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Introduction

While curriculums at community colleges are typically more constrained than those at Universities, students have the option of transferring credits to a higher education institution if they choose to continue their studies and achieve a higher degree. Therefore, this paper will focus mainly on the benefits community colleges provide, such as a welcoming academic and social environment, lower tuition costs, offering courses in various formats, including evening programs, shorter degree programs, small campus size, and a more straightforward transition socially.

Along with the particular instruction that community colleges provide, it is also a significant location for chances to arise and be discovered. Many community colleges offer students educational opportunities as well as internships based on their major. Bergen Community College is recognized for this in its nursing curriculum, and it is a fantastic opportunity because it may eventually lead to a job opportunity. Another method Bergen helps students is hosting a STEM club, which has grown in popularity among students pursuing an associate's degree in technology, science, mathematics, or engineering. **The STEM club encourages learners to get together and share a shared subject that they are enthusiastic**

about while also exploring and improving their skill sets (Hatch and Crystal 365).

Community colleges also give students the option of transferring credits to a higher education institution if they choose to continue their studies and achieve a higher degree, as Tom Hanks did. He transferred his credits from Chabot Community College to the State University of Sacramento to pursue his studies after graduating from Chabot Community College. In addition, Lower tuition costs, smaller class numbers, a friendly academic and social environment, and a flexible course offering, including night programs, are other benefits of attending community colleges even for students who can go straight to University.

Community college students can take more classes because of the cheap cost per class at two-year schools. They can better determine what you want to major in when you get to a four-year institution if you take various subjects. Similarly, if students need help picking an academic or professional path later in their studies, academic counselors at these institutions can assist them. In addition, community colleges also provide continuing education and job development programs. These programs offer instruction for particular fields of study, such as nursing or technical fields of study. Likewise, for numerous reasons, attending community college is significantly less expensive than attending a four-year institution. First, because most community schools do not have on-campus dorms, students may save money on room and board, amounting to thousands of dollars each year. **Through the use of pathos, ethos, and logos, Hanks' assertions of community college being an option to students seeking an affordable higher education are flourishing (1).**

Another benefit of attending a community college compared to a university is the length of the degree programs. Most community college degrees are completed in two years, whereas four-year university degrees are completed in four years. It takes four years to complete a degree

in the University but only two years at a community college. This is because students at Universities spend the first two years of their studies completing general education courses, commonly referred to as "gen-eds," like algebra or history, irrespective of their choice of focus. This implies that whether students specialize in architecture or biology, for example, they will be expected to complete the same general education courses during their first two years of University. It will not be until the third and fourth years that they will start thinking about the upper-level requirements, which will be particular to your selected degree program. Therefore, learners who commence their learning at a community college are prepared to join University at the junior level, requiring two more years to acquire a bachelor's degree. The majority of community institutions do not provide bachelor's degrees. Community colleges, on the other hand, give certificates and associate degrees. An associate's degree is intended to be completed in two years (after about 60 credits) and consists of essential subjects such as English, history, arithmetic, government, arts, and science. **Hanks mentions that they were able to complete our general education requirements at Chabot, earning credits that we could transfer to a university, making those two years crucial (1).**

Aside from the time required to obtain a degree, the campus size is another significant benefit of a community college. Universities are significantly larger than community colleges, with some universities in the United States having over 100,000 students. Because community colleges have fewer students on campus, fewer students are to meet and less established campus clubs and programs. **Chabot offered a nursing school that graduated students, sports clubs that channeled players to bigger schools, and parking for a few thousand vehicles — all of which were free save for the effort and expense of secondhand textbooks (Hanks 1).**

Additionally, the flexibility of the class schedule is one of the most delicate features of

community college. Since community colleges recognize their students' specific requirements, many provide solutions to assist education fit into their lives. Not everybody has the luxury or inclination to attend college lectures full-time throughout the day. Indeed, the option to take classes at night and on weekends makes community college an excellent alternative for people who wish to work part-time or full-time while attending school or who have a family to support.

Moving away to University in a distant location can be intimidating, especially for introverted learners or lack social skills. They are more likely to have classes with individuals they know if they enroll at a local community college. Various students may find it simpler to make acquaintances if they already know some individuals there. Crucet, a young Cuban girl, describes her experiences attending Cornell University. She discusses the various obstacles she faced as a young Cuban girl and first freshman, commencing with her family's attitude and lack of knowledge. Her parents, like her, had no ideas or rules to assist her through the college experience. They didn't realize they were scheduled to leave until they took her belongings out of the car. As a result, unlike her peers' parents, Crucet's stayed with her for several days, **we thought we all needed to be there for freshman orientation (Crucet 2)**. Community colleges often provide the same interest-based groups as traditional four-year institutions, so there are many possibilities to meet new people beyond the classroom. Although there are many extracurricular activities to choose from at community colleges, there is little focus on sporting events than at many universities. Therefore, learners who are not interested in sports will not be at a social disadvantage. They might be at some universities where social lives revolve extensively around the University's sports teams.

Conclusion

Having dwelled on benefits community colleges provide, such as a welcoming academic and social environment, it is clear that joining a community college before transferring to a four-year institution might save learners a significant amount of money in the long term. Again, from benefits such as lower tuition costs, offering courses in various formats, including evening programs, shorter degree programs, small campus size, and a more straightforward transition socially it sheds more light that community colleges also provide a great deal of flexibility in getting a degree, making excellent education more accessible to learners who might otherwise be unable to obtain one. Furthermore, most companies do not care where an individual gets their degree or a two-year degree before earning a Bachelor's degree. They are solely concerned that one has a degree in an area related to the employment for which they are seeking. As a result, the advantages suggest that Community colleges may be the most excellent match for both fresh high school graduates and returning adult students to achieve their academic objectives.

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