

# Office of Transfer Services

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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## WELCOME FALL 2016

Welcome to the fall edition of *Talking Transfers*, a publication designed to keep community college partners updated with important news and updates on transfer students at Appalachian. This edition will highlight the following:

- Advising updates and program changes
- Updates to the UGETC card
- Changes to admission criteria
- Important information about veteran services and Appalachian's new veteran center.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions for future topics; your input is always welcome. I hope you find the information provided helpful as you assist students transferring to Appalachian.

*Beth Watts*

*Transfer Transition Advisor*

## STUDENT VETERAN SERVICES

Appalachian State University has taken great strides to ease the transition for student veterans from military to civilian and academic life. A few of these strides include priority registration for student veterans to ensure they can have a schedule that fits into their already busy lives, a peer mentoring program to help navigate common barriers within Appalachian and in everyday life of a veteran, and a committee made up of faculty, staff, and students to make sure the campus is doing all they can to advocate for the student veterans.

Additionally, we will be opening a Student Veteran Resource Center on November 11th. This center will offer a place to congregate with other military students, have information for on and off-campus resources, and a study area. Inside the center there is a private office that will be shared by various resources, such as tutoring, VA counseling, and other affiliates. This center will also house a permanent office for the Coordinator of Student Veteran Services, Eric Gormly, [gormlyea@appstate.edu](mailto:gormlyea@appstate.edu).



## ADVISING MATTERS:

### **Changes in the College of Health Sciences:**

**Athletic Training:** The Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education (CAATE), has now mandated that **the required degree to become an Athletic Trainer will be a master's degree.** According to the CAATE, baccalaureate programs may not admit, enroll, or matriculate students into the athletic training program after the start of the fall term 2022.

Students who enter the University during the 2017-2018 catalog year will have the opportunity to apply for admission to the undergraduate athletic training program during the fall semester of 2017. Those who are admitted will begin athletic training courses in the spring semester of 2018 and should expect to graduate in May of 2021. Students entering the University in subsequent catalog years who have an interest in athletic training will have multiple undergraduate degree paths that will allow them to gain prerequisite experience for a master's program in athletic training.

Further inquiries regarding the degree status of Appalachian State University's Athletic Training Program should be directed to Ashley Goodman, at [goodmana@appstate.edu](mailto:goodmana@appstate.edu).



**Health Promotion changing to Public Health:** The Department of Health and Exercise Science is excited to announce plans to transition the Health Promotion program to an accredited Public Health program. We are currently in the process of seeking accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and making necessary changes to the 2017-2018 Program of Study. Changes to the Program of Study will be available on our website [ASU Health Promotion](#) in early Spring. In addition, after much consideration, we have decided to suspend admission to the Distance Education Health Promotion program during our program transition. The suspension of admissions is necessary to facilitate curriculum revisions appropriate for this transition.

## ADMISSIONS UPDATES:

**Admission Criteria:** Here are a few reminders about our admissions requirements and criteria for transfer students. A student who has attempted college coursework after graduating high school applies as a transfer student. Students meet requirements with at least 30 transferable hours by the time of attendance and a cumulative GPA of 2.25 or higher. Students can meet requirements with less than 30 hours by submitting a high school transcript and test scores (SAT/ACT); these students will be evaluated based on freshman admission criteria. Students entering Appalachian less than a year after high school graduation will be required to live on campus.

**2017 Applications Are Open—Now is the time to apply for Spring 2017!** Our applications for spring, summer I, summer II and fall of 2017 opened in August. Students are always encouraged to apply early for best chance of admission, scholarships and on-campus housing, as on-campus housing is limited for transfer students. Students should apply online and send official transcripts when they have at least 12 hours of completed, transferable credit on a transcript for our review. Any other courses in progress or planned for the future are listed on the application to meet the 30 hour admission criteria.

**Transfer Scholarships:** Merit based scholarship opportunities are available to select transfer students who plan to enroll. To be considered for transfer scholarships, students must first complete the admissions application. Although application processes for individual transfer scholarships is separate, we encourage students to apply for all available awards. More information can be found at [scholarships.appstate.edu](http://scholarships.appstate.edu).

**Application Fee Waiver Policy:** In an effort to streamline our procedure for waivers, we use the NACAC Application Fee Waiver, which is located on the admission's website. Transfer students attending community colleges should have a Financial Aid representative sign the waiver and then email the form to [processing@appstate.edu](mailto:processing@appstate.edu), or they can print a SAR report. Instructions are provided on the form.

**Opportunities for students to visit campus:** We have several opportunities for students to experience what Appalachian has to offer! Please spread the word to interested students about these opportunities or consider bringing a group to campus:

- **Transfer Track** - Visit sessions for transfer students which includes a presentation and tour of campus. Available most Tuesdays and Fridays this fall and spring when school is in session. Students can [register online](#).
- **Spring Open House, April 22** - Many departments on campus will be represented during the Academic Expo and students can attend various sessions including transfer information and financial aid, or take a tour of campus.
- We are pleased to host your group on campus. Please schedule your tour by submitting the [group visit request form](#) at least one month in advance so we can prepare for your visit. Group tours are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. With smaller groups, we may be able to add your group to one of our Transfer Track tours.

Feel free to contact Jayne Dowdy, Associate Director of Admissions – Transfer at [dowdyjl@appstate.edu](mailto:dowdyjl@appstate.edu) for further information.

## UPDATES TO UGETC CARD

A few updates have been made to the UGETC card! Please refer to the Office of Transfer Services website for more information.

Appalachian's dedicated services to assist with the transfer process:		
<p><b>JUMP START APPALACHIAN</b></p> <p>A transfer student support program that helps transfer students find the answers and resources they need to successfully transfer to Appalachian's main campus.</p> <p><a href="http://jumpstart.appstate.edu">jumpstart.appstate.edu</a>  <a href="mailto:jumpstart@appstate.edu">jumpstart@appstate.edu</a></p> <p><i>Friend Jump Start Appalachian on Facebook</i></p>	<p><b>TRANSFER ADVISING</b></p> <p>Our dedicated Transfer Transition Advisor assists prospective transfer students by advising for general education and major requirements while still at the community college.</p> <p><a href="http://transferservices.appstate.edu">transferservices.appstate.edu</a>  <a href="mailto:ots@appstate.edu">ots@appstate.edu</a></p>	<p><b>TRANSFER ADMISSIONS</b></p> <p>When you are ready to apply to Appalachian, our Transfer Admissions Counselor will be there to answer your questions throughout the admissions process.</p> <p><a href="http://admissions.appstate.edu/transfers">admissions.appstate.edu/transfers</a>  <a href="mailto:transfer@appstate.edu">transfer@appstate.edu</a></p>