



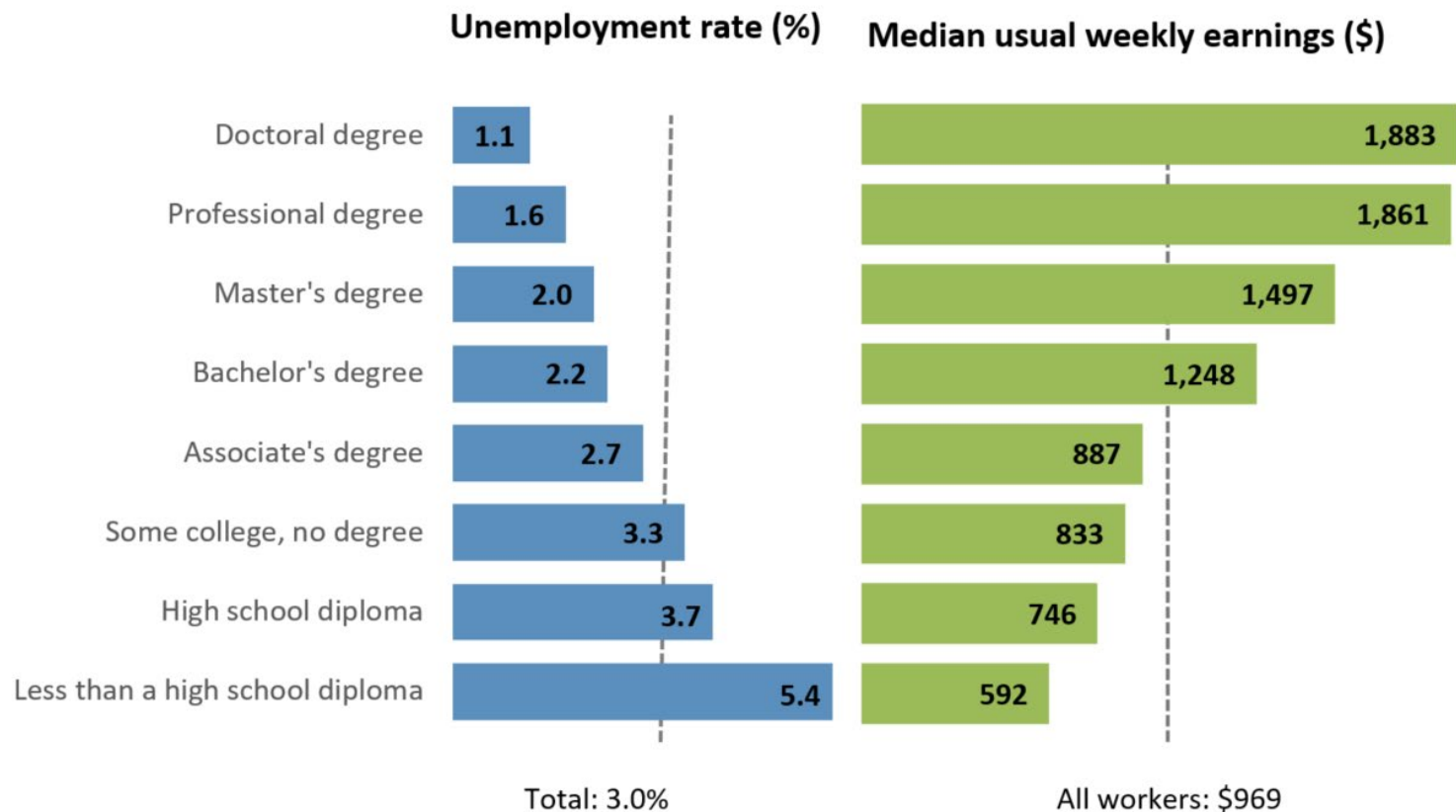
Transtfer 101™

FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO UNIVERSITY

VICTORIA COLLEGE KEY CENTER

# Why Transfer?

## Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2019



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

<https://www.bls.gov/emp/chart-unemployment-earnings-education.htm>

# Factors that impact success:

- Financial Instability
- Part-Time Enrollment/Full-time Work
  - Earning more money may decrease your eligibility for financial aid
  - Part-time students are less likely to persist and graduate
- Other responsibilities
  - Children, sick parents, etc.



# How does VC help me transfer?

- **Articulation agreements**

- These are agreements between community colleges and universities that guarantee your credits will transfer
- You can find these on the website of your transfer college or university OR view an equivalency chart on [www.tccns.org](http://www.tccns.org)



# How does VC help me transfer?

- **Student Success Courses**

- Taking a course like Victoria College's EDUC 1300 or SDEV 0300 (Strategies for Success/OnCourse) has shown to have a positive impact on completion and transfer rates
- **Discussion Questions:** Have you taken this course? Do you feel it helped prepare you for your college experience?



# How does VC help me transfer?

- **Accelerated Developmental Coursework**
  - Having to complete developmental coursework increases the amount of time spent in college
  - If not completed quickly and successfully, this coursework can impact your financial aid eligibility in your junior and senior years
  - Victoria College offers many opportunities for fast-track developmental math, writing and reading courses



# How does the KEY Center help me transfer?

- **Holistic Advising**

- Receiving academic, career and transfer advising has a positive impact on your success
- The KEY Center provides intensive individual advising aimed at helping you create and meet your goals
- The KEY Center Advisor will help you research and plan your transfer process



# FINDING THE “RIGHT” UNIVERSITY





# Ask yourself:

- **What is my career goal?**
- **Which major will most help me succeed at my goal?**
- **Not sure? Meet with your advisor.**



# Comparison Shop

- **Do you want to attend a private or public college?**
- **Do you prefer a large or small campus?**
- **Do you want to travel or stay close to home?**



# Comparison Shop

- **Does the college I am considering offer a good program in my major?**
- **Do I need to apply for my program separately from general college admissions?**
- **Does it offer me career counseling if I don't yet know what field to study?**



# Comparison Shop

- **What is the reputation of the college I'm considering? How will that affect my career goals?**
- **How does the university handle transfers students and does it offer them financial aid?**
- **Will I have to retake courses when I transfer?**
- **Do I want to live on campus or off campus?**



# 1 -2 years before you transfer

**Research degree requirements & make sure you are taking classes that transfer**

- If the website is unclear, contact an advisor at the transfer institution

**Maintain good grades to ensure you will be accepted**

- Many higher ranked colleges will calculate your GPA using every credit (even repeated courses)

# Less than 1 year before you transfer

## Apply to the college far in advance of the application deadline

- Be sure to complete essays, letters of recommendation, or other requirements.

## Complete your FAFSA and have results sent to your transfer institution

- If you are transferring mid-academic year (Spring) you will need to have your FAFSA information sent to the transfer institution by going online:  
[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

## Send your “in progress” transcripts to the transfer institution

# 1 Semester before you transfer

**Be accepted!! 😊**

**Apply for transfer scholarships (if the institution has them)**

- Some colleges set scholarship deadlines earlier than application deadlines – please check the deadline early!

**After your last semester has ended at VC, re-send your final transcripts to your transfer institution**

# Transfer Resources

- Transfer 101
  - [www.transfer101.org](http://www.transfer101.org)
- Apply Texas (submit your transfer application online)
  - [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
- Check course equivalencies
  - [www.tccns.org](http://www.tccns.org)
- Review the top schools in your field
  - <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges>
- Check to see what schools offer your major/degree:
  - <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>