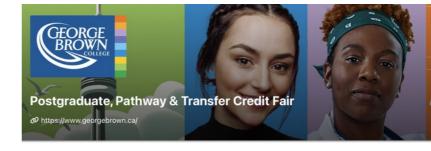




Introduction

We are seeing a dramatic conversion of Transfer Credit Fairs or Events run by individual Colleges and Universities to online spaces. Convenience for faculty and students is the top reason, but also because they cost dramatically less than in-person and require far fewer resources to organize. When a Transfer Credit Open House is online, schools can open up the event early as a resource for students to browse and explore all the different pathways that may intrigue them. Participating staff appreciate online events because they over in-person events with time-savings in booth transport setup/breakdown, travel time, stay-overs in hotels, etc.

Consequently, they are a big time saver, which can open up the option of running them more frequently and dramatically increase retention and conversion rates. Instead of a one-day event, they can be open for a few hours over a few days or have "live" dates spread over a term period. We have customers who plan on having it accessible year-round, with different dates, live events, and options for students to reach out to a recruiter at any time to schedule a meeting or chat on demand. One of the biggest challenges of attracting students through Transfer Credit Pathways is that student needs evolve quickly. Many require a great deal of handholding, so Online Transfer Credit fairs effectively manage staff and recruiter resources. Online Transfer Credit Fairs are a potent tool for schools to add to their recruitment event repertoire.



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Explore options for enha your education with one Canada's leading colleg A student Transfer Credit event is where students planning to transfer to a different college or university can learn about the transfer credit policies and process of the institutions they are interested in attending. These events often include representatives from various colleges and universities who can provide information about the types of courses and credits that can be used for transfer and any special requirements or restrictions that may apply. Schools are increasingly hosting their own event, inviting outside schools to participate for their own student's convenience, but combine it with their own school's internal programs to at least give the school a better chance of retaining students considering outside options. They also allow students to speak with current transfer students and get their perspectives on the transfer process. These events aim to help students make an informed decision about where to transfer and complete the transfer process as smoothly as possible. Schools that manage their events can increase student retention rates by offering superior pathways within the student's existing credit policies and processes.

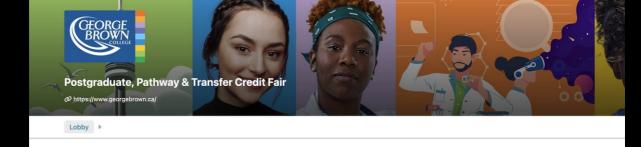
Student Benefits

- 1. **Information and guidance:** Students can get accurate and up-to-date information about transfer credit policies and requirements from various colleges and universities in one place, which can help them make an informed decision about where to transfer.
- 2. **Streamlining the transfer process:** By learning about the transfer credit policies and requirements of different institutions, students can better plan their coursework and ensure that they are taking the classes they need to meet the requirements of their desired transfer institution.
- 3. **Saving time and money:** By transferring credits that will be accepted by the institution they plan to move to, students can save time and money by not having to retake classes they have already taken.
- 4. Meeting current transfer students and staff of interested programs: Students can meet current transfer students, providing a valuable perspective on the transfer process, including the challenges and benefits of transferring.
- 5. **Exploring different colleges and universities:** A transfer fair or event is an excellent opportunity for students to explore other colleges and universities and find the one that is the best fit for them.
- 6. Get quick and convenient answers on the transferability of completed credits and work experience: One of the key drivers of student decisions to switch programs and schools is the transferability of credits and understanding how quickly they could complete a new education pathway. This is often a powerful opportunity to attract international students to a college/university. Overall, these events can help students make a more informed and confident decision about transferring, and make the process of transferring as smooth and efficient as possible.



School Benefits

- 1. **Recruiting new students:** Transfer credit fairs and events allow schools to showcase their programs and facilities to prospective transfer students, which can help them attract new students to their institution.
- 2. **Building relationships:** Transfer fairs and events allow schools to build relationships with other colleges and universities, which can lead to mutually beneficial partnerships and collaborations.
- 3. **Promoting their transfer policies:** Schools can use the event as an opportunity to promote their transfer credit policies and procedures, which can help attract transfer students looking for a school that will accept most of their transferred credits.
- 4. Showcasing the school culture and opportunities: Schools can also use the event as an opportunity to showcase their culture, resources, and opportunities to potential transfer students, including campus tours or videos of student life.
- 5. **Improving retention:** Transfer students who feel well-informed and supported in the transfer process are more likely to succeed and persist to graduation, hence improving the retention rate.
- 6. Improved student outcomes: By accepting transfer credits, schools can offer more flexible pathways for students to achieve their degree, leading to improved student outcomes.
- 7. **Better credit management:** Internal transfer credit management allows schools to have better control over their credit systems and make sure credits are applied correctly to students' records.
- 8. **Better alignment with accreditation requirements:** Internal transfer credit management can help align the school's credit system with accreditation requirements, which can ensure the quality of education provided to students. Overall, Transfer Credit fairs and events can be an effective way for schools to recruit new students and build relationships with other institutions while also promoting their transfer policies and opportunities.



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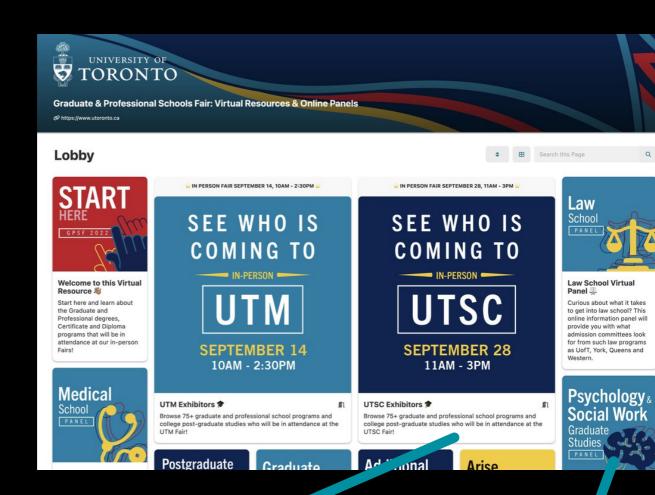
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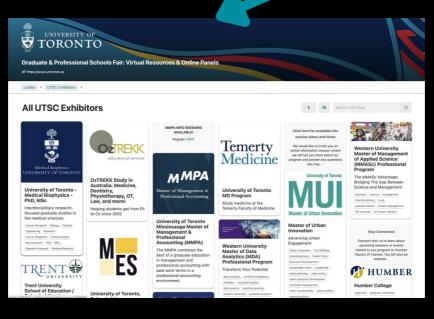
The best structure for a student credit transfer event will depend on the specific goals of the event and the needs of the students and schools involved. However, some elements that could be included in the structure of a transfer credit event are:

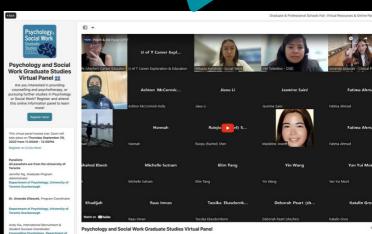
- 1. **College and university representatives:** Having representatives from various colleges and universities in attendance is an essential aspect of a transfer fair or event, as students will be able to get accurate and up-to-date information about transfer credit policies and requirements from various institutions.
- 2. **Information sessions**: Having information covering transfer credit policies and procedures, planning for transfer, and what to expect when transferring can benefit students.
- 3. **One-on-one meetings:** Allowing students to meet with college and university representatives one-on-one can provide a more personalized experience and allows students to ask specific questions and get more detailed information.
- 4. **Current transfer student panel:** Having a panel of current transfer students discuss their experience and offer advice can be extremely valuable for prospective transfer students.
- 5. **College and university displays:** Allowing schools to set up displays showcasing their programs and facilities can help students learn more about the institution and help them to make a more informed decision about where to transfer.
- 6. **Scheduling flexibility:** Some students may have other obligations, such as work or school, so consider offering multiple sessions at different times to accommodate them.

Ultimately, the best structure for a transfer credit event is one that allows students to get the information and guidance they need to make informed decisions about transferring and allows schools to showcase their programs and build relationships with prospective students.

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Special Considerations

- 1. **Structure the event for custom event pathways** for the school's students, separate from non-school or international students. This enables a more customized and targeted experience and helps allocate staff expertise between the different groups.
- 2. Streamline school-specific resources for new students who may not be familiar with the school, particularly international students, such as:
 - a. School overview of each campus, its situation and culture
 - b. Resources for each faculty and even every program of the school. The advantage of online is there are few restrictions on enabling more excellent representation of each campus, faculty, or program. Most have a well-developed library of resources to provide prospective students with program details that may sway them.
 - c. Separate exhibit halls for partner schools separate from an exhibit hall for school programs that enable a different experience and priority access for internal programs.
 - d. Create different rooms with tools for students to access to check on their eligibility or the status of their credits. Some jurisdictions have well-developed processes for credit transfer, such as in many Canadian provinces like Ontario. These resources and tools can be easily incorporated, making the online event a practical resource for students to explore and get feedback on their credits.
- 3. Being able to advertise and **switch online spaces from being a resource to being attended "live"** by staff or students so the "event" can be kept online for a greater length of time over more intake windows. We have several schools with their event open over two terms and others open year-round.
- 4. Being able to strategically place options for students to ask questions, chat or schedule a call with a staff member to answer their specific questions promptly is important to ensure a school effectively attracts new students, but also to enable the school to better allocate staff recruitment resources to those students needing more hand holding.
- 5. **Ensure the school branding of the host school is prominent**, and the school's benefits are constantly being promoted throughout the event.
 - a. Leverage resources providing virtual campus tours
 - b. Leverage YouTube videos showing different campus experiences and situations
 - c. Make it easy for every internal program to have a dedicated space to showcase their program and make it welcoming to new students.
- 6. Collect critical data and metrics on students attending the events and provide powerful stats on the student flows internally and externally for Transfer Credit opportunities. Particularly helping provide more significant metrics on student retention and conversion.
- 7. The event needs to be **optimized for online and mobile phone access**, as up to 50% of students attending online open houses and recruitment events do so through their smartphones.







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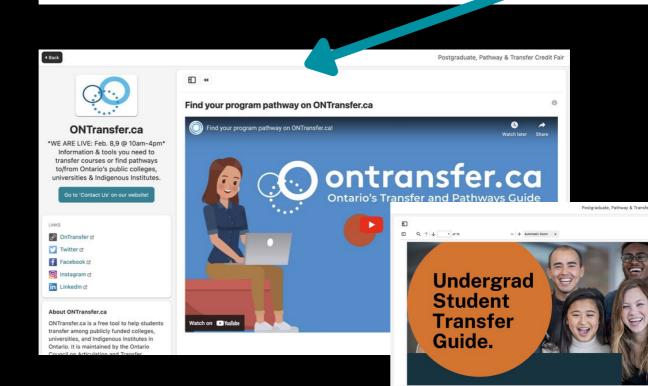
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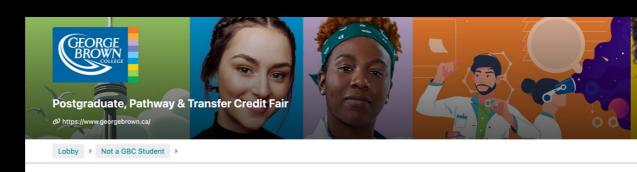


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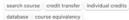
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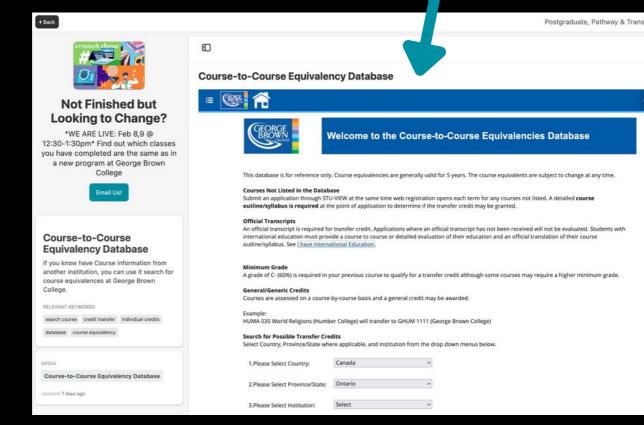
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Conclusion

The benefits of holding regular and easily accessible Transfer Credit Fairs are an effective means of recruiting new students and ensuring existing students remain within the school. Although running these events online is more compelling in the US, we support many schools in Canada in running their events for the same reasons. Some jurisdictions have more straightforward and transparent policies and processes for education Credits Transfer, such as Ontario, while others are very particular to each institution, such as in the US.

Please find out more about the benefits of hosting an Online Transfer Credit event and see a demo of what other colleges and universities are doing to meet the needs of their students and prospective students more effectively.