

WHAT IS THE BAKERSFIELD TRANSFER PROMISE

The Bakersfield Transfer Promise is a commitment to help students complete their Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) within two instructional years. Using a shared responsibility model based on structure support and priority access to courses, students in the program will partner with their completion coach to maintain program eligibility and achieve academic success.

Upon successful completion of The Bakersfield Transfer Promise and Associate Degree for Transfer, students will be guaranteed junior standing admission at one of the 23 campuses of the California State University system.

Eligibility Requirements

- First time college student
- Graduate from a Kern County high school and apply to and join the program during the year of graduation
- Declared an Associate Degree for Transfer Pathway
- Have a completed FAFSA or California Dream Act Application on file
- Eligible for enrollment in college level English and Math (ENGL B1A and MATH B22, B1A, B23, B4A, PSYC B5, or higher)
- Ability to attend full-time (30 units per year)
- An incoming cumulative (9th - 11th grade) GPA of 2.6

The Bakersfield Transfer Promise Application

An application is required to be considered for acceptance and participation in the Bakersfield Transfer Promise Program for the cohort beginning in Fall. Applications will be accepted online from March 1st – March 31st, in your InsideBC portal on the BC website.

The Bakersfield Transfer Promise Day

Once accepted into the Bakersfield Transfer Promise, you will attend the Bakersfield Transfer Promise Day and complete a Promise Agreement, signifying your commitment to the program and its requirements to begin your two year journey towards graduation and/or transfer.

March 31, 2017

Bakersfield Transfer Program **PRIORITY Deadline**

February - April

Complete ASEP with BC staff, and enroll in Fall courses by your priority registration date

Summer 2017

Transfer Promise Day and Agreement Signing (this serves as your Bridge to BC date)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the benefits of participating in The Bakersfield Transfer Promise Program?

- A:
- Priority registration to ensure you get the classes you need
 - Connections with peers on similar paths and time lines
 - Recognition at the annual Student Leadership and Involvement Ceremony
 - Bakersfield Transfer Promise Scholarship eligibility*
 - A Comprehensive Student Educational Plan (CSEP) that maps out your classes from your first semester to your last
 - Free tickets to home football games
 - A Completion Coaching Team to serve as a resource and provide structured support to enable completion of a degree and/or transfer within 2 years

Q: How do I know if I am eligible for enrollment in college level English and Math (ENGL B1A and MATH B22, B1A, B23, B4A, PSYC B5, or higher)?

A: After completing the BC Assessment Test, you will receive information regarding the English, math, and reading classes in which you are eligible to enroll. If you have not taken the Assessment at the time of applying, BC will evaluate your high school transcript to help place you.

Submit a copy of your transcripts to:

BCPromise@bakersfieldcollege.edu

once you submit your Bakersfield Transfer Promise application online. Unofficial transcripts are ok.

Q: Does participation in the Promise cover the cost of tuition, fees, or books?

A: Your Completion Coaching Team is dedicated to working with you to address your unique financial needs, and they will provide you specific information on financial aid including opportunities to receive scholarships, grants, and/or loans that may be available to assist with tuition, fees and books.*

Q: What is required of me for my participation in The Bakersfield Transfer Promise?

- A:
- You MUST maintain full-time status (30 units per year)
 - Enrollment in English and Math during the first year
 - Complete a Comprehensive Student Educational Plan (CSEP) by the end of October (Fall semester)
 - Maintain good academic standing and progress in courses (2.0 GPA or Higher)
 - Participate and communicate with your Completion Coaching team twice per semester

Q: Can I take as few or as many credits as I'd like?

A: NO! Successful and timely completion of The Bakersfield Transfer Program is contingent on consistently being enrolled in 15 units per semester during both Fall and Spring (or 30 units per year). Taking units during summer can help spread out units, which may be more comfortable for some students. You will be active in the development of your CSEP and a member of your Completion Coaching Team will help you determine how to balance your course load for each semester.

Q: Can I do anything to make sure I have a jumpstart on classes?

A: Yes! Take one or two classes during the summer after you graduate high school and before your fall semester at BC. This will help lighten your future semesters. This is also very important if your major requires multiple math and/or science courses.

Q: What majors qualify for the program?

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| Administration of Justice (AS-T) | Early Childhood Education (AS-T) | Kinesiology (AA-T) | Psychology (AA-T) |
| Anthropology (AA-T) | Economics (AA-T) | Mathematics (AS-T) | Public Health (AS-T) |
| Biology (AS-T) | Elementary Teacher Education (AA-T) | Music (AA-T) | Sociology (AA-T) |
| Business Administration (AS-T) | English (AA-T) | Philosophy (AA-T) | Spanish (AA-T) |
| Chemistry (AS-T) | Geology (AS-T) | Physics (AS-T) | Studio Arts (AA-T) |
| Communication Studies (AA-T) | History (AA-T) | Political Science (AA-T) | Theatre Arts (AA-T) |
| Computer Science (AS-T) | Journalism (AA-T) | | |