

**Welcome to**

**College Info Night**

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# AGENDA

## **Post-Secondary Options**

- Community College Certificate programs
- University or four-year college-bound

Community College Transfer Programs

CA Public Universities (UC/CSU)

Private Colleges

Out-of-State Public Universities

## **Financial Aid**

- Overview of available state and federal programs

## Community College Certificate Programs

- Most certificate programs requires 10 to 20 units to complete
- Ideal for students interested in learning a specific trade or skills
- Some offer apprenticeship (earn as you learn) opportunities
- Apply to the community college in spring of senior year.
- Some programs may require prerequisites, an additional application, and/or have an earlier deadline.

# Examples of Certificate Programs

## CSM

- Fire Technology
- Cybersecurity
- Cosmetology
- Tax Preparer
- Electronic Music
- EMT
- Accounting/CPA

## Canada College

- Payroll Specialist
- Cloud Computer
- Video Game Design
- Theatre Costuming
- Interior Design
- Medical Assistant
- Laser Technician

## Skyline College

- Automotive Technology
- Biotech Manufacturing
- Digital Film-Making
- Network Engineering
- Paralegal Assistant
- Esthetician
- Anesthesia Technician

# Example of Foothill's Certificate Programs (Los Altos)

- Dental Hygiene
- Environmental Horticulture
- Music Technology
- Paramedic
- Personal Trainer
- Pharmacy Technician
- Respiratory Therapy
- Veterinary Technician

## Certificate of Achievement

- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology
- Inside Wireman (Electrician)
- Plumbing/Pipefitting/Pipe Trades Apprenticeship
- Residential Plumbing
- Residential Electrician
- Plumbing Technology
- Sheet Metal Building Trades
- Sound & Communication Installer
- Steamfitting & Pipefitting Technology

Let's pause to answer  
general questions

# “College Fit”

## Social

- Location: access to or in a major city, close to home, etc.
- Campus Size
- Campus Life: quiet, lively, commuter, residential, etc.
- Sports (NCAA or Intramural)
- Dorms/Greek Life/Clubs
- Diversity (race, religion, conservative, liberal, etc.)
- Affordability / Cost-saving Route

## Academic

- Available majors
- Quarter vs. Semester system
- Analytical/Research or Hands-on
- Lecture Hall or Seminar
- Access to professors/classes
- Research & Internships (guaranteed vs. competitive)
- Graduate school vs job market

# College Pathways

## Community College:

- Two-year degrees and/or Transfer Programs

## Universities and Four-year Colleges

- California State University (CSU)
- University of California (UC)
- Common App (Private Colleges & Universities)
- Out-of-State Public Universities



# Community College Transfer Programs

- Admission is guaranteed at a community college; must be 18 yrs old or a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Fresh start (high school GPA is not considered)
- More time to explore academic interest
- More time to explore college fit (universities)
- Guarantee Admission to most UC/CSU campuses
- More affordable (Promise Scholars Program)
- Students can take transferable courses during high school (FREE)

# Transfer Agreements & Resources

- CSU Transfer Agreement → [Degree with a Guarantee](#)
- UC Transfer Agreement → [TAG](#)
- Community colleges may have agreements with private colleges.
- Resources for your students to plan ahead:
  - [Transfer Bound Tool](#)
  - Take advantage of Transfer Services
    - For ex: [CSM Transfer Center](#)
  - View articulation agreements: [ASSIST](#)

## **Tips if considering a transfer program.**

Students should explore their intended major & universities as soon as they have decided to start at a community college.

It may take more or less than 2 years to transfer. Depending on:

- English and math placement
- Number of units taken each semester
- Time needed to explore and select major and university to transfer to.
- Preparation and access to prerequisites for intended major.

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## **Universities and Four-Year Colleges**

- Cal State University (Cal State)
- University of California (UC)
- Private Colleges (Common Application)
- Out-of-State Public Universities



## Cal State Universities

- 24 campuses
- Hands-on
- Most students commute
- Primarily semester-system
- Career-focused
- Educates the Workforce



## Univ of CA

- 8 campuses
- Residential campus
- Quarter System (except Berkeley & Merced)
- Liberal Arts focus
  - Analytical Thinking
  - Research
  - Theoretical

# UC/CSU Admission Requirements

Earn a C or higher in A-G requirements: [UC Doorways](#)

SAT/ACT not accepted (test-blind)

Students should focus on:

- Good grades and/or marked improvement all four years
- Academic enrichment in areas they are passionate about
- Courses that prepare for intended major
- Extracurricular activities: internships, jobs, clubs, sports, etc.
- Their narrative on UC Personal Insight Questions



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## Private Colleges (Common App)

- Thousands of private colleges across US (85 in CA)
- Most offer:
  - academic & personal development approach (FYP)
  - smaller class sizes
  - guarantee completion in four years
- Tuition is **much** higher compared to a UC/CSU
- Admission focuses on college fit, recommendation letters, initial high school transcript, personal statements, etc.
- Some are Test-Optional or Test-Blind

# Out of State Public Universities

- Tuition (resident v. non-resident)
- Lots of space
- Most are Affordable
- WUE in-state tuition breaks
- Requirements may differ from A-G
- Some use Common App

Alaska	North Dakota
Arizona	Northern
California	Mariana
Colorado	Islands
Hawai'i	Oregon
Idaho	South Dakota
Montana	Utah
Nevada	Washington
New Mexico	Wyoming

# Application Deadlines

Seniors apply in the fall.

- UC opens in August, submit only in Oct - Nov.
- CSU opens in October, submit only in Oct - Nov.
- Common Application opens in July; deadlines vary.
  - Early Action/Early Decision vs. Regular Decision
  - Teacher/counselor recommendation letters are due by the student's chosen deadline.

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# Financial Aid (Brief Overview)

## 1. Federal Student Aid

- [FAFSA](#) has details about types of aid, eligibility & how to apply.

## 2. State aid (known as Cal Grants) is offered by State of California.

- [Webgrants](#) has details on available Cal Grants & eligibility.
- Students not eligible to submit FAFSA use the [Dream App](#)

## 3. Institutional aid is offered by colleges.

- Visit campus financial aid websites for details and how to apply.
- Many private schools also require [The CSS Profile](#).

## 4. Scholarships are also available; eligibility varies.

- Visit Naviance for a list of available scholarships.

# Final Comments

## Spring 2022:

- 11th grade course registration included college planning tips.
- Counselors will visit history classes, later this month, to present “Post-Secondary Options”

## Fall 2022:

- Seniors meet with counselors to check their status on grad requirements, A-G & review college plans.
- If students are applying to schools on the Common App, they should reach out to their counselor in Aug/Sept to request a college recommendation letter.

## **Thank You for Joining Us!**

The recording for this presentation will be available on the College and Career page of the Carlmont webpage.

Please reach out to your student's counselor if you have further questions.