



Transfer Info
Series: Session 1
How to Explore Colleges,
Universities, & Programs

Why Do We Research?

- ✓ Not all schools offer the same majors & programs.
- ✓ Not all schools have athletic programs, are division eligible or offer the sport you are interested in.
- ✓ Admission & program requirements will differ across schools.
- ✓ To make sure the campus climate & culture is compatible with your wants and needs.
- ✓ To find the most affordable school for your budget and the best financial aid package.
- ✓ To transition smoothly to your next school.

Step 1: Outline Your “I Wants...”

- I want a school that has my:
 - Major (area of study)
 - Level of Education Needed (associate, bachelor, master, doctoral degree)
 - Sports/ Division
 - Other Considerations: Distance from Family, Academic Quality, Cost, School Size, Campus Culture, Student Life, Support Resources etc.
- Because we all have different goals, wants, needs and circumstances, transfer journeys will be unique to each student and if you're not sure of all your wants yet, that's OKAY!
- This [College Search Guide](#) and [CollegeForAllTexans](#) website will show you different characteristics to consider during your college search with guided questions to help you identify what is most important to you.



Step 2: Begin the Search, Keeping Our Wants in Mind!

Searching is all about utilizing resources to narrow down our options.

Category 1:

- ✓ You have an idea of what you are looking for, perhaps some schools already in mind, but you may need some guidance to finalize those key wants to help in your search.
 - [Career Services](#) – explore your values, skills, interests, career opportunities and possible majors.
 - [Academic Advising](#) – explore what to consider when taking courses for transfer, receive academic guidance and general recommendations.

Category 2:

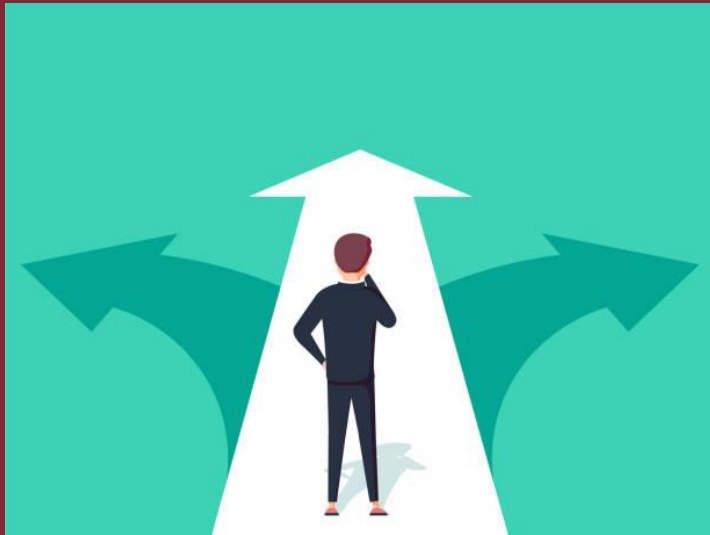
- ✓ You know what you are looking for and are ready to narrow down your list of schools.
 - [BigFuture](#) - Build your college list and search through thousands of schools by location, majors, school type, campus life and more. Search the easy way!
 - Explore with [Events, Trips & Campus Visits](#)
 - Check out your school's Website & Social Media accounts

Step 3: Understand How the Institution(s) Work

Institutions are given special designations to help students understand how they operate.

Type:

- ✓ Non-Profit vs. For-Profit
- ✓ Public vs. Private



Knowing the “type” of school helps to understand:

- ✓ How profits are used
- ✓ Why tuition rates vary
- ✓ Why acceptance rates vary
- ✓ Why the programs offered & instructional formats available (i.e. Face to Face, Online, etc.) vary

2023 Upcoming Events

✓ **University of Houston – Victoria on Campus**

- February 2 & 16; March 2, 16 & 30; April 13 & 27; May 11
- Betsy Wright Building Rm 103 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

✓ **University of Houston – Victoria at Gonzales Center**

- February 1 & 27, March 30, April 17, May 3 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

✓ **Academy of Art University Virtual Visit**

- February 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

✓ **Gonzales Transfer Application Workshops**

- February 1 & March 30 from 10 a.m. – 2p.m.

✓ **Field Trip to Texas A&M University – Kingsville**

- March 31

✓ **Transfer Fair**

- April 4 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the VC Student Center

Transfer Information Series

✓ **Session 2: How to Research Degree Requirements & Take Courses for Transfer Credit**

- Tuesday, February 7th at 11 a.m. in Allied Health Room 104 & Webex

✓ **Session 3: Application, Essay, Resume & FAFSA Workshop**

- Wednesday, February 22nd from Noon to 1 p.m. in Library 1st Floor Computer Lab

✓ **Session 4: How to Navigate Financial Aid (FAFSA), Scholarships & Loans**

- Thursday, March 9th at 5 p.m. in Technology Center Room 226 & Webex

✓ **Session 5: How to Apply for Housing: On or Off Campus**

- Wednesday, March 22nd at 11 a.m. in Library 1st Floor Computer Lab & Webex

✓ **Session 6: Application, Essay, Resume & FAFSA Workshop**

- Tuesday, April 4 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Health Sciences Center Room 220

✓ **Session 7: How to Avoid Transfer Shock: Guide to Academics, Supports & Campus Life**

- Tuesday, April 18th from Noon to 1 p.m. in Library 1st Floor Computer Lab & Webex

Resources & Contacts

- Transfer Services – Stay up to date on all things transfer.
 - <https://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/GettingStarted/Advising/TransferServices>
- Academic Advising – Meet with your advisor.
 - <https://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/GettingStarted/Advising/academic-advising>
- Career Services - Explore what's out there.
 - <https://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/GettingStarted/Advising/CareerServices>
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