

California State University (CSU) Transfer Success Pathway (TSP)



What is the type of admissions redesign?

Dual Admissions: Students starting their postsecondary education at a two-year institution may also be conditionally admitted to a partnering four-year institution and provided with supports from both institutions to facilitate their successful transfer contingent on completing applicable requirements.

In which state is it based?

California

What state postsecondary agency or system sponsors the program?

California State University (CSU)

When was the program first started?

2023

Does the student or state agency/system initiate the admissions process?

Student


What are the central characteristics of the program?

Dual admission is an agreement between one of 22 California State Universities and a California Community College. Students are conditionally accepted into both institutions simultaneously, and will receive advising and support services to transfer to the university. Eligible students enter into an agreement with the CSU and receive guaranteed admission to a CSU campus upon completing the requirements at the community college and meeting the agreed-upon TSP criteria.¹

Program Scope 	Does the program include all high school districts or only a portion ? Is opt-in required?	Students from all high schools are eligible.
	Does the program support admission to four-year institutions, two-year institutions, or both ?	Both four-year and two-year institutions participate.
	Which institutions are participating in the program?	All California Community Colleges and all CSU campuses participate.
Eligibility Criteria and Application 	What are the academic eligibility criteria for students?	Students are eligible for the TSP program if they are enrolling in a California Community College and have not earned any college credit since completing high school or earning a GED; students taking college courses the summer immediately following high school graduation are also still eligible.
	Are students still required to apply to postsecondary institutions?	Students who entered into a TSP agreement will need to submit an application via Cal State Apply when they are ready to transfer. Once the university receives the student's application, during its admissions cycle, the student will receive an acceptance letter. Students must also meet all TSP requirements within three years of community college enrollment.
	Is the application fee waived ?	Students applying for admission to the CSU through Cal State Apply will automatically be considered for an application fee waiver based on the information in the application.

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 <p>Data and Policy</p>	<p>What is the data source for the program?</p>	<p>Student participation will be tracked by each university system’s transfer planner tool. These tools will allow students to complete eligibility questionnaires; research campuses and majors; review agreement requirements; select and confirm agreements; and identify their primary CCC. Furthermore, students will use these tools to enter academic data; track progress; research career opportunities; create reminders; and prepopulate their application with their information when they are ready to transfer.</p>
	<p>Did the state or system adopt policy related to the program, and if so what does the policy include?</p>	<p>Yes; the Postsecondary Education Trailer Bill (Assembly Bill 132), passed by the California State Legislature in July 2021, established Education Code 66744.2 and 66744.1, which requests that the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) establish a dual admissions program as a separate transfer pathway for first-time first-year applicants.</p>

Information above is up to date as of December 2025

<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/tsp-faq.aspx>