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A Guide for Transfer Students 2008-2009



The decision to transfer is a difficult one,

we have compiled this booklet to answer your questions about the transfer program at Penn. If you have any remaining questions after reading this brochure, the Undergraduate Application and Viewbook, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you have not already received these publications, and you have requested them, they will be sent to you soon. We also recommend that you visit the Penn Website at www.upenn.edu to gain a full understanding of the university.

Each year approximately 200 students transfer into Penn's four undergraduate schools, selected from over 2,000 applicants. Students with a variety of educational backgrounds ranging from community college programs, state schools, private liberal arts colleges, as well as other Ivy League institutions, seek transfer admission to the University of Pennsylvania. Some have found interests that their present institutions cannot satisfy. Many are drawn by the diversity of the course offerings, students, and cultural opportunities available at Penn and in the community-at-large. All seek intellectual challenge and are intrigued by the depth and breadth of academic opportunity at Penn. The University has a student organization, Penn Transfers, to assist new transfer students with their transition to Penn. Their activities include planning special orientation programs and assigning peer advisors to new transfer students.

Competition for admission as a transfer student is exceptionally keen, a reality that is not intended to be discouraging but, rather, to keep applicants mindful of the constraints under which the Admissions Committee operates. We give careful consideration to academic preparation and achievement, and all candidates for admission will be expected to have demonstrated rigor in their undergraduate curriculum at their previous institution. However, in accordance with our desire to maintain diversity of background, intellectual interests, and accomplishments within the student body, the committee pays close attention to all aspects of the application for admission. Penn is among the most selective institutions; as such the most competitive applicant for transfer is the student whose college and high school records and testing evidence* academic excellence.

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It is worthy to note that many students admitted through the transfer program have distinguished themselves within the Penn community. This group typically demonstrates a high level of academic excellence. Students at the University of Pennsylvania are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity and mutual respect for the diversity of the University community. In typical Penn fashion, it is Penn students — in groups such as the Student Committee on Undergraduate Education and the Undergraduate Assembly — who have taken the lead in ensuring that respect for others, both in and out of the classroom, is a hallmark of the undergraduate experience at Penn. Over the years, transfer students have been designated Benjamin Franklin and University Scholars. A few have participated in the Thouron Exchange Program in the United Kingdom. The first Annenberg Fellowships to teach at Eton and a Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities were both granted to transfer students.

Transfer students have become widely involved in activities outside of the classroom, many in leadership roles. The Penn Band, *Daily Pennsylvanian*, Penn Philippine Association, Canadian Club and Black Student League have all excelled under the able leadership of students admitted through the transfer program.

PENN: A BRIEF HISTORY

Penn, the nation's first University, was founded in 1740 and has a rich history that can at once be appreciated simply by walking through campus. A closer inspection reveals Penn traditions that have continued for decades, bringing to all Penn graduates an experience shared by nine signers of the Declaration of Independence, two Civil War Surgeons General, and the first African-American to win an Olympic gold medal, to name but a few.

On the other hand, Penn has never fit the classical mode of higher education. It has always had a uniquely practical side, an inheritance from its founder, Benjamin Franklin. This has led the University to be a consistent leader in professional education, with the first medical school in America, the first law professorship, the first university teaching hospital, and the first collegiate school of business. At the core of the University though, remains a strong tradition in the liberal arts, and the undergraduate student is, even today, encouraged to “learn those things that are likely to be most useful and most ornamental.”

The University spans 260 acres and comprises four undergraduate and twelve graduate and professional schools,

all located on a single campus. An urban university, Penn is intimately connected to the city of Philadelphia, which over the years has given the campus community an intensity that is remarkable in American education. Fortunately, the University did not move to the country at a time when the ideal college was thought of as a rural, cloistered school. Instead, it wisely brought a bit of the country to the city.

The University continues to build on its past achievements and to expand its research interests and academic programs. Research contributions have included the design and construction of ENIAC, the world's first large-scale, general purpose digital computer. A dictionary of the world's first written language — the Sumerian language — was published by Åke W. Sjöberg, Clark Research Professor of Assyriology. This massive project included studying 30,000 Sumerian Clay tablets in the University of Pennsylvania museum collection. The work of Penn biologist Andrew N. Binns in regenerating tobacco plants from isolated cells has provided an important step toward genetically engineered crops. The world's first Institute for Human Gene Therapy was formed at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center.

PENN: FACULTY & FACILITIES

The scholarly distinction of Penn's faculty has been confirmed internationally with 16 Nobel Prizes in the last three decades, as well as over 150 Guggenheim Fellowships, eight MacArthur Fellowships, and four Pulitzer Prizes, among many academic laurels. Along with awards for scholarship, faculty compete for awards for excellence in teaching. The excitement of the quest for new knowledge that drives our scholars also offers students a dynamic undergraduate education.

The facilities at Penn enhance the overall mission of the University to provide its undergraduates with an environment conducive to the pursuit of excellence. The University of Pennsylvania Museum is one of the world's great centers of archaeology and anthropology, more than three hundred expeditions in thirty-three countries on all continents have made the Museum internationally famous. The Museum collection is a resource that can be used by all undergraduates and has certainly contributed to Penn's premier anthropology department.

The Penn library is one of the largest completely open-stack university libraries in the nation. It offers online computer literature searching, a computer assisted retrieval of bibliographic citations and abstracts, as well as a nationwide

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Penn's College of Arts & Sciences provides an education that will lay a durable foundation for critical and creative thinking for one's entire life. The College's goal is to help students to become knowledgeable about the world and the complexities of today's society, aware of moral, ethical and social issues, prepared to exercise intellectual leadership, and enlivened by the use of their minds.

The study of the arts and sciences provides students with critical perspectives on their world and with the fundamental intellectual skills necessary for engaging it. As Benjamin Franklin recognized, professional education relies on the sustenance provided by the arts and sciences and could not exist without them.

REQUIREMENTS: The College's general education requirement consists of two parts: six foundational skills developed through courses in writing, foreign language, quantitative data analysis, formal reasoning, cross-cultural analysis, and understanding cultural diversity within the United States (for the Class of 2012 and later); and a breadth requirement prescribing course work in seven sectors of knowledge – Society, History & Tradition, Arts & Letters, The Living World, The Physical World, and two interdisciplinary sectors. Together, these requirements provide for a structured exploration of the arts and sciences in order to make informed choices about a major and electives.

Students normally take four or five courses per semester. The total number of course units required to complete a major varies from major to major but is never less than twelve. In addition to the major, a student must normally complete twenty electives. The total number of course units needed for graduation, therefore, varies between thirty-two and thirty-six depending upon the number required in the major and electives. No student is required to complete more than thirty-six course units for graduation. Students whose majors require more than sixteen course units may take correspondingly fewer electives. Students may take additional courses if they wish, and many do.

Transfer students should note that the number of transferred courses directly applicable to major requirements may be limited. In all cases, students must spend a minimum of two academic years at Penn, and at least one half of the courses required for the major, and half of the total required courses, must be completed at the University. Students who transfer into any of Penn's other undergraduate schools or divisions (including the College of General Studies) are not eligible to transfer into the College of Arts and Sciences.

inter-library loan service. Computer labs are available in many of the academic buildings and all of the College Houses offer computer facilities as well. A high-speed network connection, called *ResNet*, allows students to send e-mail messages, watch cable television, search on-line library catalogs, and access the campus-wide information system in all college houses.* In addition *AirPennNet*, the University's wireless network also allows access in many other public spaces across campus, such as College Green and Houston Hall.

Houston Hall is the nation's first student union building and serves as a hub for student life on campus. Recently remodeled for its 100th anniversary it boasts spacious meeting areas and lounges with a variety of dining options.

Today, the *one university* concept unites these diverse resources. Interdisciplinary study, extensive cross-registration opportunities, a wide range of intellectual and social options, and the attempt to personalize education at this complex University are among the aims of this philosophy. We strongly encourage the well-prepared student to explore in greater depth the resources and opportunities available at Penn.

* *AirPennNet wireless*

Students enjoy spring on College Green



MAJOR RESTRICTIONS: The individualized major is available only to students transferring into their sophomore year, and whose proposed course of study is approved before their junior year. Prospective transfer students applying to study the natural sciences or economics should have adequate preparation in college-level calculus in order to be successful in these majors. Prospective Communication majors should note that some prerequisites for that major are required before being admitted to the program, and that admission to the University does not guarantee admission to the major. All students should consult the web pages of specific majors to apprise themselves of prerequisites and course requirements before applying to the College of Arts & Sciences.

For more details, call, visit, or explore our website:

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THE WHARTON SCHOOL

At the Wharton School, the first collegiate business school in the world, the undergraduate program integrates the intellectual enrichment of a liberal arts education with a solid general business curriculum. Wharton students take courses in the arts, sciences and humanities, while learning business fundamentals and pursuing a business concentration.

REQUIREMENTS: All applicants must meet the requirements by the end of the term in which they are enrolled at the time of transfer application. In addition to the academic requirements, all applicants should have demonstrated leadership skills through involvement in their current college community. Students are encouraged to transfer after their freshman year because there are very few spaces available for entering juniors.

Applicants who wish to enter for their sophomore year must have **completed:**

- One semester of calculus (MATH 104), which can be fulfilled by:
 - A score of “5” on the AP Calculus BC exam (no credit is awarded for the AB exam);
 - A score of “7” on the IB Higher Level Mathematics with Further Math exam;
- A course deemed by the Math Department to be equivalent to MATH 104. Please see the Math Department website <http://www.math.upenn.edu/ugrad> for specific information about the math requirement and transfer credit information.
- Math classes below the level of calculus will not transfer to Penn.
- One semester of introductory microeconomics (ECON 001), which can be fulfilled by:
 - A score of “5” on the AP Microeconomics exam;
 - A score of “6” or “7” on the IB Higher Level Economics exam;
 - A course deemed by the Economics Department to be equivalent to ECON 001. Please see the Economics Department website <http://www.econ.upenn.edu> for specific information about economics courses.
- One semester of introductory macroeconomics (ECON 002), which can be fulfilled by:
 - A score of “5” on the AP Macroeconomics exam;
 - A score of “6” or “7” on the IB Higher Level Economics exam;
 - A course deemed by the Economics Department to be equivalent to ECON 002. Please see the Economics Department website <http://www.econ.upenn.edu> for specific information about economics courses.
- OR in lieu of ECON 001 and 002, one semester of a combined introductory micro and macroeconomics course (ECON 010), which can be fulfilled by:
 - A course deemed by the Economics Department to be equivalent to ECON 010. Please see the Economics Department website <http://www.econ.upenn.edu> for specific information about economics courses.

In addition to the above, incoming juniors must have **completed:**

- One semester of financial accounting (ACCT 101), which can be fulfilled by:
 - A course deemed by the Accounting Department to be equivalent to ACCT 101. Please see the Accounting Department website <http://accounting.wharton.upenn.edu> for specific information about accounting courses.
- One semester of managerial accounting (ACCT 102)
 - A course deemed by the Accounting Department to be equivalent to ACCT 102. Please see the Accounting Department website <http://accounting.wharton.upenn.edu>

- for specific information about accounting courses.
- Two semesters of statistics (with a calculus prerequisite) (STAT 101, STAT 102), which can be fulfilled by:
 - A course deemed by the Statistics Department to be equivalent to STAT 101 and 102. Please see the Statistics Department website <http://www-stat.wharton.upenn.edu/> for specific information about statistics courses.
 - A score of “5” on the AP Statistics exam will only fulfill the STAT 101 requirement.
 - Statistics courses without a calculus prerequisite will not transfer to Penn.
- One semester of intermediate microeconomics (ECON 101 or BPUB 250), which can be fulfilled by:
 - A course deemed by the Economics Department to be equivalent to ECON 101. Please see the Economics Department website <http://www.econ.upenn.edu/> for specific information about economics courses.
 - A course deemed by the Business & Public Policy Department to be equivalent to BPUB 250. Please see the Business & Public Policy Department website <http://bpp.wharton.upenn.edu/> for specific information about business & public policy courses.

Please note that completion of these courses does NOT guarantee transfer of credit. Official approval of transfer credit takes place after matriculation and must be granted by the designated faculty member in the department from which you are seeking credit.

Transfer students who wish to matriculate into the Wharton School must do so through initial admission to the University; externally admitted transfer students are not permitted to transfer again within the University. Transfer students enrolled in the other three undergraduate schools may still take Wharton courses but will not be able to transfer internally once they are at Penn. Students enrolled as degree candidates in the College of General Studies or applicants already holding undergraduate degrees will not be considered for transfer admission to Wharton.

Please visit the Wharton Undergraduate Division website at <http://undergrad.wharton.upenn.edu> for a full description of degree requirements, including the language competency requirement. Course information is also contained at <http://www.upenn.edu/registrar/>.

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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

The objective of the School of Engineering and Applied Science is to educate students to become professionals who consider the human as well as the scientific and economic aspects of societal problems. Students therefore combine fundamentals of engineering and technology with a variety of courses in the arts and sciences, and in other disciplines in a manner individually suited to their career goals.

REQUIREMENTS: The School of Engineering and Applied Science website provides the suggested schedule for each engineering area of concentration. Applicants should follow, as closely as possible, the schedule outlined for the major. All transfer applicants to the Engineering School need to select a major when applying. Incoming sophomore transfer students are eligible to apply for a dual-degree program after completing one year (eight course units) at Penn. Students holding undergraduate degrees in science-related fields are not encouraged to pursue a second degree but should contact the Graduate Admissions Office.

Students transferring into the School of Engineering and Applied Science after one year of college should have completed at least one course in chemistry, one course in physics (involving the use of calculus), one course in computer programming, two courses in calculus, and, if possible, two courses in the social sciences and humanities. Students pursuing a major in Bioengineering, Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics, Materials Science and Engineering, and Electrical Engineering should also complete a second course in physics. **External transfers admitted to the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences are not eligible to transfer again within the University.**

Depending on their desired discipline, students transferring into the School of Engineering and Applied Science after two years of college should have completed a total of four courses in math (calculus through differential equations), two courses in physics (involving the use of calculus), one course in chemistry, one course in computer program-

ming, three or four courses in the social sciences and humanities, and as many engineering and applied science courses as possible (e.g., mechanics, electrical circuits, materials, thermodynamics, etc.). In addition, Computer Science and Digital Media Design students must take a second computer programming course; all other majors must take a second physics course. Please see the website for further details about specific curricula.

For further information on academic programs please contact:

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SCHOOL OF NURSING

The School of Nursing believes that today's nurses must be innovators, advocates for improved patient care, and sensitive spokespersons for the health needs of the patient and the community. The objective of the school is to graduate students who are well educated and productive members of a community. A liberal arts program encompassing many disciplines is an integral part of the nursing curriculum. In addition, clinical experiences in all areas of nursing practice offer students a wide variety of health care settings in which to learn.

Transfer applicants must have completed a minimum of eight transferable college courses, including at least two laboratory sciences courses. Recommended courses include Introduction to Chemistry I and II with lab, Introduction to Biology I with lab and Introduction to Microbiology with lab. Externally admitted transfer students are not permitted to transfer again within the University.

Applicants with a Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing discipline, and applicants who are RN Return students (those who have completed a Diploma RN program or an Associate's Degree RN program), have two options: The BSN Second Degree Accelerated program and the BSN/MSN Accelerated program.

The BSN Second Degree program is an accelerated option for those exclusively interested in pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. The BSN/MSN program is for those who have identified a graduate area of interest. The length of the program varies depending upon what coursework the applicant has completed prior to matriculation.

The BSN/MSN program is for those who would like to pursue a Master of Science in Nursing and have already identified an area of specialty, but do not yet have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Students admitted to both portions will earn an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing and continue studies in the desired Master's area. Applicants to the BSN/MSN program must take the GRE.

The School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Interviews are required for the School of Nursing. All applicants should contact the School directly for more information and to discuss previous academic work.

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COLLEGE OF GENERAL STUDIES

The College of General Studies (CGS) is the division of the School of Arts and Sciences that has specific responsibility for continuing and professional education. The College of General Studies provides the returning student additional counseling and support services and allows its students to enroll in both CGS and College of Arts and Sciences courses. It has been our experience that CGS offers returning students a more flexible learning environment and thus a more successful entry into Penn's academic community.

The College of General Studies offers courses primarily in the evening on a part-time or full-time basis. The number and variety of courses offered by CGS enables a student to receive an Associate or Bachelor of Arts degree. Students who have been absent from formal study for a time and are interested in part-time or full-time liberal arts study in the evening should generally apply directly to the College of General Studies. A CGS counselor will be glad to assist in determining the appropriate plan.

Students who have been denied admission as transfer students must wait one year until they are eligible to apply to any of the programs in the College of General Studies.

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SEPTEMBER ADMISSION

The deadline to apply for September admissions is March 15, although your application may be submitted as early as January 1. Decisions will be released beginning in mid-May. Detailed information about how to apply to Penn may be obtained at www.admissions.upenn.edu. You can apply using the Common Application (www.commonapp.org) or the Universal College Application (www.universalcollegeapp.com/). Both require the Penn Application Supplement.

At least one full year of transferable academic coursework (8 semester courses) must be completed by the close of the spring term prior to the September of anticipated enrollment at Penn. All transcripts are due in the Admissions Office by the March 15 deadline, and it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that all credentials have been received by the Admissions Office (with official certified English translations if appropriate). Decisions will not be released over the telephone.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Students' records must be free of all "failure," "conditional," and "incomplete" grades. In addition, records from summer school, study-abroad programs, or special college programs must be submitted in official transcript form with official certified English translations if applicable. These records will be considered along with other credentials. If you have taken courses on a PASS/FAIL or CREDIT/NO CREDIT basis, please have grades, or written evaluations of your performance, sent by the professors of these courses. If you attend a school that records only PASS/FAIL on your transcript for your first semester or first year courses, please request that your grades be released on the transcript sent to our office. Due to the competitive nature of Penn's admissions process, it is imperative that we receive these grades or written evaluations.

The University does not admit freshmen or transfers at mid-year. Students who leave college at the end of the first term may apply to the freshman class entering in the subsequent September. The freshman application deadline is January 1. Students who are completing their senior year of high school concurrently with their first year of college should apply as freshmen.

Transfer applicants are required to submit the results of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test. (Results of the American College Testing Program-ACT with Writing- are also acceptable). The SAT Subject Tests are not required. Candidates whose native language is not English should also submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Penn maintains a two-year academic enrollment requirement. One-half of the total number of courses required for the degree must be completed here, regardless of the number of transferable credits completed elsewhere.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

The University's transfer credit policy attempts to integrate, as fully as possible, a student's previous coursework with the normal degree sequences at Penn. In general, transfer credit may be awarded for academically-based courses which were taken at a regionally accredited institution, passed with a grade of C or better, and are similar in content and classroom meeting hours to the curriculum on this campus.

At Penn, credit is awarded in "course units." The normal course load results in eight to nine course units each year. Courses taken for fewer than forty contact-hours each term will not transfer but, when appropriate, will be combined with other courses to give credit. Credits transferred from other institutions will

become a part of the student's official record, but grades will not be placed on the transcript nor used in determining the student's cumulative grade point average.

A preliminary evaluation of transfer credits will be available within three weeks of admission. Admitted students will be able to access this information on line. Prospective applicants who wish an approximate determination of which courses will transfer should compare the course descriptions of their home institution with Penn's. Full credit evaluations are completed for admitted transfer students only. Please visit our online course register at www.upenn.edu/registrar/register.



If any questions remain, feel free to contact the Office of Transfer Credit and Advanced Standing directly at (215) 898-7901 or email xfer@admissions.upenn.edu.

STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

Financial Information

Educational Expense Budget for 2008-2009

	Living On or Off-Campus	Living at Home with Family
Tuition and Fees	\$ 37,526	\$ 37,526
Housing	6,640	0
Meals	3,982	1,880
Books	1,050	1,050
Personal Expenses	2,102	2,102
Total	\$ 51,300	\$ 42,558

Financial Assistance Policy

The University of Pennsylvania's need-blind admissions policy ensures that no U.S. citizen or permanent resident is denied admission because of financial constraints. In accordance with this policy, review of your admissions application is independent of review of your financial aid application.

In addition, Penn's need-based financial aid program meets 100% of your financial need, as determined by Student Financial Services.

Financial Aid

Penn endorses the principle that education is first and foremost the responsibility of students and their families. Therefore, financial aid is awarded to supplement, not replace, your family's ability to pay.

All financial aid is based on evaluated financial need; no merit or athletic scholarships are awarded. Student Financial Services reviews each financial aid application on an individual basis.

In 2007, Penn President Amy Gutmann announced a further commitment on the part of Penn to make a Penn education affordable for all students. Dependent students who are eligible for need-based financial aid will no longer have loans included as part of their financial aid package. This new policy will be fully implemented by Fall, 2009. See Paying for a Penn Education on the Office of Admissions' website for details.

How to Apply for Financial Aid

Apply for financial aid at the same time you file your admissions application. To review application instructions and access applications, visit Apply for Financial Aid on the Student Financial Services' website at www.sfs.upenn.edu. Be sure to follow the instructions on the checklist, and submit required documents by the stated deadlines.

Note: You are also required to submit your and your parents' 2008 tax returns, even if your parents are divorced or separated. Therefore, we recommend that you complete federal income tax returns early.

Notification of Eligibility

If you applied for financial aid, you will receive notification from Student Financial Services beginning mid-May, as long as you applied by the April 15th deadline. If you applied after the deadline, you will be notified three to four weeks after your application is complete.

Payment Options

Several low-cost payment options are available. Many families participate in some type of student and/or parent program that enables them to distribute educational costs over an extended period of time.

See Paying for a Penn Education on the Office of Admissions' website for details.

International Students

The University is able to offer financial assistance to very few students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the U.S., Canada, or Mexico. Therefore, most non-citizens should plan to meet expenses for their entire schooling before applying for admissions. Because the offer of admissions for non-citizens is directly linked to their ability to meet these expenses, candidates who can pay for their schooling are urged not to apply for Penn-sponsored assistance.

Students who absolutely require such funding should submit the Penn Financial Aid Application, but they should also understand that they are in competition for very limited funds. Penn will not admit a financial aid candidate for whom we cannot provide aid.

Additional Information

Visit the Student Financial Services website at www.sfs.upenn.edu to apply online for a complete financial aid application checklist, deadlines, and forms. Details on payment options are also available on the SFS website.

Campus Visits & Housing

CAMPUS VISITS

We encourage you to visit the Penn campus. Tours and group information sessions are available weekdays and some weekends throughout the year. The information session is designed to provide an introduction to Penn, as well as to allow for personal and specific questions. Class visitation is available during the academic year from September through April. Overnight visits in our College Houses can be arranged by appointment during October, November, and February, Monday through Wednesday. Arrangements for overnight stays can be made by calling the Office of Admissions at least two weeks in advance of your visit at (215) 898-7507. More information regarding visitation is available on our website at www.admissions.upenn.edu.



A view of the Quadrangle, home to several of Penn's College Houses.

Individual on-campus interviews are not available since requests vastly exceed our ability to meet this need. Transfer candidates who desire an interview are encouraged to contact the Alumni Secondary School Committee Network at the Office of Admissions, 1 College Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6376, (215) 898-6903.

The Alumni Council on Admissions offers advice and guidance to legacies, the children and grandchildren of alumni through Legacy Advising Sessions and personal interviews. Please visit www.alumni.upenn.edu/aca or call (215) 898-6888. An interview at the School of Nursing is strongly recommended for applicants to the nursing program. Please call (215) 898-4271.

HOUSING

On-campus residence in University-run College Houses is available to transfers on a first-come, first-served basis. Housing cannot be guaranteed, although space is generally available for those who apply by early Summer.

The housing application is available online and accessed via the Admissions website, www.admissions.upenn.edu/decisions. The Department of Housing and Conference Services may be contacted by writing to the Assignments Office, Stouffer Commons, 3702 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6027, sending email to living@exchange.upenn.edu, calling (215) 898-8271, or visiting their website at www.upenn.edu/housing.

Off-campus housing is an option taken by more than one third of the students at Penn and a variety of apartments and townhouses may be found in the University area as well as other areas of Philadelphia and its suburbs. The Office of Off-Campus Living (OCL) can assist both with the housing search process and with lease review and counseling in landlord tenant matters. OCL maintains an on-line apartment search database, which you can use for your customized searches. Also available from OCL are lists of major buildings, landlord and realtors as well as a wealth of resources for students who choose to live off-campus. Please call (215) 898-8500 for more information, visit the website at www.upenn.edu/offcampusliving or email ocliving@pobox.upenn.edu.