

Temple University 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.

Temple has an online TUportal where you can access links to everything that newly admitted students need to complete in order to start classes in the fall. The TUportal is also where you will access your campus email that you should check daily. The link below guides you to accessing the TUportal, accepting your offer of admission and provides a concise list of next steps that you should make a priority and complete every step as soon as possible.

<https://tinyurl.com/TUportalAccess>

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 Deposits:** Temple requires a \$200 enrollment and \$250 housing deposit. Be sure to pay these as soon as possible.
- **Pay Tuition Bill:** Pay special attention to when your tuition bill arrives. There will likely be a fairly quick turnaround to submit your payment. 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:** Lancaster CTC requires a high school transcript as proof of high school completion
- **Complete TOEFL Testing (if needed):** Non-native speakers of english must complete the TOEFL exam and score 70 or higher, 79 or higher for the Practical Nursing program.
- **Sign up for Fly in 4:** This is a tracking system to help ensure you graduate in four years.
- **Complete New Student Orientation:** Registration for sessions offered throughout the summer is in TUportal. At Orientation, you will register for classes and meet classmates.

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.
- **COVID Vaccination:** Temple requires all students to be fully vaccinated prior to arriving to campus, unless exempted by medical or religious reasons. For details and how to submit proof of your vaccination status, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/TUvaccines>
- **Get a Meningitis Shot (if living on campus):** All colleges in Pennsylvania require this by state law.
- **Immunizations:** For a list of Temple's required vaccinations and details on how to submit proof to the Health Portal, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/TUrequiredimmunizations>
- **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. **DO NOT** purchase your books from your college bookstore if you can avoid it. Consider the following cheaper options:
 - **Rentals:** Great if you need them for a general education course not in your field of interest. Bookscout.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 Bookscout.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 Bookscout again at the end of the semester to sell those same books back to those same companies.

Once You Get to College

- **Get to Know Your Campus Resources:** Temple has a ton of resources, resources that YOU are paying for, so make the most of them! Visit this link for information about student safety, the food pantry, student affairs department, gender neutral restrooms, housing & meal plans, on-campus dining, student activities, student center, health services, sexual misconduct and counseling center services:
<https://tinyurl.com/TUcampusresources>
- **Tutoring Center:** This facility should be your first stop when you are struggling in class or if you want help to turn in your very best work. This facility has adults and upperclassmen students who can tutor you in any academic area. It's usually free and is a fantastic way to receive help. <https://tinyurl.com/TUtutoring>
- **Bursar's Office:** This is the place to go if you need to take care of any outstanding tuition payments or if you need to get reimbursed for anything. <https://bursar.temple.edu/>
- **Career Center:** These staff will help you prepare for life after college. Make sure you make multiple appointments annually, even if you do not know what you want to do after graduation. Your career adviser should help you understand job basics, like how to write a resume and how to ace an interview, as well as find internships!
<https://tinyurl.com/TUcareer-center>
- **Financial Aid Office:** Even though you already filled out the FAFSA once, you will need to fill it out every year to receive financial aid. Stop in to meet your financial aid officer if you need help filling out your forms or have any questions about your aid package. 215-204-2244 - <https://tinyurl.com/TUfinancial-aid>
- **Housing/Residential Life:** If you need help with a housing or dormitory situation, check out this office. This is also important if you have roommate issues or something in the residency is unsatisfactory. <https://tinyurl.com/TU-housing>
- **Library:** Don't be afraid of the library! Not only is it your #1 source for books when you have research papers to write, but it also has a ton of technology at your disposal (computers, printers, scanners, copiers, etc!) The library also has a variety of spaces for individual and group study so you have options to choose from. Colleges now have an online database so you can access millions of articles for your papers.
<https://tinyurl.com/TU-library>
- **Mail Services:** Every student receives a mailbox on campus so make sure you know what your individual box # is and what your address is. There is a UPS store in the Student Center to send mail/packages and buy postage. <https://tinyurl.com/TU-mail>
- **Campus Safety/Police:** Familiarize yourself with your campus security so that you can feel safe and secure walking around on campus. There is 24 hour security presence on and around campus. <https://tinyurl.com/TUsafety>
- **Student Affairs/Campus Life:** In need of something to do after classes or on the weekends? Check out this office to find out all about the events happening on campus. Some require sign-ups so it is good to check in with this office so you are on top of what

is available. Some events will require a fee, but most are free!

<https://studentaffairs.temple.edu/>

□ **Study Abroad Office:** Interested in going abroad? Visit the International Programs office. It is important to head to this office a year before you want to leave for your country of choice so that you have plenty of time to prepare.

<https://studyabroad.temple.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!

