number of credits depends on the program. Most programs require 128 degree credits.

Q: Does TCNJ accept NJ STARS students?

A: TCNJ does accept NJ STARS I students. However, NJ STARS I students are not guaranteed acceptance into TCNJ. You must apply and be accepted based on TCNJ's transfer admissions criteria. NJ STARS II award will only go into effect if all NJ STARS I requirements have been satisfied, including verification of your Associates Degree. You must submit your FAFSA by the Financial Aid deadlines.

Q: Are there any scholarships available for transfer students?

A: TCNJ offers five scholarships a year for transfer students applying for the fall semester. Students must graduate from a New Jersey community college and have a 3.95 cumulative GPA or higher to be considered for one of the five scholarship awards. NJ STARS II students may be considered for these scholarships.

Q: Are transfer students guaranteed housing?

A: Transfer students are not guaranteed housing, however, housing is available both on-campus and off-campus. Accepted transfer students may contact the Office of Residence Education and Housing to submit their requests for housing.

Q: How can I arrange a visit to the campus?

A: Campus tours are held throughout the week. We also offer open house events on weekends periodically each semester. To view dates and times, please check our Admissions website at www.tcnj.edu/~admiss/visit.html.

Q: Does TCNJ accept EOF transfer students?

A: Yes, if you meet the EOF financial and academic requirements from your previous college and you meet the TCNJ transfer admissions criteria.

Q: What does the Lampitt Bill mean and how will it apply to me if I transfer to TCNJ?

A: The Lampitt Bill refers to New Jersey state legislation (approved in 2008) that states that an A.A. or A.S. degree from a New Jersey community college will be fully transferable as the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program at New Jersey public four-year institutions. Moreover, students transferring with an A.A. degree into a B.A. program or an A.S. degree into a B.S. program will have accepted for transfer exactly half of the credits required for the basic four-year degree and will have exactly half of the-credits to complete at the four-year institution. Such students will have Junior status upon enrollment at the four-year institution. However, it may be necessary for students to take additional courses in their program if required for pre-requisites or professional certification.