

# BRIDGE PROGRAM



Central Carolina Technical College (CCTC) and the University of South Carolina have signed an agreement expanding some of the university's most successful student programs to CCTC students who plan to transfer to USC's Columbia campus. This is known as the Bridge Program.

The Bridge Program makes the transition from CCTC to USC as seamless as possible and increases the success of transfer students once they're enrolled at the Columbia campus.

The University of South Carolina and CCTC will identify and contact students who are eligible for and who may benefit from the Bridge Program. Participating students will have access to a variety of services from USC'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, but others are also eligible. Before transferring to USC, students generally will complete 30 to 60 credit hours at CCTC.

USC may also may identify other students who would benefit from the Bridge Program and its services, and refer them to CCTC.

## REGISTERING FOR THE BRIDGE PROGRAM

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

Students who do not apply to USC as incoming freshmen should meet with a USC admissions counselor or with the Bridge Program representatives at CCTC 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 CCTC to the University of South Carolina. Some of these services include:

- admissions counseling
- financial aid counseling
- assistance from student mentors
- special events

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

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