Exercise Science, Health and Physical Education, Recreation and Wellness

university transfer

For Students Interested in a Bachelor’s Degree

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Start at a Maricopa Community College

The Maricopa Community Colleges provide an affordable way for you to progress toward a bachelor’s degree. You can complete an associate’s degree at a Maricopa college near you and then transfer to a 4-year college or university. You will save money, learn from highly qualified faculty, and get to know yourself as a student by starting your college education at a Maricopa Community College.

Transfer Options in Exercise Science, Health and Physical Education, Recreation and Wellness

While you can transfer anywhere, the Maricopa Community Colleges have established transfer partnerships with quality, reputable colleges and universities. These university partnerships help you transition smoothly from one institution to the next by maximizing the applicability of your Maricopa Community College credits and associate’s degree. In addition, many university partners offer you early advisement and transcript evaluation, as well as financial incentives such as transfer scholarships, waived application fees, textbook waivers, and special tuition incentives for military personnel.

The Maricopa-Arizona State University Pathways Program (MAPP) is a cost-effective pathway ensuring all courses transfer and apply to an ASU degree. Completing all MAPP requirements at the Maricopa Community Colleges guarantees admission to ASU and to bachelor’s degree programs in Exercise and Wellness, Kinesiology, Physical Education, Health Sciences, Parks and Recreation Management, or Therapeutic Recreation. You will also have access to online tools to monitor your progress, and earn an associate’s degree from the Maricopa Community Colleges. To sign up for the program, see an academic advisor at your community college, and for details, please go to transfer.asu.edu/maricopa.

The Northern Arizona University Connection allows you to “Keep Learning Without Leaving” with an online program in Health Sciences-Public Health. In addition, degrees in Exercise Science, Athletic Training, Health Sciences-Fitness Wellness, Physical Education, and Parks and Recreation programs are offered at the university’s Mountain Campus in Flagstaff, Arizona.
To help pay for school, the Connect2NAU joint admission program provides you with the opportunity to earn a merit scholarship of up to $2000 and gain access to NAU resources and advisement while you attend your community college. For more information on local and online programs through the NAU Connection, degree programs in Flagstaff, and how to contact a NAU Transition Coordinator at your community college, please visit: maricopa.edu/connection.

If you transfer to the University of Arizona, statewide transfer policies are in place to allow you to seamlessly transition from your community college to the university and be right on track to earning a bachelor’s degree in Physiology, Public Health, Physical Education, Global Health, or Care, Health, and Society. Program requirements are listed with Maricopa transfer equivalencies at degreesearch.arizona.edu/ and maricopa.edu/bridge. In addition, UA’s Transfer Student Center (transfer.arizona.edu/) offers advisement and academic and social activities specifically designed to support transfer students.

Out-of-State, Online, and Private Institutions
There are many options for students planning to transfer to out-of-state, online, and private institutions. These 4-year colleges and universities provide a variety of benefits like flexible scheduling, scholarships for Maricopa transfer students, and generous transfer credit policies. To find out more about over 40 institutions with formal transfer agreements with Maricopa Community Colleges, go to: maricopa.edu/transfer/partners.

**AAS to BAS Transfer Pathways**

In addition to providing a solid foundation of knowledge and skills to prepare you for the workplace, an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree or Certificate of Completion from a Maricopa Community College can fulfill some bachelor’s degree requirements, which gives you a head start on advancing your education.

To explore careers in Exercise Science, Health and Physical Education, Recreation and Wellness, use the helpful tools at my.maricopa.edu/student-services/career-services
Arizona’s public universities offer Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degrees to build on AAS degree coursework, and many of Maricopa’s out-of-state, online, and private university transfer partners will accept your AAS credits as a block, allowing you to be halfway, or even three-fourths of the way, to your bachelor’s degree upon transferring. In general, the more closely the bachelor’s degree program you select aligns with the content of your AAS, the less coursework you will have left to complete at the university. It is important to consult with academic and faculty advisors frequently so they can help you develop an educational plan that will maximize your transfer credit while addressing your career goals.

Associate in Applied Science degrees* in Exercise Science, Health, Wellness, and related areas offered at the Maricopa Community Colleges include:

- Exercise Science and Personal Training
- Recreation Management
- Therapeutic Massage

Certificates of Completion* include:

- Personal Trainer
- Personal Training Specialist
- Recreation Management
- Nutrition for Fitness and Wellness
- Therapeutic Massage
- Teaching, Healing, Meditation, and Stress Management
- Yoga Instructor

* Check with academic and faculty advisors from your community college and transfer university to determine which transfer pathways are available for specific AAS degrees. Certificates of Completion are designed for career preparation; some courses may not transfer and/or apply toward university requirements. Refer to the Course Equivalency Guide on aztransfer.com for transferability to Arizona’s public universities.

**Top Five Reasons to Attend a Maricopa Community College**

1. Students learn from highly qualified student-focused faculty.
2. Students pay substantially less than they would pay for the first two years at a 4-year college or university.
3. Students enjoy the convenience of attending college close to home.
4. Students enjoy small class sizes, flexible schedules, and online options.
5. Students graduate with knowledge and skills that prepare them to excel in the workforce, seamlessly transfer to a 4-year college or university, or both.