

Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences Transition Checklist

Congratulations! We are so proud and excited that you are furthering your education beyond The School District of Lancaster. The Future Ready Center team is here to support you through the summer and into college! You can get support two different ways:

- Sign up for text messaging with the Future Ready Center:
www.tinyurl.com/McCaskeytext
- Complete this form to request a meeting:
www.tinyurl.com/TornadoRequest

Helpful Tip: If you are struggling with anything that isn't addressed here, you may also want to contact 211. Simply call 211 on your phone or message online with their staff at <http://www.pa211east.org/Lancaster>. All information is confidential, and they can refer you to local service providers who can help with anything including housing, food, and counseling.

Financial Aid

- ☐ **Complete Any Outstanding Financial Aid Verification:** Do you have any outstanding issues with financial aid that need to be addressed? If so, take care of those as soon as possible so you can access your federal aid to pay for school.
- ☐ **Complete Entrance Counseling for Federal Loans:** This is mandatory to receive federal loans. Failing to do so will leave you unable to use these loans for college. Complete the counseling carefully; this is important information about debt you are taking on.
- ☐ **Address Financial Gap by Requesting Additional Aid:** Your college may have additional aid available to assist you. Use SwiftStudent to complete a financial aid appeal, then submit the documents to your college's financial aid office. You can access the tool at <https://formswift.com/swift-student>.
- ☐ **Pay \$250 enrollment deposit:** Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences requires an enrollment deposit to hold your spot. Be sure to pay this as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss on the start of your program.
- ☐ **Pay Tuition Bill:** Pay special attention to when your tuition bill arrives. There will likely be a fairly quick turnaround to submit your payment. Fall tuition is due early August. To pay for your courses you will need to have all your financial aid finalized and loan counseling completed.

Registration

- ☐ **Submit final high school transcript:** PA College of Health Sciences requires a high school transcript as proof of high school completion
- ☐ **Attend New Student Orientation Academic Advising Session:** This session helps explain all the tasks you must complete prior to August 1, and will assist you with

registering for classes. Details for session dates are listed in the New Student Orientation Guide.

- **Complete New Student Orientation Tasks:** The New Student Orientation Guide outlines everything you need to know to be successful at PA College. The orientation includes information on required vital documents, required clinical uniforms, textbooks, direct deposit enrollment for refunds, Blackboard education, and how to obtain your College ID badge.

Get Campus Ready

- **Purchase a Laptop and Supplies:** A laptop, while expensive, is extremely necessary for college classes. Regardless of the school you attend, it will be essential for completing your work. There are some low cost options, like Chromebooks. You don't need that MacBook pro unless you are in a program that specifically requires it. If you are struggling financially, contact your college, they may have loaner laptops you can borrow for a set period of time. Make sure to purchase whatever supplies you need for your program and anything you need for your dorm if you're living on campus. Here's a list of items you should plan on bringing: www.tinyurl.com/SeniorCollegeList.
- **Purchase Textbooks:** Do this as soon as you're signed up for classes. Check your campus bookstore website for the list of books you will need for each course. If receiving financial aid, you may be able to utilize a voucher to cover the cost of your textbooks. You can also consider the following cheaper options:
 - **Rentals:** Great if you need them for a general education course not in your field of interest. www.Bookscouter.com allows you to see the cheapest rentals across all the largest textbook websites. Just make sure you return your books in time and in good condition, you don't want to get charged extra for them.
 - **Purchase Used:** Use www.Bookscouter.com to find the cheapest textbooks available. Simply put in your ISBN code and it will show the prices for that textbook across all the largest used textbook websites, so you can quickly compare and save money. You can then use Bookscouter again at the end of the semester to sell those same books back to those same companies.

Important Contacts

Admissions	admission@PAcollege.edu
Academic Advising	advising@PAcollege.edu
Campus Life & Student Engagement	campuslife@PAcollege.edu
Health & Wellness Services	hwservices@PAcollege.edu
Learner Support	learningcommons@PAcollege.edu
Library	library@PAcollege.edu
Student Financial Services	sfs@PAcollege.edu

Don't forget: You are brilliant! You are your own best advocate. Best of luck with your future endeavors, we are so proud of you. Don't forget to stay in touch!

Congratulations
Class of 2022!

