TAP into the TAG
The Transfer Admission Planner and the Transfer Admission Guarantee

Session will include a general overview of the UC TAP and how to utilize the tool to assist students in transfer planning and submitting a TAG. We will also discuss the benefits of UC Transfer Pathways and Pathways+. 
Myth or fact

The UC TAP tool only benefits students who want to TAG
TAG binds a student to a campus
There is no difference between Transfer Pathways and Pathways+
Students submit their TAG using the same site as the UC application

Before we get started, we are going to play a little game of Myth or Fiction...
If you are not sure if these statements are fact or myth by the end of this session, you will!
And if you did know the answer to most of these statements, you may be TAP/TAG expert yet
we hope that this session can serve as a refresher course so that you can continue to be a
resources to your students from beginning a TAP account to submitting their TAG.

In order for us to know who’s in the room, we have a quick poll asking how many years of
experience you all have working with transfer students. *poll question*
A. One to four years
B. Five to nine years
C. Ten years plus
Agenda

1. Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)
2. Pathways/Pathways+
3. Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
4. Timeline
5. Campus Tips
6. Scenarios
7. Resources
UC TAP is a free online tool that allows students the ability to keep track of their progress towards meeting minimum UC transfer requirements, while also planning out their coursework for transfer.

Students can use the Transfer Admission Planner to enter their coursework (completed and planned) from the very beginning of their college careers, or at any point when they decide to transfer to a UC campus.

Students can find the tool at the University of California Website, at https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/. Note that this is a separate site from the UC general application.

We recommend students meet with a CCC counselor first, and simply upload their education/transfer plan to TAP.

TAP is meant for CCC students, however non-CCC students may enter their coursework as well. They will simply have to enter it manually.
• TAP serves as a central recordkeeper for students, especially for those who have attended multiple institutions. It can also be used as a UC transfer admissions roadmap, helping track course completion of requirements and preparation for major.

• We encourage students to select interest in as many UC’s as possible. They can always add/remove schools of interest as this is their roadmap!

• As a best practice, we recommended students update/review their TAP each term to maintain accurate information
As a community college counselor and/or staff, it allows you to track a student’s progress, and communicate important information.
Benefits of TAP for UC counselors

- 1:1 appointments with students
- Pre-screening of UC transfer eligibility
- Major preparation advising
- Student messaging
- Send out communications for special events and programs

- It allows UC campuses to message students when we conduct CCC visits
- We use it during our 1:1 Appointments
- Helps with major prep advising and pre-screening of UC Transfer Eligibility
- A TAP account helps us determine the best transfer term for a student. Especially since some campuses offer spring/winter admission
Pathways and Pathways+

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Transfer Pathways is a single set of courses students can take to prepare for their major on any of the 9 UC undergraduate campuses.

- It provides clear guidance on what courses to take and will help give them a competitive edge for admission into any UC campus as well as be positioned for success once they get there.
- Great option for students who know their major but want to keep your campus options open.
- There are 20 Transfer Pathways majors.
- Website to Transfer Pathways: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-pathways/
• Students can use the guide to find courses at their community college that will satisfy a Transfer Pathway
• Depending on campus, some majors may not require all of the courses for admission, but none will require more.
• Transfer Pathways Guide: https://pathwaysguide.universityofcalifornia.edu/college-pathways/0/0
• Note: the course expectations in the Transfer Pathways Guide are correct, but the CCC courses that correspond to the course expectations may be outdated; this Guide is only updated every couple of years.
Pathways+

- Pathways+ will prepare students for admission across the UC system and include a guarantee to their TAG campus.

Website to Pathways+ https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/pathways-plus.html
Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
The TAG ensures admission to one of the six participating UC campuses from any California community college (CCC). Students must meet the TAG requirements for the major and campus they plan to TAG to and maintain eligibility for TAG.

Please note:

- TAG requirements vary by campus and major
- ONE TAG for ONE Campus
- TAG is not the UC application. Students must also submit a UC application.
- TAG major and UC application major must match.
- TAG is non-binding.

Students can guarantee their admission to one of six participating TAG campuses by completing a TAG. Students interested in a TAG must complete the TAG requirements for that major and campus. It is important to note that TAG requirements vary by major AND by campus, so look at each campus TAG requirements carefully.

Students can only submit ONE TAG to ONE TAG campus for the term that they are applying for. In addition to submitting a TAG application, students must also submit a UC application. Please note that the TAG major and UC application major must match.

Lastly, the TAG is non-binding. TAG is a great way to guarantee admission to a UC campus, but it is non-binding. Students can still apply to consider other UC campuses.
General requirements for TAG

In order to be eligible to submit a TAG, students must:

- Be transferring directly from a California Community College (CCC) campus.
  - Includes international students with a visa
- Have at least 30 semester/45 quarter units of UC-transferable coursework completed from at least one or more CCC.
- Have last term of attendance in a regular term (fall/spring semester or fall/winter/spring quarter) at a CCC.

Students will not be eligible for a TAG if they:

- Already earned a Bachelor’s, Graduate and/or Professional degree
- Were previously enrolled at a UC campus during regular term and plan to return to that same UC campus
- Are concurrently enrolled in high school at the time of TAG application submission

Students interested in TAG must meet the following eligibility requirements to be able to submit a TAG:

1. Transfer directly from a California Community College, this includes international students with a Visa
2. Have at least 30 sem/45 qtr units of UC transferable credit completed from California Community College
3. Be enrolled at CCC for a regular term for last term of attendance

Please note that the following students will be ineligible:

1. Students who have a Bachelors, Graduate, and/or Professional degree
2. Students who were enrolled at a UC during a regular term and looking to return to that same campus
3. Students who are concurrently enrolled in high school at the time of TAG application submission
The following requirements serve as a minimum to prepare students for the TAG.

Students must have a minimum unit requirement of 30 sem/45 qrt units of UC-transferable credit at the time of submitting a TAG. However, in order to fulfill a TAG, a minimum of 60 sem/90 qtr units of UC-transferable credit must be completed.

TAG GPA requirements are not the same as regular admission GPA requirements. Students must check with their TAG campus of interest for the TAG GPA requirement. TAG GPA will vary by campus AND by major.

IGETC is not required for TAG. Some campuses may recommend completion of IGETC. Please check with the TAG campus of interest if IGETC is a recommendation.

Lastly, we understand that each student's situation is different and not all students are enrolled full-time. If a student is not enrolled full time, please have them provide an explanation in the Additional Comments section of the TAG.
There are 6 UC campuses that participate in the TAG: UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Santa Cruz.

Please note that UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UC San Diego do not participate in the TAG.
It is important to note that although there are 6 participating campuses for TAG, each campus will review the TAG differently and the requirements will differ.

To find TAG information by campus, you can utilize the TAG Matrix. The TAG matrix is a document that provides campus specific information about the TAG. On the TAG matrix, you will be able to find information such as, whether campuses participate in pre-evaluation of a TAG, minimum UC-E and UC-M requirements, and TAG contacts by campus.

We have also included a QR code on the right hand side of this slide. Feel free to scan the code with your phone to see the TAG matrix. For those who are unable to scan the code, we will provide the link to the matrix at the end of the presentation.
Students interested in submitting a TAG should pay close attention to the TAG timeline and deadlines.

For Fall TAGs, students must:
1. Submit TAG application during the filing period in the month of September
2. Submit regular UC application during the filing period in the months of October–November
3. Submit a Transfer Academic Update (TAU) in January – the TAU allows students to update Fall term grades and make any changes/updates to Spring term schedule.
4. Maintain TAG eligibility (i.e., completing remaining TAG requirements, maintaining GPA, etc.)

Winter/Spring TAG options may also be available. However, this would vary by campus as not all 6 TAG campuses are open for Winter/Spring TAG. Please check with the campus of interest to see if they are open for Winter/Spring TAG. Additionally, you will also want to check to major availability.

If submitting a Winter/Spring TAG, students must:
1. Submit TAG application during the filing period in the month of May
2. Submit a regular UC application during the filing period in the month of July
3. Submit a Transfer Academic Update (TAU) in August
4. Maintain TAG eligibility
Here are the campus TAG Tips for UC Davis and UC Irvine.

UCI note: Art tip: *A portfolio is now required for all art students for the fall 2023 cycle, therefore, Art will no longer participate in TAG.
Here are the campus TAG Tips for UC Riverside and UC Merced.
Here are the campus TAG tips for UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz
Poll Options:

**What is a good resource to start looking into?**

a. UC TAP  
b. Pathways+  
c. Assist.org  
d. All of the above

A. UC TAP account would be a good starting point for this student. They will receive information from campuses they select and could begin communicating with admissions representatives.

You could also encourage them to explore Pathway majors.
Transfer Pathways is a good starting point to get streamlined information if I’m a biology major at a CCC, but I’m not sure which UC to apply to. **True or False?**

- a. True
- b. False

A. True. Pathways would be a great starting point for this student since Biology is a Pathways major. The student should also check campus specific information as Pathways does not discuss grades.
Poll Question: I am interested in TAG, where do I start?

A. Ask a friend
B. Create a TAP account
C. Talk to a counselor
D. Google it

B. Student should begin by creating a TAP account. In their TAP account, they should check each campus they are interested in, and select a major. Review TAG matrix to see requirements by campus. Submit their TAG by Sept 30. Submit a UC application
Poll Question:
I’m planning to apply to UCLA or UCSD with a Transfer Pathways major; can I do Pathways+?
A. Yes
B. No

No because UCLA, UCSD and UCB do not participate in TAG.
Here are some resources that you can use with your students to prepare them for the TAG.

First, we have the link for the UC Transfer Admission Planner (TAP). As mentioned the UC TAP can be created at any point in time.

Next, we have included the TAG and TAG matrix websites, where you can find information on important dates and deadlines and campus requirements.

We've also included ASSIST, which is a great resource for finding articulation agreements by campus and major.

Lastly, we have the Pathways and Pathways+ websites which can be used to prepare for transfer and TAG!
We're here to assist you and your students. If you would to get in contact with a specific campus, we have indicated the TAG representative on this slide.

- UC Davis – [https://tag.ucdavis.edu/contacts.cfm](https://tag.ucdavis.edu/contacts.cfm) Each CC has their own TAG rep/specialist. The link provided will direct you towards your campus specific TAG contact.
- UC Merced – Office of Admissions: [transfer@ucmerced.edu](mailto:transfer@ucmerced.edu) - (209) 228-7178. Contact the Office of Admissions at the email and phone number provided to connect with TAG coordinator.
- UC Santa Cruz – Stacie Fontinell: [stacief@ucsc.edu](mailto:stacief@ucsc.edu)
- UC Santa Barbara – Dawn Hovey: [dawn.hovey@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:dawn.hovey@sa.ucsb.edu)
- UC Riverside – Phone (951) 827-3411; [https://admissions.ucr.edu/ask](https://admissions.ucr.edu/ask)
- UC Irvine – Bianca Leon & Diana Navarro Trondsen; [bestrell@uci.edu](mailto:bestrell@uci.edu) & [trondsen@uci.edu](mailto:trondsen@uci.edu)
Thank you