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A S A TRANSFER STUDENT, the next step in your educational journey may be more critical than your initial college choice. Time, experience, and growth have led you to consider new opportunities and a new academic direction — and you're not alone. Approximately 60 students transfer to PC each year. Here, they find a tradition of academic excellence, a warm, welcoming community, and the resources and opportunities needed to succeed after graduation.



Visit Providence

At Providence College, we try to make your transfer application process as personalized and comprehensive as possible. An admission interview — which we recommend but do not require — is the best way to get to know the College and to plan effectively for transition. Interviews are scheduled by appointment, so be sure to email the transfer counselor at dgingles@providence.edu to arrange a virtual or in-person interview.

A student-guided tour also can help you learn more about Providence College. These 75-minute tours provide an overview of the campus environment and we ask that you register in advance at providence.edu/visit so that we may prepare for your arrival.

Transfer Guidelines

Transfer admission is selective, but our experienced staff is sensitive to individual circumstances and needs. Our Committee on Admission will review your application, college transcripts, high school records, college courses in progress, standardized test scores (if you choose to submit them), required essay, and intended major (if you have selected one), as well as college disciplinary records to assess whether your credentials and attributes make the grade.

We require a full year of coursework, in full-time attendance, at another accredited institution for students who have previously applied to the Providence College day school but were not granted admission. We strongly recommend the successful completion of approximately 24 credits in one year of full-time study. Courses pursued at a two-year college should reflect a broad, liberal arts perspective. If you are attending a community college, the associate in arts in liberal arts (often called simply a “transfer program”) is your best choice. If you need advice or recommendations for a program of study that will transfer well to PC, please contact the transfer counselor at dgingles@providence.edu. Transfer applicants should achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) in order to be in a competitive position for consideration by the Committee on Admission.

Transfer Credit Policy

Transfer students are required to email course descriptions/syllabi to syllabi@providence.edu at the time of application. Faculty members will review these syllabi to determine if the courses will transfer for elective credit, fulfill major requirements, or satisfy core curriculum requirements.

The following practices are utilized at Providence College for approving the transfer of credit:

- Courses pursued at a regionally accredited college or university;
- Courses proposed for transfer credit that have been determined, after course description/syllabus evaluation by the appropriate academic department, to be comparable in content to courses at Providence College;
- Individual courses in which the applicant earned a grade of C or better. (Please note that C- grades do not transfer for credit.) Courses taken pass/fail

may be evaluated for transfer credit provided a student can offer official documentation of a letter grade of C or better earned in the course.

- Coursework must have been completed no more than 10 years prior to matriculation. Exceptions to this regulation will be considered on an individual basis. Due to COVID-19, pass grades will be accepted for the Spring 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021 semesters without documentation.

You will find classes that have been previously reviewed for transfer credit to Providence College in the Transfer Course Equivalency Database at providence.edu/transfer-course-equivalency. If you are unable to find a course, be sure to send your class course description/syllabus to syllabi@providence.edu as part of your application process.

Transfer applicants are asked to forward an official College Board score for any high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses in which they earned a 4 or 5 on the examination. Providence College also recognizes credit earned through the International Baccalaureate (IB), an internationally recognized curriculum and examination program. Applicants should submit official documentation of each IB Higher Level examination for which they earned a score of 5, 6, or 7 to the Office of Admission. Each successfully passed IB Higher Level examination will earn three credits.

Please note that AP, IB, or dual enrollment credit is used for placement only and will not advance a student’s standing. For additional information regarding college credit earned while in high school, please reference the Providence College Undergraduate Catalog.

The maximum number of transfer credits that may be applied to a Providence College degree program is 60. Transfer students must complete a minimum of four semesters in full-time attendance (including junior and senior years) to be eligible to receive a degree from Providence College.

PC requires that *at least* half of the credits required for any major, minor, or certificate program must be completed at Providence College or through an officially affiliated program.

Deadlines, Review, and Notification

We encourage a timely filing of your application for transfer admission consideration. Deadlines are December 1 for the spring term or April 1 for the fall term.

→ SPRING TERM DEADLINE: 12/1

REVIEW OF COMPLETE APPLICATIONS BEGINS **NOVEMBER 1**.

Due to time constraints for spring entry, the College offers an admission review (upon completion of an application), beginning November 1.

→ FALL TERM PRIORITY DEADLINE: 4/1

→ FALL TERM DEADLINE: 5/15

REVIEW OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BEGINS IN **APRIL**.

Priority deadline for the St. Rose of Lima Scholarship. Review of completed applications begins in April.

Providence College selectively reviews the applicant group as a whole. Students who have submitted complete applications by April 1 can expect to receive notification from the Committee on Admission beginning in mid- to late April. Students who submit incomplete applications by the April 1 deadline will receive notification about two weeks after final documentation is received.

Three decisions emerge from review by the Committee on Admission: acceptance, denial, or deferral. Deferral is a common practice whereby the Committee on Admission elects to wait for coursework in progress to be completed, and final grades submitted, prior to a final admission review. Notification of the committee's decision follows as soon as possible — normally within five business days of the receipt of the requested grades.

The Committee on Admission sometimes recommends the completion of an additional semester in a full-time liberal arts curriculum prior to further admission consideration. This is also a deferral, yet it differs from the regular deferral process. In such instances, the committee has determined that, for sound academic reasons, the student is better served by waiting for admission consideration for the next entry term. The student is notified of the committee's decision and is given an option of progressing with review for admission consideration for the next term or withdrawing the application.

St. Rose of Lima Transfer Scholarship

Academic-based merit transfer scholarships of \$20,000 per year are available to transfer students who have demonstrated superior academic performance in college coursework completed prior to enrolling at Providence College. Students who have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 in a rigorous full-time liberal arts program of study will be considered for these awards. While a 3.5 cumulative GPA does not guarantee a scholarship, it suggests the minimum type of performance necessary to be a competitive candidate. Students must complete a full year of coursework before transferring to Providence College to be eligible for consideration for the St. Rose of Lima Transfer Scholarship. The scholarship is renewable for each year of uninterrupted study at Providence College but will not extend past the expected date of graduation year as indicated on the enrollment reservation form. The scholarship is available only for students entering in the fall semester. It is strongly suggested students apply by the April 1 Priority Deadline to be considered for this scholarship.

Financial Aid

At Providence College, we share your concerns about meeting the costs of a private college education and hope the multifaceted financial assistance that PC provides will be of help to you in formulating your transfer plans. Providence College is committed to assisting eligible students, within the limits of available institutional and federal funding. Need-based aid is available through institutional and federal need-based grants, loans, and work opportunities. Transfer students must complete the CSS Profile Form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by May 15 for fall applicants and December 1 for spring applicants. If students and/or their parents own a business or farm, they are also required to submit business tax returns depending on the type of business in which they and/or their parents have any interest or percentage of ownership. Additionally, mid-year transfer applicants are required to provide a Financial Aid Transcript from their current college's financial aid office. The FAFSA code for Providence College is 003406. The CSS Profile Code is 3693. International students applying for financial aid should reference the International Students section. Please be advised that for spring term admission, financial aid funds are limited and may not be available. For a complete listing of required forms and deadlines, please see financial-aid.providence.edu.

International Students

Appreciating the wealth of cultural perspectives and experiences international students bring to campus, PC welcomes applicants from across the globe. International students are considered for September admission to full-time programs. Transcripts in other languages must be accompanied by a certified English translation. International applicants must satisfy identical entrance requirements and adhere to the same application procedures outlined for other transfer candidates.

Students whose native language is not English must submit the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS), or the Duolingo English Test (OLET).

Candidates will be considered for admission and institutional need-based financial assistance based upon a review of academic qualifications, financial need, and availability of student aid resources. Since financial assistance is extremely limited for international transfer students, the Committee on Admission is need aware when reviewing international applications. Therefore, those international students who demonstrate they can afford the cost of attendance will be given preference in the evaluation process. International students who do not plan to apply for need-based financial assistance are still required to submit the International Student Certification of Finances (including monthly statements for the three months prior to date of application submission) at the time they apply for admission.

International students seeking consideration for need-based financial assistance are required to submit the International Student Financial Aid Application, International Student Certification of Finances, and the CSS Profile Form. International students seeking additional financial assistance are also encouraged to contact local or international agencies in their home country. For more information about international admission, please visit our website at providence.edu/apply.

New Student Orientation and Registration

Upon enrollment, transfer students will receive a packet of materials from the Center for Orientation, Transitions & Leadership (OTL). Under the direction of OTL and hosted by New Student Orientation leaders, new transfer students will receive assistance in the transition to life at Providence College.

For students entering the College in the fall, there is a two-part Orientation Program. The first part takes place during the summer at which time students and their parents/guardians attend a First Day in Friartown. On this day, students will meet with an adviser, select their courses for the upcoming semester and much more. Students will then be invited back to campus for fall orientation, which takes place over the course of a weekend just before the start of the semester. Fall orientation will include opportunities for new students to connect with peers, learn about campus resources, and enjoy social events. For students entering the College in January, there is a welcome evening to learn about academic expectations, campus resources and facilities, and to meet classmates.

Undeclared Advising Program

The Undeclared Advising Program provides assistance to students who prefer to explore various academic options before committing to specific majors. Students are expected to declare a major by early March of the sophomore year, so transfer students who have completed three full-time semesters of college study prior to transfer to PC cannot apply for undeclared status.

Development of Western Civilization Program

The Dominican tradition of a values-centered education is embodied in the College's core curriculum and, particularly, the Development of Western Civilization (DWC) Program.

DWC is a required two-year program, but for a transfer student entering PC in first-semester sophomore to first-semester junior status, one year's participation in DWC is required for graduation. For those who are entering Providence College in the second semester of their

first year, the College requires the completion of three semesters of the DWC Program. Some transfer students wish to complete the full two-year program, which is an available option, but is not required. If you have taken a history course in Western Civilization at your present or previous college, it may be evaluated for elective credit, but cannot be applied to the DWC Program.

The remainder of the core curriculum also reflects the College's strong liberal arts tradition. As a transfer student, you may have completed courses that can be evaluated for credit and applied to core requirements.

Transfer courses may be articulated as equivalent to Providence College courses that meet proficiency requirements. All other proficiencies must be met through successful completion of designated Providence College day courses unless authorized through student petition.

Residence Life

All students in the first-year, sophomore, and junior classes are required to live on campus or commute from home. While we can offer housing to all new transfer students, we cannot guarantee a specific residence hall or apartment complex. First-year and sophomore students typically live in the traditional residence halls or suite-style units, while juniors also have the option of living in on-campus apartments.

Off-Campus and Commuter Life

Students who live in the local area may choose to commute to PC from home. While approximately 96 percent of our students live either on campus or in off-campus apartments in the surrounding neighborhood, commuting from home is a comfortable choice for some. The commuting student will find that PC provides an immediate welcome through its many student clubs, service organizations, intramural sports programs, and a wealth of campus events.

Learning Support

Providence College offers academic support through the Office of Academic Services (OAS) located in the Phillips Memorial Library. This multiservice office includes a tutorial center, staffed by student tutors, which provides support for certain courses and academic subjects. More specific learning assistance and accommodations are available to students with learning disabilities. Under the direction of a full-time, professional, and caring staff, OAS provides comprehensive learning resources for the College community. If you have a learning disability or disability covered by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991 and wish further information about our services, you are encouraged to contact the Office of Academic Services at 401.865.2494.

Career Services and Internships

Transfer students may be especially concerned about their choice of major and its relationship to potential career interests. The Center for Career Education and Professional Development, located in Slavin Center, serves as a central resource for information, internship opportunities, computer-assisted research, networking, and personal mentoring. From initial exploration to actual job search activities for seniors, the office provides an array of services designed to competitively position Providence College students for life after graduation.

Providence College Core Curriculum

Development of Western Civilization (as noted previously)	2 or 3 semesters
Theology	2 courses
Philosophy	2 courses
Natural Science	1 course
Social Science	1 course
Quantitative Reasoning	1 course
Fine Arts	1 course
Proficiencies	
Intensive Writing	2 courses
Oral Communication	1 course
Diversity/Cross-Cultural	1 course
Civic Engagement	1 course

Proficiencies can be filled with major, core, or elective courses.

→ **95%** of recent graduates participated in an internship or career appropriate experience.

Applying for Transfer Admission

If you believe that Providence College offers the **academic and social community you seek**, we look forward to working with you throughout the transfer application process. It is wise to begin early — comfortably in advance of the deadlines.

1. Application/Deadlines

Deadlines are:

- Fall term priority April 1
- Fall term final May 15
- Spring term December 1

2. Application Fee

Students have the option of paying the \$65 application fee by credit card or mailing a check under separate cover. If submitting a check, please be sure to include the student's full name and address with the check. Please note that this is a non-refundable fee. Requests for a fee waiver (if applicable) should be indicated on the application. The application fee is waived for students who have previously applied to the Providence College undergraduate day school.

3. College Report

Provide a copy of the Transfer College Report to the appropriate college official and have them return the completed form to pcadmiss@providence.edu. Your application will not be complete without this form.

4. Official Transcripts

Please request that the following documents be sent to Providence College:

- Official final high school transcript.
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.

There is no exception to this requirement. If you have coursework in progress at the time of your application to PC, do not wait to complete this work before sending an official transcript. Send transcripts that document all coursework completed to date.

5. Mid-Term Report

Mid-term grades should be submitted if available, but they are not required to complete an application.

6. Personal Statement

Please let us know why you wish to transfer. We will use this essay to evaluate writing skills as well as to learn about your reasons for entering the transfer process.

7. Academic Evaluation

This form may provide helpful information to the Committee on Admission. However, it is not required to complete an application.



8. Course Descriptions/Class Syllabi

Please email course descriptions or class syllabi for all of your courses, including those you are currently taking, to syllabi@providence.edu.

If you no longer have your class syllabi, you can request them directly from your professor, or contact the academic department in which the course was taken. Courses cannot be evaluated to meet core requirements without the class syllabi.

9. Standardized Test Scores

Submission of standardized test scores is optional. Students who choose not to submit SAT or ACT test scores will not be penalized in the review for admission.

10. Submitting Your Supporting Materials

Supporting materials should be emailed to pcadmiss@providence.edu. Any mailed documents should be sent to:

Providence College
Office of Admission
1 Cunningham Square
Providence, RI
02918-0001

11. Active Email Address

Please be aware that Providence College notifies students of their application status via email. Therefore, it is important to provide us with a valid email address which will be active throughout the application process.



PC by the numbers

4,128

UNDERGRADUATE
DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

92%

OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
RETURN FOR THEIR
SOPHOMORE YEAR

12:1

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

300+

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

20

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

95%

OF 2020 GRADUATES PARTICIPATED
IN AN INTERNSHIP OR CAREER-
APPROPRIATE EXPERIENCE
BY THE TIME THEY GRADUATED

25

DOMINICAN FRIARS AND SISTERS
TEACH ON CAMPUS

89%

OF 2020 GRADUATES EMPLOYED AND/OR
IN GRADUATE SCHOOL WITHIN SIX MONTHS
OF GRADUATION FROM PC WERE WORKING
IN THEIR DESIRED FIELDS

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