



The Transfer Process

Prepare, Plan, Succeed!

Where do you stand? Why Getting a Bachelor's Might Be Worth It!

AS & AA Degrees...

- Designed to be **transferred** to a Bachelor's degree program
- Include elective & subject specific courses that translate to a Bachelor's degree program

Bachelor Degrees...

- Allow a chance for **concentrated study in your major** – you can become an expert!
- Introduce you to additional **mentors & professors**
- Expand opportunities for **internships & experiential learning**, offering broader job placement options after graduation



Why Transfer? The Big Picture

Employment Projections for: Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors or Advisors

Those with bachelor's degrees and beyond are making more money when compared with their less educated counterparts. Lifetime earnings tend to increase as the level of education increases.

Employment Projection

There are 1,731 Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors employed in Berryville, VA.

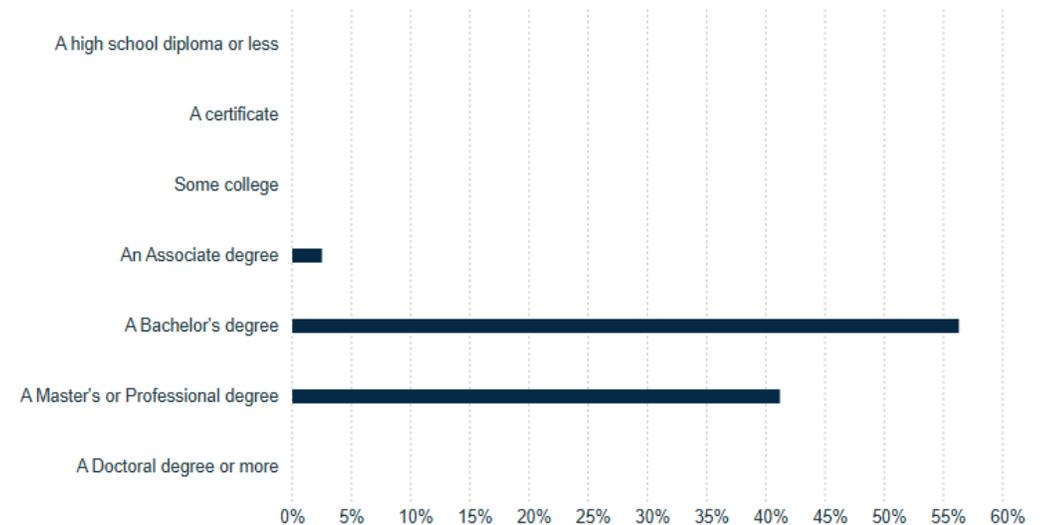


Employment count based on latest year available (2024). Projected data shown for 2025 - 2034.

National Education Attainment Level

Educational Attainment is a national breakdown of the education levels attained by the occupation's workforce.

The following shows the percentage of Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors that have achieved different levels of education. This is not meant to represent what you should pursue, but rather to inform what other workers in the field have attained.



[Laurel Ridge Career Coach Webpage](#) >> **Careers**

Transferring is a process

The Transfer Process:

- 1. ESTABLISH TIMELINE**
- 2. RESEARCH OPTIONS**
- 3. PLAN FOR YOUR DEADLINE**

**End Result: A Bachelor's Degree
with your name on it!**

Essential meaning of *Process* according to Merriam Webster:
"1: a series of actions that produce something or that lead to a particular result."

Establish a **TIMELINE**.

- **When do you want to transfer?**
 - After completing associate degree?
 - After just a semester/year, etc.?
 - Ask your advisor about **Passport Courses** and the **UCGS!**
- **Best time to start researching is one year prior to transfer**
- **Application deadlines are typically the semester prior to desired enrollment term**
 - Common application deadlines:
 - Fall Admissions: March 1st
 - Spring Admissions: October 1st
 - *Note not all institutions follow these deadlines



Do your RESEARCH before submitting an application.

To research is to uncover options

- [Transfer Virginia Portal](#)

To research is to uncover resources

- [Laurel Ridge Transfer Information, Events, and Visits](#)

To research is to uncover perspective

- Talk with mentors, professors, advisors, and pros in the field
- Don't forget about the transfer reps!

To research is to uncover guidelines

- Guaranteed Admissions Agreements (GAA) vs Competitive
- Review guidelines for transferring DE credits

What is a GAA?



Stands for **Guaranteed Admission Agreement**

Most public and many private universities in VA have GAA's with the VCCS colleges



If you intend to use this method to transfer, make sure you read the complete agreement for the university you are intending to transfer to.

Some schools have very *specific* requirements (ex: special courses)

Almost ALL have **GPA requirements**

LINK: [Statewide Transfer Agreements](#)



YOU CAN STILL APPLY TO A UNIVERSITY WITHOUT A GAA!

Many students apply as "Competitive Admission Students"

In this case, following the GAA guides as closely as possible will still help assure your acceptance.

Let's Make a Plan!



Academic Plan

- **Create a (tentative) outline of your classes at Laurel Ridge**
 - Class offerings, meeting times, modalities, location, pre-requisites, work/life balance
 - **Review this with your advisor!**
- **Choose elective courses wisely! Be sure they align with your transfer school and intended major**
 - Utilize [Transfer Guides](#)
 - **Connect with your Laurel Ridge Advisor**
 - Schedule a **Transfer Advising Meeting** with your transfer school
 - Your Laurel Ridge Advisor can only definitively help you with your Laurel Ridge degree
 - **Be efficient** - make sure you are completing Laurel Ridge degree requirements!
- **Keep your grades up!**
 - Ds and Fs will NOT transfer to bachelor's degree programs
 - Some schools & programs will have minimum grade requirements for specific courses to gain entrance (e.g.: must have a 'B' in calculus for some engineering programs)
- **Let your advisor know if your plans change. We want you to succeed and we're here to help!**





Personal Plan

- **Support System**
 - You are not an island
 - Talk through your thoughts, goals, and decisions with at least one trusted and supportive source
- **Non-Academic Considerations**
 - Location (remember the Pink tab on [TransferVA](#))
 - What are your other responsibilities?
 - Housing, Transportation & Accessibility
 - Availability of extracurricular activities

Financial Plan

- **How are you going to pay for it?**

- Federal Financial Aid: **FAFSA**
- Grants & Scholarships – *did you know about the [Laurel Ridge scholarship application?](#)*
- Work Study Opportunities
- Part-Time Job
- Transfer specific grants and scholarships
 - [Two-Year College Transfer Grant](#)

- **Remember Personal Expenses**

- Housing
- Transportation
- Food
- Daily Living

- **Compare Tuition Costs**

- Public vs. Private universities
- Scholarship opportunities by school

Research tip:

Use the [pink tab](#) in Transfer VA to access the **NET PRICE Calculator** for each school!



Application Plan

- **What do you need?**
 - Application and other supporting documents. Check any GAA requirements early on
 - Transcripts
 - Unofficial vs Official Transcripts
 - [Request A Transcript](#)
 - Letter of Intent (GAA) if required
 - Essays, recommendation letters, etc.
 - Remember! Applications have fees! Plan accordingly!
- **When do you need it by?**
 - Keep track of all deadlines and transcript deliveries
 - Review Important Dates in TransferVA
 - Set your own personal due dates for compiling and refining your application materials before final submission
- **Who can you contact with questions?**
 - Transfer Representative
 - Have unofficial transcripts and all questions ready for appointment
 - Make appointment WELL in advance of final submission deadline

Accessing Your Unofficial Transcript

- Login to [MyLaurelRidge](#)
- Click on SIS – Student Information System
- Click on Academic Records & Progress
- From the menu on left, click View Unofficial Transcript
- Under Report Type (drop down menu) click – Unofficial Transcript
- Click SUBMIT

Remember: Transferring is a *process*, NOT a single event

- **'Check in'** with your interests, needs, and wants as you go
- **Gather information early**
- **Decide** where you want to attend, and how many schools you can feasibly apply to (application fees)
- **Work with your advisor** and transfer representatives to align Laurel Ridge coursework with that of your transfer school/program





Graduate from Laurel Ridge!

Remember to apply for graduation!

PRO TIP:

- If you do this *before* enrollment opens for your final semester, you will have priority registration!

To access the online Graduation application:

- Login to [MyLaurelRidge](#)
- Go to **SIS** (Student Information System)
- Click Academic Records & Progress
- Click Apply for Graduation

Note: Your information will be printed on your diploma as it appears on the application. If you want to make any changes after you submit your application, please notify the [Records Office](#).

What is the difference between [Graduation](#) and [Commencement](#)?

**Advisors & Transfer
Representatives are
here to help!**

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