

Transferring to Stanford University with Dean of Admission and Students

Your Story, Your Shot: Demystifying the Community College-to-Stanford Transfer Process

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**Friday November 14, 2025,
3pm-4:30pm PST**

Register: <https://premedcc.org/courses/fri-nov-14-2025-your-story-your-shot-demystifying-the-community-college-to-stanford-transfer-process/>

OPEN to ALL Students and MAJORS

Workshop Description:

Dreaming of transferring from community college to Stanford but unsure where to start? In this candid, step-by-step session, Richard H. Shaw, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions & Financial Aid, and Ingrid Anderson, PhD, Director of the Transfer Advising Program, will explain how Stanford reviews community college applicants in context—course rigor, GPA trends, intellectual vitality, purpose for transfer, and authentic contributions to campus and community. Learn how to build a competitive academic plan (calculus, lab sciences, writing, and humanities), choose courses that demonstrate readiness for upper-division work, and align your interests with research and honors opportunities you can pursue after transfer. We'll cover timelines and checklists, credit transfer realities, crafting evidence-based essays, selecting recommenders who can speak to your growth, and presenting leadership, work, and family responsibilities as strengths. You'll also hear how need-based aid works at Stanford, including scholarships, work-study, and special considerations for independent and first-gen students. You can come, ask your questions and get answers tailored to your situation. Most importantly, come hear directly from the source instead of second-hand or bad information or people that have no clue about the admission process. Leave with clear next steps, a planning worksheet you can adapt, and the confidence to take your best shot.

Community College to Stanford: Student Stories Panel

Saturday November 15, 2025,

10am-11:30am PST

Register: <https://premedcc.org/courses/sat-nov-15-2025-community-college-to-stanford-student-stories-panel/>

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Workshop Description:

Thinking about transferring to Stanford from community college and wondering what it really takes—academically, financially, and personally? Hear it straight from current and recent Stanford transfer students as they share the steps they took from local campuses to The Farm. You'll learn how they built rigorous course plans, balanced jobs and family, found mentors, and turned everyday experiences into compelling stories for essays, recommendations, and interviews. We'll discuss choosing classes that demonstrate readiness for upper-division work, securing research and clinical opportunities as a pre-med, navigating timelines, and making smart use of advising. Panelists will also cover financial aid, scholarships, work-study, housing, and what day-to-day life looks like after transfer—study strategies, finding community, imposter syndrome, and wellness. You can come, ask your questions and get answers specific to your situation. Most importantly, come hear directly from the source instead of second hand or bad information or people that have no clue about the admission process. Whether you're early in prerequisites or preparing to submit, you'll leave with concrete next steps, a clearer sense of fit, and practical tips to present your strongest, most authentic application from community college to Stanford.