

TRiO Student Advising TIMELINE

Applying to Highline

(4-6+ months before starting first quarter)

- ❑ Apply to Highline
- ❑ Submit high school or other college transcripts
- ❑ Submit any test scores
- ❑ Visit the Placement & Testing Center for placement options into Math and English (if needed)
- ❑ File FAFSA or WASFA
- ❑ Meet with an Entry Advisor
- ❑ Attend New Student Orientation

First Quarter

- ❑ Choose your major and submit the program of study form
 - ❑ Financial Aid only pays for courses on your program of study
 - ❑ View your academic advisement report (AAR) for HC degree requirements
- ❑ Apply for learning community programs (TRiO, Umoja, MESA, Honors, etc)
- ❑ Request a faculty advisor (if needed)
- ❑ Get involved on campus (CLS, ASHC, Clubs & Organizations, Center for Cultural & Inclusive Excellence, work study positions, etc)

Transfer Preparation

(45-60 credits before transferring, or as early as possible)

- ❑ Research transfer universities
 - ❑ Application timelines
 - ❑ Available majors
 - ❑ Cost and location
 - ❑ Transfer requirements (courses, volunteering, etc)
- ❑ Academic advisement report (AAR) for HC degree and transfer university pre-requisite courses
- ❑ Check for specific major/department application
- ❑ Visit transfer universities of interest
- ❑ Visit HC Transfer Center and meet with an advisor
- ❑ Look into university programs open only during application season (i.e., EOP, TRiO, etc)
- ❑ Start preparing personal statement, resume, and/or letters of rec

Transfer Applications

(15-45 credits before transfer – always double check the institution deadline)

- ❑ Select transfer universities on FAFSA or WASFA
- ❑ Apply directly to university
- ❑ Take the TRiO SSER 120 Transfer Preparation course in winter quarter
- ❑ Apply to graduate
- ❑ Submit supplemental department applications (if needed)
- ❑ Submit official/unofficial transcripts
- ❑ Search for university and departmental scholarships
- ❑ Search for external scholarships

Yearly TIMELINE



Once a quarter

- Meet with your advisor regarding course schedule and AAR
 - Check your course registration time: TRIO students receive priority registration
- Pay quarterly tuition
 - Fall: September
 - Winter: December
 - Spring: March

Once a year

- Submit FAFSA/WASFA application
 - No priority deadline; first-come, first-serve.
 - Recommended to submit in March of the year prior to attending.
- Accept your financial aid award on ctcLink
- Submit any other financial verification forms (if needed)
- Submit summer schedule to Financial Aid

One-time form

- Highline College application
- Establish Washington residency (if needed)
- Choose your major thru the Program of Study form
- Submit your Learning Community application (TRIO, Umoja, MESA, Honors, etc)
- Submit your graduation application (Registration/Records)
- Faculty advisor form