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California Community Colleges and California State University Launch New Associate Degree for Transfer Website – ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com

Website Serves as Comprehensive Resource for Information about New Transfer Degree

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Community Colleges and the California State University have launched a new website that provides comprehensive information about the new Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) pathway that lets students earn an associate degree and a bachelor's degree, with no wasted units. The website, ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com, is the ultimate resource for students and parents to learn about the Associate Degree for Transfer.

"An Associate Degree for Transfer will ease the transfer process for California community college students to transfer to a CSU campus and ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com is the best place for students and parents to get information about this exciting new program," said Acting California Community Colleges Chancellor Erik Skinner.

The key features of the website include:

- Complete details on how the new transfer pathway works
- Up-to-date information about the transfer majors available by California community college campuses that are matched to similar bachelor's degrees at California State University campuses
- Interactive maps that help students find a campus
- Application information
- A degree progress checklist
- Testimonials from students who have earned an Associate Degree for Transfer and successfully transferred to a California State University campus

"ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com explains how the new transfer pathway works and the many benefits for students to earn an Associate Degree for Transfer," said Ephraim P. Smith, California State University executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer. "This is an excellent tool and we're excited to share it with students, parents and the people who will help them make informed decisions about pursuing their bachelor's degrees."

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, Padilla) became law in 2010 and requires the California Community Colleges and California State University to collaborate on the creation of AA-T and AS-T degrees. Upon earning these degrees, students will be guaranteed admission to a California State University campus with junior standing. While not guaranteed admission to their campus of choice, students will be given priority consideration for admission to a California State University campus that offers a program that has been designated as "similar" by California State University. Once enrolled at California State University campus, students will be able to complete a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree with no more than 60 additional units.

Community colleges offer more than 450 new associate degrees for transfer in 20 of the most popular transfer majors, and more are being added. These degrees provide pathways to more than 300 baccalaureate degrees across the California State University system. ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com will be updated frequently as more degrees become available every term.

About the California Community Colleges

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.4 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the California Community Colleges system, please visit: <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>.

Connect with and learn more about the California Community Colleges system at [California Community Colleges social media](#).

About the California State University

The [California State University](#) is the largest system of senior higher education in the country, with 23 campuses, approximately 427,000 students and 44,000 faculty and staff. The CSU awards about 99,000 degrees annually and since its creation in 1961 has conferred nearly 2.4 million. The CSU is renowned for the quality of its teaching and for the job-ready graduates it produces. The mission of the CSU is to provide high-quality, affordable education to meet the ever changing needs of the people of California. With its commitment to excellence, diversity and innovation, the CSU is the university system that is working for California.

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