how to prepare for a 4-year program while you’re in a 2-year program
Two-Year Colleges in Nevada

CSN
COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

GBC
GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

TMCC
Truckee Meadows Community College

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

Four-Year Colleges in Nevada

GBC
GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

NS
NEVADA STATE COLLEGE

UNLV
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS

NEVADA
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3. Do your Research

4. Don’t Be Shy

5. Attend Orientation

- Begin talking to your advisor about transferring right away
  - Say, “I am planning on pursuing my bachelors degree when I finish here. What should I be doing now to prepare?”

- Be sure to ask about a “Transfer Agreement”

- Pick courses that are a part of your degree program

- Research transfer guidelines at the school(s) you like
  - Be sure you’re going to be admissible when you apply
  - All NSHE institutions have transfer agreements with each other!
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★ National research shows that students who finish their program at a community college are much more likely to complete a bachelor’s degree than students who take classes without pursuing a degree.

★ If you have an associate’s degree from an NSHE school, you will automatically be a junior when you transfer to another NSHE institution.
  ○ All your general education courses will be covered.
  ○ If you follow your transfer agreement, all your credits will transfer.
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- Examine **ALL four-year options** available - the school you liked when you were in high school might not be the best choice now.

- Look into **scholarship and funding options for transfer students** at the university you like.

- Find out if you have to be **accepted into your particular program** at the 4-year institution.
  - You may need to complete an additional application after you’re admitted to the school (i.e. nursing, business).

- Make sure all your **classes will transfer and ask your advisor** to confirm your choices.
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★ Use your advisor! They are trained in the transfer process.

★ Most universities have an admission counselor who handles transfer students - call or email him/her
  ○ Example: “By the end of this year I will have my associates of science from CSN, and I am hoping to transfer to UNR to study nursing. What should I keep in mind as I begin applying to UNR?”

★ School websites can be confusing - advocate for yourself by asking questions.
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★ It may seem like a waste of time since you’ve already been in college, but every school is different.

★ Attend orientation and ask questions so you can feel more confident starting at your new school.
  ○ Transferring can be scary - use every resource to help make it easier!