Transfer Tips for Undecided Students

**#1 Clarify Personal Interests, Skills, and Strengths**

Most students enter college without a specific idea of what they want to do with their lives. It is normal to change a career path or academic focus while in college. While at Clark College, students can get an understanding of what career path to focus on by determining personal interests, taking classes in those areas, and understanding how that can translate into an academic focus or degree pathway.

**Career Services** provides tools for choosing a career and choosing a major including career assessments, career exploration resources, internship and volunteer opportunities, and job search assistance.

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**Human Development Classes (HDEV)** help students define educational and career objectives. **Credit not given for both HDEV 100 and 101**

**HDEV 100: Career and Life Planning (3 credits)** – Examine personal values, interests, preferences, skills and abilities for the purpose of determining career, educational, and leisure activities.

**HDEV 101: Career Exploration (2 credits)** – Strategies for career choice and change: utilizing career assessment, personal preferences, and occupational resources to make informed career and educational decisions.

**Personal Reflection** will help students figure out which hobbies, school subjects, and classes are interesting to them. Focus on strengths, interests, and what you do well! This can be a hobby, school subject, or other activity!

**#2 Explore Careers and Classes of Interest**

**Academic Advisors** help students identify classes to narrow focus, discover interests, and strengths. Advisors also recommend general education requirements common to multiple educational pathways.

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**Career Advisors** help students to access tools and resources to make a connection between career goals and education plans, and identify compatible programs of study and transfer schools.

(360) 992-2614 | [www.clark.edu/careercenter](http://www.clark.edu/careercenter)

**Career Counselors** help students define educational and career goals, deal with personal concerns that affect success at school and work, and develop effective decision-making strategies.

Health Sciences (HSC) 124 | (360) 992-2902
[www.clark.edu/student_services/counseling](http://www.clark.edu/student_services/counseling)

**#3 Narrow Down a List of Transfer Institutions**

**Explore + Research!** Visit school websites, attend transfer sessions, and ask questions! Students must understand transfer requirements so they can best choose a major/focus area and choose a school to fit.

**Academic Advisors** provide assistance with identifying requirements for programs of interest, Education Plans (roadmaps) to plot out requirements into personalized timelines, and provide opportunities to visit with representatives from 4-year universities about bachelor degree programs at scheduled events on campus. Consult an Academic Advisor to discuss transfer options but do your own research first!

**#4 Implement a Decision!**

Based on strengths, interests, intended major, and conversations with Career Advisors: Create a plan of action! Check deadlines, follow an Education Plan, and continue to consult with Advisors at both schools to ensure you’re admitted!