



South Carolina
Commission on Higher Education

SC Transfer Updates

Transfer Leadership Team

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In the beginning...

In 2021, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education partnered with the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education and the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association to facilitate a statewide task force to increase excellence in state systems of transfer across all sectors of post-secondary education. More than 40 college transfer experts joined in the work, representing **all sectors** of higher education: research institutions, four-year comprehensive teaching institutions, technical colleges and independent institutions.



Today We Celebrate

- Statewide Leaders in Transfer Education
- Progress since 2021

Transfer Leadership Team

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SC Transfer Excellence Initiative Updates

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South Carolina Transfer Excellence Initiative **Recommendation 1**

Solicit and appoint institutional transfer liaisons at each participating institution and convene regular statewide meetings for transfer policy development, collaboration, and professional development.

Outcomes:

- Proviso 117.135, which initiated transfer-related work in 2021, has expired, but work continues.
- The SC Transfer Leadership Team will continue providing oversight and guidance to working groups
- **This Transfer Convening** is offered in response to this recommendation.

South Carolina Transfer Excellence Initiative

Recommendation 2

Develop, manage, and curate a robust statewide data system and dashboard, and provide the CHE with the authority to collect data from all participating higher education institutions.

Outcomes:

- We now have a statewide data dashboard.

South Carolina Transfer Outcomes Dashboard

Analysis of the 2014 cohort of undergraduate, first time, freshmen, degree seeking, fall enrolled students and their transfer patterns



Dashboard

Technical Information

RESIDENCY LOCATION

Location of the students who made at least one transfer transaction to any institution in the state. The top counties with the highest transfer rates are: Greenville (9%), Richland (8%), Charleston (7%), Spartanburg (7%), Lexington and York (6% each).

Click on the map to filter by the county or click on any transferred from program to filter by the program.

6,839 (17%)

made a **TRANSFER TRANSACTION** in the subsequent seven years of enrollment

54% of students transferred from 2-year institutions and 38% from 4-year institutions, while the rest from out of state or out of the country

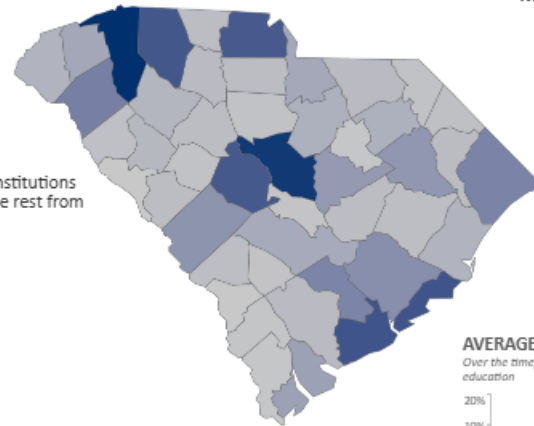
4,050 (59%)

transferred and after completed a **CERTIFICATE, ASSOCIATE, or BACHELOR'S** degree

4-YEAR (78%)

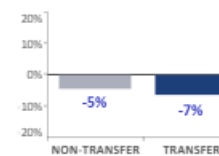
2-YEAR (22%)

79% transferred and after **GRADUATED WITH BACHELOR'S**
2.5 average time to complete **BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

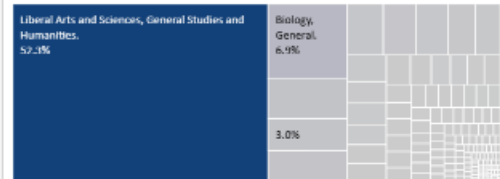


AVERAGE LOSS IN FUNDS

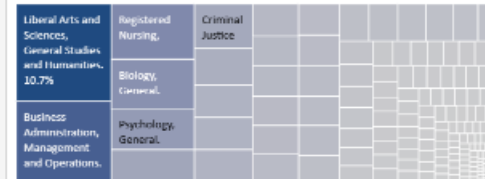
Over the timeframe of postsecondary education



TRANSFERRED FROM PROGRAMS



GRADUATED FROM PROGRAMS



FILTERS

TRANSFERRED FROM INSTITUTION SECTOR

- ☒ (All)
- ☐ Private
- ☐ Public

TRANSFERRED FROM INSTITUTION TYPE

- ☒ (All)
- ☐ 2-year
- ☐ 4-year

RACE/ETHNICITY

- ☒ (All)
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ White
- ☐ Other Races

GENDER

- ☒ (All)
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

PELL RECIPIENTS

- ☒ (All)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Note: Other Races counts all who's race/ethnicity is Hispanic, Unknown, Two or more, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.

Scholarships and Grant Funds considered for Loss in Funds metric (LIFE, Hope, Palmetto Fellows, Need based (Publics), Lottery Tuition Assistance, Need based (Independents Tuition Grants Comm), Foster Care, National Guard College Assistance Program, Pell Grant).

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South Carolina Transfer Excellence Initiative

Recommendation 3

Convene a stakeholder group, comprised of representatives from two- and four-year South Carolina institutions, to review and address transfer articulation resources and needs to include:

- A. Evaluating and assessing current transfer and articulation platforms and portals, including South Carolina Transfer and Articulation Center (SC Trac) to meet the needs of transfer students.
- B. Developing a matrix to standardize courses for equivalent, transferable, degree-benefiting credit.
- C. Developing a process to use common general education learning outcomes to supersede course equivalencies.
- D. Establishing common standards to evaluate and award credit consistently and with maximum applicability to degrees.
- E. Negotiating statewide articulation among the South Carolina Technical College System (SCTCS), four-year public institutions, and participating institutions of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) to recognize the Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) as fulfilling baccalaureate general education requirements.



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Outcomes:

- A. We have evaluating and assessed transfer and articulation platforms and portals, including South Carolina Transfer and Articulation Center (SC Trac) as well as the Ithaka S+R Universal Transfer tool.
 - Multiple universities and technical colleges are working with Ithaka to pilot Universal Transfer Explorer
 - A CHE RFP is currently live for transfer portal providers.
- B. We are developing a matrix to standardize courses for equivalent, transferable, degree-benefiting credit.
 - The Transfer Pathways Working Group is engaging with faculty to gather feedback about the proposed expansion of the List of 86 Transferable Courses. Once feedback is analyzed, the Transfer Pathways Working Group will create a proposal for ACAP and CAAL approval.



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Outcomes:

- C. We are developing a process to use common general education learning outcomes to supersede course equivalencies.
 - The Transfer Pathways Working Group is reviewing best practices around the idea of common general education learning outcomes superseding course equivalencies.
- D. We are establishing common standards to evaluate and award credit consistently and with maximum applicability to degrees..
 - Current focus is on the equivalencies and learning outcomes. Standards will be addressed once an agreement on courses and outcomes is complete with the guidance of faculty, Provosts, and similar stakeholders.



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UPDATES:

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 - Each Comprehensive institution has a clear A.A./A.S. policy outlined in their academic catalogs that allows for the acceptance of the full A.A./A.S degree. USC-Columbia, Clemson, and the Technical College System have independent 30 credit agreements. Because of the nature of the different curriculums and programs, institutions are still considering what a statewide agreement would look like.



South Carolina Transfer Excellence Initiative **Recommendation 4**

Request public and participating independent institutions inform students about transfer options and resources that provide additional transfer information.

UPDATES:

- A Transfer Resources page has been created for students, parents, and transfer advocates on the CHE website, which has been shared with institutions.

South Carolina Transfer Excellence Initiative

Recommendation 4

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Transfer Excellence Center

The 2025 Transfer Excellence Convening is October 8:
[Visit the Event Page for Details](#)

Transfer excellence in South Carolina is a crucial component to minimize the cost of higher education and enable on-time college completion: this allows students to join the workforce and begin contributing to the economic competitiveness of our state.

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, in partnership with all South Carolina colleges, universities, and lawmakers, is dedicated to making our state a leader in transfer. Since 2021, the General Assembly's interest in student mobility has increased, with the passage of budget provisos directing responsible state agencies to work together and ensure students with Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degrees can transfer to public four-year colleges. The CHE also promulgates regulations to provide further direction and structure.

This page serves as a central resource to all involved in this important work, and it will continue to evolve as we progress on this journey.

<https://che.sc.gov/transfer>



SC TRAC Extension:

In July 2025, the CHE entered into a one-year extension with AcademyOne to continue SC TRAC. This will allow us to maintain continuity in our transfer system while exploring the best transfer portal option through the state procurement process.

**South Carolina Student
Transfer Vision for Higher
Education**

**South Carolina will have an
excellent and justly designed
transfer system that
provides for educational**





South Carolina Transfer Excellence Initiative **Recommendation 5**

Develop a plan to facilitate, implement, and incentivize reverse transfer.

Outcomes:

- The Reverse Transfer Working Group was established in August 2024.
- Most institutions statewide are now using National Student Clearinghouse for reverse transfer.



South Carolina Transfer Excellence Initiative **Recommendation 6**

Request state funding to establish student transfer scholarships and a statewide awareness campaign for transfer.

Outcomes:

- South Carolina General Assembly Bill 3871 proposes a PATH scholarship to support transfer students. The bill is sponsored by Reps. Erickson and McGinnis.

Milestones and Initiatives:

- ✓ 2021: Formation of the State Transfer Task Force
- ✓ South Carolina State Transfer and Articulation Action Plan (March 7, 2023)
- ✓ Transfer Promising Practices (April 3, 2023)
- ✓ Transfer Excellence Convening (April 3, 2023)
- ✓ Statutory Authority for Transfer (2023)
- ✓ Transfer Excellence Convening (October 4, 2023)
- ✓ Statement of Commitment to Develop a Statewide Transfer Agreement (October 27, 2023)
- ✓ Ithaka S + R Transfer Explorer Partnership (February 27, 2024)
- ✓ South Carolina Transfer Outcomes Dashboard (April 5, 2024)
- ✓ Transfer Action Plan Report to the SC General Assembly / Proviso 117.135 (April 30, 2024)
- ✓ Transfer Student Success Guide (August 2024)
- ✓ Transfer Excellence Convening (Oct. 3, 2024)
- ✓ Review of the 86 Universally Transferable Courses
- ✓ South Carolina Transfer and Articulation Center
- ✓ South Carolina Military Credit Mobility Task Force (Established in 2022)

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