



# The Transfer Times

Grays Harbor College

Winter 2012

## Don't Forget:

- Renew your FAFSA for 2012-2013
- See your advisor for help registering for classes
- Students w/ 24+ credits can register March 5th
- Students w/ 23 credits or less must see their advisor to get a registration pin and can register starting March 9th
- Activate your GHC chokemail account so you don't miss important GHC info.

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## GHC Scholarships

Grays Harbor College and the Grays Harbor College Foundation award hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of scholarships each year. If you want to be eligible for one of the more than 150 scholarships available, you will need to submit your application before the March 8th deadline.

### How to Apply

Applying involves going to: <http://www.ghc.edu/stars.html>

and creating an account. You will then submit all of your application documents online through your account.

### What to Submit

#### Personal Statement/Essay:

Most of the scholarships will require you to write a personal statement about plans and goals for your time at Grays Harbor College and beyond including how you have and will make a positive contribution to your community. Some scholarships require you to construct an essay to answer different specific questions. Be certain to read all directions carefully.

#### Letters of Recommendation:

You will upload 2 recent letters of recommendation from people who can speak to the quality of your work and personal attributes.



**Apply Online NOW!!!**

*Paperless scholarship application*

## Applications due March 8th

#### Academic Resume:

You will upload a document that lists your education, work experience, achievements, and activities.

#### Transcript:

You will upload your most recent unofficial transcript.

#### Help with Uploads

If you don't happen to have a scanner at home to upload letters of recommendation,



resume's, and transcripts, you can stop by the Media Center in the library (Room 1515) and staff can assist you.

### Tips for Letters of Recommendation

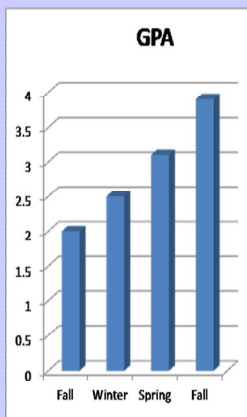
Letters of recommendation should be current, and it is a plus if they are directed specifically to the GHC scholarships. So, general letters from 2-3 years ago will not be valued as highly as up-to-date ones that speak directly to your prospects at Grays Harbor College. Letters should be written by people that know your positive attributes and can write about your academic and occupational strengths. Some common people to ask for letters would be instructors, supervisors, co-workers, and coaches. In order to help your writers create a great letter, you can give them a copy of your personal statement and academic resume. It can be a plus if the letters of recommendation demonstrate a knowledge of who you are and echo the goals and plans that you included in your personal statement.

## Winter Transfer Fair

**Thursday Feb. 16th  
10:00AM - 1:00PM  
In the HUB**

This year's Winter Transfer Fair is the biggest yet, with representatives from 17 different institutions visiting GHC to give you information about their programs and transfer requirements. Come stop by the HUB on Feb. 16th with your questions.

Art Institute of Seattle	University of Phoenix
Brandman University	Saint Martin's University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U.	Seattle University
The Evergreen State College	UW Bothell
Central Washington University	UW Tacoma
City University	Western Governors University
DeVry University	Washington State University
University of Idaho	WSU Vancouver
International University of Nursing	



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## Transfer Tips for Western Washington University

In a recent edition of their *We Admit Newsletter*, WWU admissions staff gave some helpful admissions tips, and I wanted to pass them along to you. Even if you are planning to transfer to a different school, most of these tips apply to other institutions.

- **Complete college-level math and English before you apply.** Your ability to succeed in these fundamental areas factors into admissions decisions. Completing these courses prior to submitting your application for admission helps to alleviate any concerns the admissions committee might have about your overall academic potential.
- Grade trends—whether up or down—are something the admissions committee notices. If your overall grade point average isn't strong, **strive to demonstrate a sustained turnaround in your GPA** before you apply.
- Progress towards your intended major is an important consideration in the admissions decision, so **decide on an academic major and take required courses before you transfer.** Detailed information about options and requirements for each Western major is available in the WWU Major Guides: [http://www.wvu.edu/advising/major\\_guides.shtml](http://www.wvu.edu/advising/major_guides.shtml)
- You can also get in touch with WWU advisors to learn about prerequisites. Reviewing the online Course Equivalency Guide for Washington state community colleges and public universities: [https://admin.wvu.edu/pls/wwis/wsktcat.TE\\_Catalog](https://admin.wvu.edu/pls/wwis/wsktcat.TE_Catalog) will familiarize you with courses you can take *now* to fulfill Western's degree requirements.
- If you're planning to earn an associate's degree, **think of your 2- and 4-year degrees as overlapping**, not sequential. A course that meets a requirement for your associate's degree might also serve as a prerequisite for your intended major at Western.

### For students transferring without a transferable associates degree:

- Complete courses that will satisfy Western's General University Requirements (GUR) [http://admissions.wvu.edu/transfer/t\\_gur.html](http://admissions.wvu.edu/transfer/t_gur.html) as well as prerequisites

for your intended major, wherever possible. Reviewing the online Transfer Course Equivalency Guide for Washington state community colleges and public universities ([https://admin.wvu.edu/pls/wwis/wsktcat.TE\\_Catalog](https://admin.wvu.edu/pls/wwis/wsktcat.TE_Catalog)) will familiarize you with the courses you can take at your current college to fulfill Western's GUR.

### General Advice

**Follow instructions.** Respond quickly to requests for information, and **stay on top of deadlines.** Ensure that your application, application fee, and all transcripts are postmarked by the application deadline. Pay attention to other deadlines, including financial aid and housing. Detailed application instructions are available online: [http://admissions.wvu.edu/transfer/t\\_instructions.html](http://admissions.wvu.edu/transfer/t_instructions.html)

### Advice for WWU essay questions

While students have the option to respond to as many essay questions as are relevant, WWU encourages students to provide the kinds of responses found most valuable in the comprehensive review. WWU appreciates it when students' voices shine through and WWU appreciates it when students feel compelled to share their goals, accomplishments, and any stumbling blocks they've faced along the way. WWU values students' self-reflection and self-awareness when it comes to their learning, growth and development.

### Required

Tell WWU about your educational and/or career goals, including academic preparation, life experiences, enrichment activities, future plans, etc. In addition, feel free to address what makes Western Washington University a good match for your interests.

### Optional

1. Western benefits from a student body whose energy and interests extend beyond the classroom. What interests or significant activities enrich your life?
2. Describe any special circumstances or hurdles that have challenged you personally or academically, and steps you have taken to move beyond those challenges.

## Reach out to Advisors for Transfer Help

Transferring can involve many details and much planning. It involves picking your top choices for schools and learning what classes to take to prepare for your chosen major. It involves discovering the application procedures for admission and financial aid, and it involves making the transition from GHC to your new school by registering for classes and possibly relocating and obtaining housing. You are not alone in the process. Reach out to advisors when you need help.

### Transfer Advisor

Brian Shook in the Counseling

Center is the GHC transfer advisor and can help you with the transfer process. 360-538-4015, bshook@ghc.edu

### GHC Permanent Advisor

When you first enrolled in classes at GHC, you were assigned to a permanent advisor. He or she is a great transfer resource. If you don't know who your advisor is, the Admissions and Records office can help you find out.

### 4-Year University Advisors

Admissions and major

advisors at the schools you want to transfer to are a great resource. For example, if you were thinking about being a business major at the University of Washington, you could go the UW webpage at [www.washington.edu](http://www.washington.edu) and search for the school of business. On the Foster School of Business webpage, you will then discover that you can email or call 206.685.3400 to talk to an academic counselor.

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## CWU Dual Admissions Program Coming Soon

Over the last year, Central Washington University has piloted a dual admissions program at a number of community colleges around the state, and in the near future CWU plans to open up the program to all Washington community college students. The program has the goal to streamline the admissions, advising, and transfer process.

Margaret Badgley from CWU says, "Students who participate

in the program are considered fully admitted to the community college and conditionally admitted to CWU. They benefit from access to resources at both institutions during their community college career, they're better prepared to transition into their baccalaureate program, and the \$50 application fee to Central is waived."

With this dual admissions program, students develop personalized academic plans that

outline all the courses needed to be completed at the community college level in order to transfer smoothly to a bachelor's degree program at one of the CWU campuses. Badgley says, "Students can take advantage of lower tuition for their first two years at the community college and know they're on track academically."

Be on the look out for more information about this interesting dual admissions program.



A CWU Dual Admissions program can save students money and smooth out the transfer process

## CWU Online Programs

In addition to programs offered at the Ellensburg campus and branch campuses, Central Washington University now offers several Bachelor's and Master's degrees in a completely online format. Here are available bachelor's programs:

- BS - Information Technology and Administrative

Management

- BS Interdisciplinary Studies - Social Sciences
- BS Paramedicine
- BA Psychology
- BA Sociology

There are also minors available

in Administrative Management, Family Studies, Latino and Latin American Studies, Psychology, Retail Management Technology, and Sociology.

An appropriate GHC transfer degree would be good preparation for most of these majors. For more information, please see: <http://www.cwu.edu/~avpugrad/OnlineLearning/>



CWU offers affordable bachelors and masters degrees online

# Spotlight on Brandman University

**B**randman University is a regionally accredited private non-profit university focused on serving working adults, and some programs may be good fits for GHC students not able to relocate. You may not have heard of Brandman because the name is fairly new to the area.

## History

Chapman University, founded over 150 years ago, is a well know private university in California. Chapman University focuses on educating "traditional" students at the original campus, and over the years the Chapman University System has opened a network of 25 campuses throughout California and Washington to serve military personnel and working adults. The branch of the university system that serves this demographic had a name change about three years ago and is now called Brandman University.

## Programs Online and in Lacey

Below is a list of possible degrees offered at the Lacey campus. Brandman has even more offerings as part of their online program. Go to: <http://www.brandman.edu/online/programs.asp> for a complete list of programs offered online including a unique RN to BSN degree program.

### Lacey Campus:

BA, Criminal Justice  
BA, Early Childhood Development  
BA, Legal Studies  
BA, Organizational Leadership  
BA, Org. Leadership, Organization Administration  
BA, Org. Leadership, Organization Communication  
BA, Org. Leadership, Supply Chain Systems  
BA, Psychology  
BA, Social Science  
BBA, Business Administration  
BBA, Business Admin., Accounting  
BBA, Business Admin., Entrepreneurship  
BBA, Business Admin., Finance  
BBA, Business Admin., General Business  
BBA, Business Admin., Human Resources  
BBA, Business Admin., Info. Systems Management

BBA, Business Admin., Marketing  
BBA, Business Admin., Org. Communication  
BBA, Business Admin., Organizational Leadership  
BBA, Business Admin., Supply Chain Systems  
BS, Computing Technology (Bangor Campus in Silverdale, WA)

## What are Blended Programs?

Brandman students have the option to combine classroom and web-based courses. So, for any given term, students can take all classroom classes, a combination of classroom and web-based courses, or all web-based courses. Also, the classroom based courses are held at night to allow for working adults to complete programs with minimal impact to their work schedule. With a blended program, it would not be uncommon for a student to travel to the Lacey campus for class only one or two evenings a week depending on how many courses they are enrolled in.

## Brandman Accepts All GHC Associate Degrees

Grays Harbor College offers transfer associate degrees such as the AA, AB DTA, Associate in Pre-Nursing and AS, and GHC offers technical degrees such as the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) and Associate in Technology (AT). Traditionally, technical degrees such as the AAS and AT don't transfer well to bachelors degree granting institutions, but Brandman University will count any GHC associate degree at 60 semester credits towards their bachelors degree programs.

## Year-Round Sessions and Rolling Admissions

Brandman offers 6-8 week terms that start year-round. Sometimes this allows students to complete their program more quickly than universities using a traditional quarter or semester system. Also, Brandman has rolling admissions so that new students can start as soon as they have completed the enrollment process and a new term begins.

## Executive Coaching

Brandman students have access to one-on-one mentoring 24/7. This mentoring may be one of the factors that leads to a claimed 70% graduation rate and a 2% loan default rate.

For more information go to: [www.brandman.edu](http://www.brandman.edu)



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