# Explore Transfer Options

## PURPOSE

This activity is connected to the third step of Academic Planning, *Furthering Your Path*.

Now that you are clear about your academic path, you are ready to do some exploration about opportunities after Clark. With your career goal in mind, plan a successful transfer process. Learn about programs of study and school options to make decisions and create a plan that fits with your career interest. Be aware of deadlines for the transfer process and the specific courses your transfer college recommends taking while at Clark College.

As you work your way through the “Action” section below, you will learn more about how to identify educational transfer options after completing your program at Clark.

## ACTION

There are three (3) possible actions to take within this Activity. You can choose to do one, two, or all three.

### Explore Educational Transfer Options

Use WOIS/The Career Information System to find a program of study for your career interest.

*Visit*:WOIS/The Career Information System

Site Key: **xwm573**

Follow these steps:

1. Click on “Education and Training” on the left-hand side menu
2. Click on “Educational Programs”
3. Find your occupation title, open the description, and read through the information
4. Find the “Schools” section, and click on a school of interest that offers your desired educational program

*Note: if you are interested in a school outside of Washington state, make sure to click on the “change state” button, and select your desired state.*

You may also explore **“Educational Programs by Cluster”** by returning back to the “Education and Training” section.

View “Educational Programs by Cluster” to find specific programs and learn about typical coursework, admissions, related occupations and schools that offer the program.  Consider which information is important to you, and how much you would enjoy or be challenged by the typical coursework.

Use **School Search** to find schools based on the attributes you’re looking for. Make notes about the attributes you consider important, for your future school research. *Find this by navigating to the “Education and Training” section, click on “Schools”*

Click on **Compare Schools** and select your top choices from the alphabetical list. You can compare their location, type, student activities, education programs, admissions details and more. Scroll through the contents under each topic to compare each school’s offering.

* What is my preferred program of study, and what is important to know about it?
* What are my priorities and preferences for colleges?
* What have I learned about these programs and schools?
* What do I need to investigate further?

### Conduct University and Transfer Research

Investigate the website for any school you wish to consider. Are they well known for your program of study? Learn more about your top choice(s) by contacting faculty advisors, visiting the campus, and conversations with alumni.  Speak with professionals in your field of interest to get their input. Contact the admissions office to confirm that your credits will transfer, they offer the degree you wish to pursue, and your financial aid or scholarships will be accepted. It is important to consider your individual priorities and preferences in making your decision about where to apply.

* What schools offer the education program I need and what is my top choice(s)?

## NEXT STEPS

You are now one step further in MyPlan. At this point we encourage you to discuss your progress with a faculty or staff member at Clark College, such as an academic advisor or faculty advisor, Career Services staff, or class instructor.

It may be useful to print out and refer to this completed activity before your meeting, or email it to the staff/faculty ahead of time.