

The College of New Jersey

Transfer Admissions Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply to TCNJ as an undergraduate transfer student?

TCNJ uses The Common Application, which is available at www.commonapp.org. In addition to the Transfer Common App, applicants must submit the TCNJ Member Form, which requires the student to choose their major.

What is the application deadline for transfer students?

| Semester | Application Deadline | Required Documents Deadline |
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| Fall Admission | February 15 | March 1 |
| Spring Admission | October 15 | November 1 |

Music applicants must complete their audition by November 19th for Spring Admission and February 28th for Fall Admission

Visual Arts, Art Education and Interactive Multimedia applicants must submit their portfolio for departmental review by November 1st for Spring Admission and February 16th for Fall Admission

What are the application requirements?

- **Official High School Transcript:** All applicants are required to submit their official high school transcript. The only exemption is for students who have a bachelor's degree. For the transcript to be considered official, it must be sent directly from the high school to TCNJ.
- **All Official College Transcripts:** Transcripts from **all** colleges previously attended/currently attending are required. For the transcript to be considered official, it must be sent directly from the college to TCNJ.
 - If you are applying for Spring Admission while in your first semester of college, you will not have grades at the time of the application deadline and are not required to send in a college transcript. However, if admitted to TCNJ, the student must send a final transcript in order for the Admissions Office to review the student's college performance and for the student to receive transfer credit for transferrable courses.
- **Standardized Test Scores:** SAT or ACT scores are required. Scores must be sent from the official testing agency or printed on an official school transcript. Applicants are exempt if they meet one of the following **by the application deadline:**
 1. Graduated from high school five years ago or more
 2. Earned 45 credits or more from another institution

SAT CEEB Code: 002519 and ACT CEEB Code: 002614

- Letters of Recommendation (optional)
- Resume (optional)

When will I be notified of my decision?

Applicants who have submitted the application and all required documentation by the deadline will receive a decision letter by December 15th (Spring Admission) or April 1st (Fall Admission).

How many credits can I transfer to TCNJ?

If a student has attended a two-year institution, TCNJ accepts a maximum of 64 credits. If a student has attended a four-year institution, TCNJ accepts a maximum of 80 credits. If you have attended both a two-year and four-year institution, TCNJ will accept a maximum of 80 credits combined.

How can I see which credits will transfer to TCNJ?

The general rule of thumb as to which courses will typically transfer to TCNJ are 100- and 200-level courses where a grade of C or better was earned. Students that are transferring from a New Jersey two-year college may use the website www.njtransfer.org to review courses that are transferrable. Credit evaluations are only completed for applicants who have been admitted.

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

The minimum GPA to apply as a transfer student is a 2.5. Students seeking admission to some of the more competitive programs may need higher GPAs (generally 3.0 or higher).

How many credits do I need to graduate from TCNJ?

The number of credits depends on the program. Most programs require 128 degree credits/32 course units.

Does TCNJ accept NJ STARS students?

TCNJ does accept NJ STARS I students. However, NJ STARS I students are not guaranteed admission into TCNJ. You must apply and be accepted based on TCNJ's transfer admissions criteria. The 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.

Are transfer students guaranteed housing?

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 after they have been admitted and submitted a deposit.

Where should application documents be sent?

The College of New Jersey
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