

Questions To Consider When Working with Transfer Students

During the initial meeting:

Questions to Ask

- 1) What was the reason you decided to transfer? Was this planned or unplanned?
- 2) Have you ever transferred before? If so, how was that experience for you?
- 3) Tell me about a time you experienced academic success at your previous college. Why was it a success? What did you do to make it a success? Who helped you?
 - a. How may you be able to utilize a similar strategy here?
- 4) How would you describe the previous school you transferred from?
- 5) Could you share some of the systems and offices that you used at your previous institution?
- 6) Describe what your ideal college life looks like. Why?
- 7) How are you feeling about your transfer to UNL? (positive, neutral, negative) (What are you excited/nervous about as you start here?)
- 8) What have been the biggest stressors for you as you have gone through the process of transferring?
- 9) What are you expecting about academics and classes here at UNL in comparison to your previous school?
- 10) How confident do you feel that you will be successful at UNL?
- 11) Is your intention to complete your degree here at UNL? What is the highest level of degree you are trying to earn?
- 12) What do you feel you will need here at UNL to be successful?
- 13) Talk about some of the people you feel you will need to reach out to in order to be successful?
- 14) Are you intending to work while you are here at UNL? If so, what systems do you have in place to continue to ensure your academic success?

Questions to think about (not necessarily asked directly)

- 1) How much control did the student have in making the decision to transfer?
- 2) Is the reason (particularly for swirlers) for the move simple or complicated; that is, did it involve more considerations than a desire to take courses or declare a major not offered at the previous institution(s)?
- 3) How does the student's non-verbal communication match with their verbal responses? Are they congruent?

Any meetings after a transfer student has started attending UNL:

Questions to Ask

- 1) How are you feeling about your transition so far to UNL? (positive, neutral, negative)
- 2) How big of a change has it been coming from your previous school to UNL?
- 3) How has it been finding your way around campus?
- 4) What or who have you used for assistance as you have been transitioning? What has that experience been like?
- 5) Do you feel you have changed in any way since transferring? **OR** Have you constructed a new identity of yourself? If so, how?
- 6) How have you gone about meeting new people and creating new friendships here? Has it been easy/ hard?
- 7) Talk about some of the ways you have gotten involved on campus so far?
- 8) Are there things or types of activities you are not currently involved in, that you were previously?
- 9) How are you feeling about where your grades are in your classes? How do they compare to your grades at your previous school?
 - a. If they are different, what have been some of the reasons you feel the grades are different?
- 10) Where do you tend to study? Do you study alone or with others?
- 11) Are there any areas about UNL (resources, deadlines, locations, etc), that are still confusing or complicated?

Questions to think about (not necessarily asked directly)

- 1) How has the transfer student's role changed as a result of transfer?
- 2) What stressors is the transfer student verbalizing? Are there particular resources I should be connecting them to?

If Nothing Else, Ask these two questions:

- 1) **What do you feel you need to be successful?**
- 2) **Who are some of the people you reach out to?**

Resources Related to Transfer Students

Admissions

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College/ Department Specific Questions

College Advising Contacts- for most up-to-date information on college contacts for transfer students, see the following link: <http://admissions.unl.edu/specialized-information/transfer-student/advising-contacts.aspx>

Transfer Learning Community:

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Online Resources

Transfer Student Admissions Requirements: <http://admissions.unl.edu/become/requirements/transfer.aspx>
Transfer student websites: transfer2@unl.edu OR <http://success.unl.edu/transfer>
Transfer Credit Equivalencies: <http://admissions.unl.edu/nebraska/equivalency.aspx>
Transferring Military Credit: <http://admissions.unl.edu/specialized-information/military/military-credit.aspx>
International Transfer Student (Admissions): <http://global.unl.edu/apply/transfer.aspx>
Transfer Student Learning Community: <http://www.unl.edu/learncom/ulc/transfer>
Scholarships for Transfer Students: http://www.unl.edu/scholfa/transfer_students.shtml
Off-Campus Housing: <http://asun.unl.edu/content/rental>
On-Campus Daycare: <http://childcare.unl.edu/>
Transfer Peer Mentoring Program: <http://transfer2.unl.edu/transfer-peer-mentoring-program>
Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs): go.unl.edu/rsolist
Frequently Asked Questions (Admissions): <http://admissions.unl.edu/specialized-information/transfer-student/faq.aspx>