



Transfer Explorer

Project Update: 2026



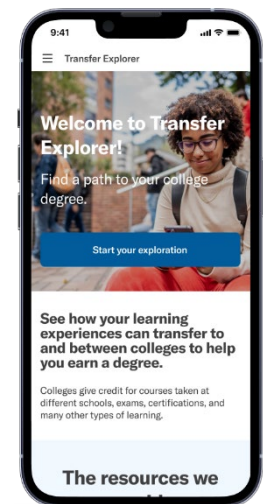
Transfer Explorer (<https://transferexplorer.org/>) is a credit mobility website: it helps students explore how their credits count across participating colleges and universities. By connecting directly with institutional source systems to unify data on college courses, transfer equivalencies, credit for prior learning, and degree requirements, Transfer Explorer helps students chart a shorter and straighter path to a credential.

Nationwide, a large share of degree holders possess transcripts from multiple higher education institutions. Student mobility is increasingly multi-directional, across institution types and systems. Credit mobility is a major accelerator for students in completing their degrees and credentials.

How does Transfer Explorer work?

Transfer Explorer allows users to compare how their learning transfers and applies to different degree and certificate programs at different institutions.

- Accurate, up-to-date data through automated feeds of course, program and equivalencies, direct from source systems.
- Unifies and normalizes data from multiple colleges and universities, including all sources of prior learning they have evaluated. This can include dual credit, exams, military, workforce and noncredit.
- Mobile-first, learner-centered design. It is open to any user, and does not require a log in.
- Prioritizes information transparency and access.
- Users can and share their explorations with anyone including their peers, advisors, and support systems.



Washington's Participating Institutions and Progress

- As of January 2026, six Washington schools are engaged in efforts to validate institutionally specific data and use the tool with their communities. These include two public four-year institutions: **Washington State University – Everett**, and **Central Washington University** alongside four Community and Technical Colleges: **Shoreline College**, **Columbia Basin College**, **Clark College**, and **Yakima Valley College**.
- Participating institutions are in various stages of data onboarding, validation and implementation. While some institutional data is already available on the site, refinement and display features will continue to be adjusted throughout the next year of the project for increased utility.

Opportunity for Additional Institutional Participation

- ITHAKA and WSAC have expanded the opportunity to participate in this project in Washington and are seeking up to 8 additional colleges or universities interested in joining Transfer Explorer in 2026-2027. Grant funding is available to waive onboarding and first-year access fees selected institutions who join during this time frame.
- Interested colleges or universities should express interest by **February 18, 2026**. Participating institutions will be finalized by **April 17, 2026**. Please fill out [this interest form](#) or contact Abby Chien, Associate Director, Strategy and Partnerships at abbyc@wsac.wa.gov or transferexplorer@ithaka.org for questions about this opportunity or Transfer Explorer.

Led by non-profit [ITHAKA](#), Transfer Explorer is part of a nationwide credit-mobility initiative, including WSAC, with the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities System, the City University of New York, and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.