



# Bridge Program

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

For two centuries, the University of South Carolina's scholarship, research and outreach efforts have contributed to the greater good of society. With 39,000 students on eight campuses and more than 350 degree programs — including law, engineering, public health and medicine — and 240,000 alumni, the University is improving the lives of individuals in South Carolina and around the world.

In November, 2007, University of South Carolina and SC Technical College System officials signed a historic agreement expanding some of the University's most successful student programs to technical college students who plan to transfer to the University's Columbia campus.

The Bridge Program created in the agreement is intended to make transitions from S.C. technical colleges to the University as seamless as possible and to increase the success of transfer students once they're enrolled at the Columbia campus.

The University and technical colleges will identify and contact students who are eligible for and will benefit from the Bridge Program. Participating students will have access to a variety of services from the University's admissions, housing and financial-aid offices, the Career Center and the Student Success Center.

### Qualifying for the Bridge Program

Students who are recent high school graduates and first-time college attendees are ideal candidates for the Bridge Program. Before transferring to the University, students generally will complete 30 to 60 credit hours at their technical colleges.

The University also may identify other students who would benefit from the Bridge Program and its services.

### Registering for the Bridge Program

Students who apply to the University and are eligible for the Bridge Program will receive information from Undergraduate Admissions. By submitting a release form, these students can elect to have their admissions information sent to the technical college of their choice. Students who select this option indicate their willingness to participate in the Bridge Program.

Students who do not apply to the University as incoming freshmen should meet with a University admissions counselor or with the Bridge Program representatives at their technical colleges to determine their eligibility for the program.

### Benefits of the Bridge Program

Bridge Program participants will benefit from an array of services that will improve their transitions from technical colleges to the University. Some of these services include:

- admissions counseling
- financial-aid education
- major and career counseling
- assistance from student mentors
- first priority to live in East Quad's transfer student living and learning community
- special events

While the Bridge Program will enhance eligible students' transitions to the University, it's important to keep in mind that the program *does not* offer special admissions consideration to students. All transfer students must meet the requirements set forth by academic departments. They also are required to submit admissions applications and other standard paperwork.

### For more information

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