

Transfer Guide for Psychology Students

Naugatuck Valley Community College



Transfer Advice and Schools to Consider for Psychology

For many students, NVCC is the first step toward a four-year college experience. While some of you may already have an idea of where you plan to go from here, this document invites you to start with an open mind and explore possibilities. Your goal should be to find the best college or university for you to transfer to – one that will provide the education and overall experience that you want. This document is meant to help you with that choice – from things you should start doing as early as your first semester at NVCC to factors you should consider when you are deciding which transfer applications you will submit. It also provides examples of schools that offer experiences that support student success. Use this as your starting point and perhaps as a starting point for conversations with your advisor.



Planning for a Successful Transfer Experience

General things to pay attention to in order to plan for successful transfer:

- Get to know your faculty and your advisor well. You'll need letters of recommendation from them, as well as guidance and advice
- Earn the highest grades you possibly can – this will be the biggest factor in acceptances to four year schools and for scholarships and other forms of financial support
- Extracurricular - clubs and/or volunteering will strengthen your applications
- Honors programs and opportunities will also make you stand out
- Attend a psychology conference to demonstrate seriousness about your studies

You should not decide where you apply based on the cost of the school

The tuition for many schools, especially private colleges, is very high and some students will be afraid to apply to a school that costs \$30,000/year or more in tuition. In the end, cost will be an important factor in where you decide to go, but it should not be a factor in where you decide to apply. Many private schools have very generous financial aid (some guarantee that you will not pay any tuition if your family income falls below a certain threshold). Apply to whatever schools you would love to attend, and then see what financial assistance they offer.

In general, you want to apply to at least one school that you know you'll be able to afford (and that you'll be happy attending).

Factors to consider when choosing a four year school

More than anything you're looking for a school that fits you and your needs well. This is a list of factors that might influence "fit" for you.

- Size of school – This is an important consideration. While you are more likely to have heard of larger research universities, there are many very good smaller schools. Think about who you are and which is a better "fit." Do you like to be part of a large community or are you more comfortable knowing more of the people around you? In addition, they offer different opportunities. Large universities will often have more course choices and more professors to learn from. However, class sizes are likely to be larger and professors split their attention between research and teaching. Smaller liberal arts colleges usually emphasize teaching over research for their faculty. They also usually don't have any graduate students, so undergraduates may have more opportunities to work closely on research with professors (because they are not competing with grad students). If you're planning to apply for graduate school, undergraduate research experience is essential.
- Average class size - While student: faculty ratio is important, it doesn't necessarily tell you the ranges of class size.

- Culture of the school - This is something you need to get a feel for when you visit. Some schools center their culture and socializing around fraternities and sororities while others have none. Some schools emphasize school spirit and sports teams while others don't. Spend a day on campus – find out if you could imagine fitting in and being comfortable there.
- Support for Transfer Students – Does the school offer programs and opportunities to help you transition into their community?
- Type of location – urban, suburban, rural?
- Distance from home - Be sure to consider ease of travel as well. Some schools may be further in terms of mileage but may be more easily accessible by train or bus than some closer schools.
- Dorm life/off campus life - For example, how many people live on campus? What housing options exist? Especially if you're considering a school further from home, it will be important to know how populated the college is on the weekends. If residential life includes lots of people leaving for home on the weekends that will greatly affect your experience of living there.
- Specific psychology opportunities
- Specific psychology faculty if you have particular areas of interest
- Graduation Rate/Rate of graduate school acceptance/job placement (all of these are measures of future success)

Why you should at least consider living on campus

One decision traditional age students need to make is whether they'll live on campus to complete your four year degree, or whether you'll continue to live with family or on your own off campus. Many of our students worry that living in a dorm will make college more expensive, or sometimes they are afraid to move away from family to live more independently. While each student needs to decide what will work best for them, I always urge students to at least consider living on campus for their last two years of college. Dorm living can be a great "stepping stone" to more independent living. It also provides immersion in a college community, and the research is clear that the more immersed and connected you are in college, the more likely you are to graduate. Finally, some colleges offer more financial aid and scholarships if you live on campus. It is not always less expensive to live at home. The link below provides some food for thought in making this decision.

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/2015/08/05/weigh-the-benefits-drawbacks-to-living-at-home-during-college>

Schools to Consider

This list of schools is chosen based on schools that offer specific opportunities in Psychology, or that have other unique characteristics that make them particularly relevant to NVCC students in some way. There are many other great schools and you should use this list as a starting point, rather than your only guide. This list does not include Yale or other Ivy League colleges, as those are known to most of our students and also accept very few transfer applicants. The list does include some colleges you may not have heard of but that offer opportunities that make them stand out.

The College Board website – <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> – is a great resource for searching for colleges. Create a profile there and choose the college characteristics that are most important to you. They'll give you a list of colleges, with links, for you to consider.

Some of these colleges are on a list entitled *Colleges that Change Lives*. These are colleges that are easier to get into, but that have student outcomes (graduation rates and placement of graduates) that are equivalent to much more elite schools. These are noted on the lists below. You can find a complete list of these schools at <http://www.ctcl.org/>

Some of these colleges are included because they are members of Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR). This indicates that they are committed to providing undergraduate students with research experiences as part of their education. These opportunities will be essential if you plan to apply to graduate school in the future. www.cur.org



Connecticut – Public Colleges

Because you'll have access to a lot of information about our CSU's and UConn from other sources, this section will simply point out the significant differences among them, especially for studying psychology. Transferring to any of the State Universities (Southern, Central, Western and Eastern) will be very similar. If you are a Psychology Studies major here (one of the Transfer Articulation Pathways), you can transfer to any of these four schools and have Junior status when you get there.

- **Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, CT)**
 - 10,000 undergraduate students
 - 24% of students live on campus (64% of first year students)
 - 57% graduation rate
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/central-connecticut-state-university-overview>
 - <http://www.ccsu.edu/psychology/undergraduate/> - overview of psychology department
 - The Psychology Club at CCSU regularly attends the Eastern Psychological Association conference and CCSU students regularly present research there.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 35 minutes

- **Eastern Connecticut State University (Willimantic, CT)**
 - 5100 undergraduate students
 - 53% of students live on campus (89% of first year students)
 - 56% graduation rate
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/eastern-connecticut-state-university-overview>
 - <http://www.easternct.edu/psychology/> - overview of psychology
 - ECSU has a strong emphasis on research opportunities for students. They offer research funding and travel grants for student research projects and for students to attend psychology conferences. The department also has five research labs in which students can work as research assistants. In addition Eastern offers a Cognitive Neuroscience Program for students who are especially interested in the relationship between the brain and behaviors. Students in this major work with an advisor to create their own program of study.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 70 minutes

- **Southern Connecticut State University (New Haven, CT)**
 - 8100 undergraduate students
 - 32% of students live on campus (68% of first year students)
 - 52% graduation rate

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/southern-connecticut-state-university> - overview
 - <https://www.southernct.edu/academics/schools/arts/departments/psychology/undergraduate/> - overview of psychology
 - SCSU offers three separate psychology majors. Students can choose to study General Psychology with either a B.A. or B.S. degree, as well as a B.A. in Psychology with a concentration in Mental Health. For students intending to pursue graduate study, the B.S. is a very nice option and will provide focus on scientific research within psychology. This B.S. degree has three tracks focusing on different areas of study and research. They include: Behavioral Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, and Applied Psychology and Assessment.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 35 minutes
- **Western Connecticut State University (Danbury, CT)**
 - 5300 undergraduate students
 - 33% of students live on campus (57% of first year students)
 - 47% graduation rate
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/western-connecticut-state-university> - overview
 - <http://www.wcsu.edu/psychology/> - overview of psychology
 - WCSU engages students in research through the psychology department and publishes an in-house journal of undergraduate research in psychology. Most students graduate with at least some research experience in psychological science.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 30 minutes
- **University of Connecticut (Storrs, CT)**

If you're planning to attend a public university in Connecticut, you should give serious consideration to UConn. This is especially true if you think you might pursue graduate study in psychology in the future. Because it's a research university, there will be more opportunities to engage in research than there might be at one of our State Universities listed above. However, at a smaller college it might be easier for you to stand out and to meet professors doing research. Visit UConn as well as the smaller universities to decide which is the best fit for you. It's important to note that the Waterbury campus will not have the same opportunities for research and other experiences as you'll find in Storrs.

 - 18,800 undergraduate students
 - 70% of students live on campus (97% of first year students)
 - Class sizes range quite a bit at UConn. 16% of classes have more than 50 students in them, while 53% have fewer than 20.
 - 83% graduation rate
 - 89% of graduates are employed or in graduate school six months after graduation

- Minimum 2.7 GPA for transfer; 52% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
- SAT not required for transfer
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/university-of-connecticut> - overview
- <http://undergrad.psych.uconn.edu/> - overview of psychology department
- <https://undergrad.psych.uconn.edu/finding-research/> - research opportunities within the psychology department
- Other things to know about this college: The University of Connecticut is among the top research institutions in the country and the Department of Psychological Sciences is among the top 10 Psychology programs for U.S. research grant funding.
- This college meets 58% of demonstrated need
- Driving distance from Waterbury: about 75 minutes



Connecticut – Private Colleges

- **Connecticut College (New London, CT)**

- Liberal Arts College (1900 students)
- 99% of students live on campus
- Average class size is 19 students
- 83% graduation rate
- 96% of graduates are employed or in graduate school one year after graduation
- No minimum GPA listed for transfer students; 37% admission rate for transfers; considered Very Selective for admissions
- SAT not required for transfer
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/connecticut-college-overview>
- <https://www.conncoll.edu/academics/majors-departments-programs/departments/psychology/> - overview of psychology department
- <https://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/MajorsAndMinors/Psychology/Pages/FacultyResearch.arch.aspx> - research opportunities within the psychology department
- Other things to know about this college: It has an honor code (including unproctored exams) and involves students in decision making about the college.
- This college meets 100% of demonstrated need
- Connecticut College is on a beautiful 750 acre campus right on the Long Island Sound
- Driving distance from Waterbury: about 90 minutes

- **Quinnipiac University (Hamden, CT)**

- Medium Sized University (6500 undergraduate students; 9000 students total)
- 77% of students live on campus
- 63% of classes have fewer than 30 students in them
- 76% graduation rate
- 2.5 minimum GPA for transfer students; 60% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
- SAT not required for transfer
- Overview - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/quinnipiac-university>
- Overview of Psychology Department - <https://www.quinnipiac.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments-of-psychology/>
- Other things to know about this college: You can choose to pursue a BA in Psychology or a BS in Neuroscience; the university hosts an annual conference in neuroscience and encourages students to become involved in faculty research.
- On average, Quinnipiac meets 67% of demonstrated financial need
- Quinnipiac has two campuses in Hamden. The college provides transportation between campuses

- Driving distance from Waterbury: about 30 minutes
- **Trinity College (Hartford, CT)**
 - Liberal Arts College (2255 students)
 - 91% of students live on campus
 - Average class size is 19 students
 - 84% graduation rate
 - Minimum GPA 3.0 for transfer students; 27% admission rate for transfers; considered Very Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - Overview of college: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/trinity-college>
 - Overview of psychology department
<http://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/MajorsAndMinors/Psychology/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Research opportunities within the psychology department
 - <https://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/MajorsAndMinors/Psychology/Pages/FacultyResearch.aspx> Other opportunities within the Psychology department
<http://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/MajorsAndMinors/Psychology/Pages/Special.aspx>
 - Other things to know about this college: Trinity's Individualized Degree Program (IDP) is available for students over 23 years old and offers unique opportunities and advantages for these students (70% receive full financial aid)
 - On average, Trinity meets 100% of financial need
 - Located on a 100 acre urban campus
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: 45 minutes

Massachusetts

- **Clark University (Worcester MA) - Stands out as a College That Changes Lives**
 - Liberal Arts College (2300 undergraduate students), but with University aspects (graduate programs)
 - 70% of students live on campus
 - Average class size is 21
 - Graduation rate is 78%
 - 45% of graduates enter graduate school immediately upon graduation
 - Minimum transfer GPA 2.8; 48% admission rate for transfer; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/clark-university?q=Clark%2BUniversity&searchType=college>
 - <https://www.clarku.edu/academics/undergraduate/programs/major/psychology/> - Overview of department
 - <http://www.clarku.edu/departments/psychology/undergrad/research.cfm> - Specific information about research opportunities (Member of CUR). 100% of psychology faculty are engaged in research in addition to teaching.
 - Other things to know about this college: They have a PhD program in Clinical Psychology (this will mean more opportunities in this area); Psychology is their most popular major (18% of students); historically one of the oldest Psychology departments in the country.
 - On average, Clark University meets 93% of demonstrated financial need.
 - Clark's campus is located on a 50 acre campus in an urban setting.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 90 minutes
- **Mount Holyoke (South Hadley, MA)**
 - Liberal Arts College (2189 students) – *This is a women's college*
 - 95% of students live on campus
 - 84% of classes have fewer than 30 students (71% have fewer than 20)
 - 80% graduation rate
 - 84% of graduates are employed or are in graduate school within six months of graduation.
 - Minimum GPA for transfer is 3.0; 57% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/mount-holyoke-college> - overview
 - <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/psychology/programs> - overview of the psychology department

- <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/neuroscience> - separate neuroscience major available
 - <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/fp> - Mount Holyoke offers the Frances Perkins scholarship for students over the age of 25, who have dependent children, or who are veterans.
 - Other things to know about this college: Nearly 80% of graduates enroll in graduate school within 10 years of graduation; the psychology department has a strong emphasis and ample opportunity for students to engage in independent research. In addition, they offer special attention to transfer students
 - Mount Holyoke meets 100% of demonstrated financial need and has a stated commitment to making attendance possible for low and middle income students.
 - The college is on a beautiful 2000 acre campus.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 1 ½ hours
- **Northeastern University (Boston, MA) – CUR Member**
 - Large University (17,400 undergraduate students)
 - Northeastern doesn't report percentage of students living on campus. Freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus, but many upperclassman live off campus.
 - Average Class sizes not reported – but these will be much larger than at smaller colleges
 - 82% graduation rate
 - 90% of graduates are employed or are in graduate school within nine months of graduation.
 - No Minimum GPA for transfer students; 31% admission rate for transfers; considered Very Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer students who have completed at least one year of college
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/northeastern-university> - overview
 - <https://cos.northeastern.edu/psychology/> - overview of the psychology department
 - <http://www.northeastern.edu/cos/psychology/undergraduate/degree-programs/> - Northeastern offers four different programs within the psychology department (Psychology, Behavioral Neuroscience, Applied Behavior Analysis Focus, and Psychology/Education combined). The psychology department is located with the College of Science, indicating a focus on psychology as a scientific field and the department's many research opportunities are consistent with its CUR membership.
 - Other things to know about this college: Northeastern integrates co-op work experiences into all of its programs and emphasizes the importance of practical experience and application in education. They are dedicated to preparing students for work and graduate school throughout their time at Northeastern.
 - Northeastern states that they are dedicated to meeting full demonstrated need for all incoming applicants.
 - The college is located on a 73 acre urban campus.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 2 ½ hours

- **Wheaton College (Norton MA)**
 - Liberal Arts College (1500 students)
 - 95% of students live on campus
 - 68% of classes have fewer than 20 students
 - 76% graduation rate
 - 98% of graduates are employed, are in graduate school, or are involved in competitive fellowships, internships or national service within six months of graduation.
 - No minimum GPA listed; 43% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
 - SAT optional for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/wheaton-college-4115> - overview
 - <http://wheatoncollege.edu/psychology/> - overview of the psychology department
 - <https://wheatoncollege.edu/academics/programs/neuroscience/> - separate neuroscience major available
 - Other things to know about this college: Wheaton has 8 different Psychology Labs that offer opportunities for student researchers. Psychology and Neuroscience are among the college's most popular majors.
 - On average, Wheaton meets 93% of demonstrated financial need.
 - The college is located on 400 acres between Providence RI and Boston MA.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 2 ½ hours

New York

All of the State University of New York (SUNY) schools can be a very good bargain for Connecticut students. The out of state tuition is just under \$30,000 with room and board. In comparison, University of Connecticut will cost CT students about \$26,000 per year. The SUNY schools listed below are chosen in part for the strength of their psychology programs, but in part because they are actively seeking out of state students and may be more generous with financial support because of that.

- **SUNY Binghamton (Binghamton, NY) – CUR Member**
 - Medium Sized Public University (13,000 undergraduate students)
 - 98% of first year students live on campus; 51% of all students
 - 62% of classes have fewer than 30 students (though 8% have over 100)
 - 81% graduation rate
 - 79% of graduates are employed or are in graduate school within eight months of graduation.
 - Minimum preferred GPA is 3.0; 44% admission rate for transfers; considered Very Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/suny-university-at-binghamton> - overview
 - <https://www.binghamton.edu/psychology/undergraduate/index.html> - overview of the psychology department
 - <https://www.binghamton.edu/integrative-neuroscience/> - Binghamton has a separate Integrative Neuroscience track - a great program for those interested in biological psychology
 - <https://www.binghamton.edu/psychology/undergraduate/aba.html> - Binghamton has a separate track if you're interested in Applied Behavior Analysis (you'll need to apply to that program after you enroll at the college).
 - Transfer students intending to major in psychology should contact the Psychology Department's academic adviser when you arrive on campus; the university has special (and thoughtful) programs and housing for transfer students. Find their transfer brochure here: <http://www.binghamton.edu/admissions/pdf/transfer-travel-piece.pdf>
 - On average, Binghamton meets 66% of demonstrated financial need
 - The environment includes a small city with culture and sports teams balanced by a campus that has a 190 acre nature preserve.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 3 hours

- **SUNY Geneseo (Geneseo, NY) – CUR Member**
 - Public Liberal Arts College (5500 students)
 - 99% of first year students live on campus; 56% of all students
 - 68% of classes have fewer than 29 students
 - 78% graduation rate

- 78% of graduates are employed or are in graduate school within six months of graduation.
 - Minimum GPA is 3.0; 56% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/suny-college-at-geneseo> - overview
 - <http://www.geneseo.edu/psychology/about-department> - overview of the psychology department
 - Geneseo offers special admission opportunities to students who will add diversity to their community. This includes students over the age of 25, recent immigrants to the U.S., underrepresented groups, and first generation college students.
<https://www.geneseo.edu/admissions/transfer-top>
 - Other things to know about this college: Geneseo is consistently recognized as a college of note in many national rankings. It is considered a “public ivy” and also named as one of the best returns on your money and a best value for out of state students. Geneseo has a strong emphasis on research opportunities for students. This is reflected in their physical facilities (located in the science building) and in the many explicit opportunities for student research, including the availability of Undergraduate Research Grants.
 - On average, Geneseo meets 60% of demonstrated financial need. While, Geneseo does not make guarantees about financial aid, it is likely to use this as a tool for recruiting qualified out of state students.
 - Geneseo is located on 220 acres in the Finger Lakes Region and the village of Geneseo is one of only 24 communities nationwide to be designated as a National Historic Landmark.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 5 hours
- **Hartwick College (Oneonta, NY) – CUR Member**
 - Small Liberal Arts College (1400 students)
 - 94% of first year students live on campus; 77% of all students
 - 66% of classes have fewer than 29 students (22% have fewer than 9)
 - 56% graduation rate
 - 81% of graduates are employed or are in graduate school within six months of graduation.
 - Minimum GPA is 2.0; 67% admission rate for transfers; considered Less Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/hartwick-college> - overview
 - <https://www.hartwick.edu/academics/academic-departments/psychology-department/> - overview of the psychology department
 - Hartwick has a Neuroscience lab and offers several Neuroscience courses

- Other things to know about this college: Hartwick requires a Senior Capstone Project or Senior Thesis, which involves extensive independent research. Hartwick has a unique January Term (J Term) in which students are immersed in interesting and engaging learning experiences, both on and off campus.
- On average, Hartwick meets 82% of student financial need
- Hartwick is located on 425 acres on a beautiful campus in the Finger Catskills mountains.
- Driving distance from Waterbury: about 3 hours

- **Wagner College (Staten Island, NY) – CUR Member**
 - Small Liberal Arts College (1700 students)
 - About 70% of students live on campus
 - Average class size is 18 students
 - 64% graduation rate
 - While data about post graduation employment rates was unavailable Wagner ranks high for salary earnings among their graduates.
 - Minimum GPA is 3.0; 50% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/wagner-college> - overview
 - <http://wagner.edu/psychology> - overview of the psychology department
 - Wagner offers both a B.A and and B.S. in Psychology – the B.S. is for students who plan to go to graduate school in psychology, neuroscience or medicine. They also offer a biopsychology major which is a joint program involving both the psychology and biology departments.
 - Other things to know about this college: Wagner offers Learning Community opportunities at several points in your college education. “The goals are to expose students to, and involve them in, an interdisciplinary experience of “learning by doing” through sophisticated writing, challenging research and an integrated final project that facilitates critical thinking.” Also, in 2015 The Princeton Review named Wagner on of 50 schools nationwide that “create futures” – that they have programming that is especially helpful in preparing students for jobs.
 - On average, Wagner meets 78% of student financial need
 - Wagner is located on Staten Island (a borough of New York City), a short ferry ride from Manhattan.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 2.5 hours

New Jersey

- **Drew University (Madison, NJ) – CUR member**
 - Small University (1450 undergraduates)
 - 95% of students live on campus
 - Typical classes have fewer than 20 students and only 9% of classes have more than 40 students.
 - 67% graduation rate
 - 94% of graduates are employed or engaged in graduate study within a year of graduation.
 - Drew does not list a minimum GPA for transfer applicants; 78% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/drew-university> - overview
 - <https://www.drew.edu/psychology/> - overview of the psychology department
 - Drew's psychology department participates in the college's Summer Science Institute which provides housing and a stipend during the summer months to support students who are working on hands-on research at the college. The department also offers regular semester courses that engage students directly in research and they have four different research labs in which students can work. The department also has an active internship placement program. In addition, the college offers related interdisciplinary programs in Neuroscience and in Women's and Gender Studies.
 - Other things to know about this college: Drew prides itself on having an engaged campus, on supporting opportunities for student research, and for its connection to New York City. It provides a nice balance of being "in the woods" on its beautiful campus and having easy access to a large city.
 - On average, Drew meets 79% of student financial need. In addition to need based aid, Drew offers specific merit scholarships to transfer students including the Transfer Honors Scholarship of \$25,000 per year based on a college GPA of approximately 3.75 or higher; Transfer Presidential Scholarship of \$20,000 per year, based on a college GPA of approximately 3.5 or higher; and Transfer Dean's Scholarship of \$15,000, based on a college GPA of approximately 3.25 or higher. They also offer a PTK scholarship (for PTK members) of \$2500 per year.
 - Drew is located on a 186 acre wooded campus in a small town in central New Jersey. It is less than an hour to New York City by train and the college takes advantage of that proximity through internships and other opportunities.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 2 hours

- **Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ)**
 - Large University (35,000 undergraduates)
 - 87% of first year students live on campus; 42% of all students live on campus (many live in off campus apartments)
 - 64% of classes have 30 or fewer students (7% have more than 100)
 - 80% graduation rate
 - 79% of graduates are employed or engaged in graduate study within a year of graduation.
 - Rutgers does not list a minimum GPA for transfer applicants; 51% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/rutgers-the-state-university-of-new-jersey-new-brunswick-piscataway-campus?searchtype=college&q=Rutgers%2C%2BThe%2BState%2BUniversity%2Bof%2BNew%2BJersey%3A%2BNew%2BBrunswick%2FPiscataway%2BCampus%2B%28NJ%29> - overview
 - <http://psych.rutgers.edu/undergraduate> - overview of the psychology department
 - Rutgers' psychology department has over 30 active research labs in which students can work as research assistants. In addition, the department offers opportunities for a research scholarship that provides financial support for students to conduct research during the summer months. Overall, they have a strong emphasis on preparing students for graduate study within psychology.
 - Other things to know about this college: US News and World Report ranks Rutgers #10 for national psychology programs – *“Of its many excellent academic programs, the psychology program is one of the best. It is dedicated to helping student understand the connection between the way we think and our behavior. Students take classes in behavioral and systems neuroscience, clinical psychology, cognitive psychology and social psychology.”* Rutgers is one of the top research universities in the country.
 - On average, Rutgers meets 63% of student financial need
 - Rutgers' main campus is located in New Brunswick, NJ which is a small city and the campus has a suburban feel. It is an easy train ride from Manhattan.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: a little over 2 hours

Pennsylvania

- **Allegheny College (Meadville, PA) - Stands out as a College That Changes Lives**
 - Small Liberal Arts College (1900 undergraduates)
 - 100% of students live on campus (the college requires that students live on campus)
 - 88% of classes have fewer than 30 students. Introductory classes (like PSY 111) typically have 21 students, while upper level courses typically have about 12 students.
 - 75% graduation rate
 - 90% of job seeking graduates are employed within 8 months of graduation; 45% of students go to graduate school directly after graduating from Allegheny.
 - The minimum GPA to apply for transfer is 2.5; 47% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer; an interview is recommended
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/allegheny-college-overview>
 - <http://sites.allegheny.edu/psych/> - overview of the psychology department
 - Since 1920, Allegheny has ranked in the top 3 percent of all private undergraduate colleges and universities in students going on to earn Ph.D.s in psychology. About 80 percent of Allegheny psychology majors who apply to graduate and professional schools are accepted. This is far above the national average.
 - Other things to know about this college: Allegheny focuses on education which engages students in “unusual combinations.” One way they accomplish this is by requiring students to choose a minor from a different academic division (there are three divisions). Allegheny also places strong emphasis on writing seminars in each college year. The Junior Seminar is a bridge to the Senior Project – and independent project all students must complete to graduate. Allegheny also provides significant support for student research and other professional activities.
 - On average, Allegheny meets 92% of student financial need. In addition to awards based on financial need, merit-based scholarships up to \$24,000 are available for eligible transfer students.
 - Allegheny is located on a 283 acre wooded campus with an 80 acre protected forest. Meadville is a fairly large town in rural PA located 90 minutes north of Pittsburgh.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 7 hours
- **Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, PA)**
 - Medium Sized Liberal Arts College (2250 undergraduates)
 - 99% of students live on campus. Students live in College Houses where they craft their own constitutions, create their own governance and engage in activities that expand their academic experiences. Each house as a Faculty Don and a House Dean assigned to it.
 - 97% of classes have fewer than 30 students enrolled and 20% have fewer than nine students.
 - 87% graduation rate

- 81% of graduates are employed within six months of graduation; 18% are in graduate school.
 - A GPA of 3.0 is recommended to apply for transfer; 34% admission rate for transfers; considered Very Selective for admissions
 - Applicants can choose to either use the SAT in their application for transfer or they can submit two graded college writing samples instead; an interview is recommended
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/franklin-marshall-college> - overview
 - <http://www.fandm.edu/psychology> - overview of the psychology department
 - Franklin and Marshall offers significant opportunities for research in four areas: Perception and Physiology; Development and Cognition; Personality, Social, and Psychopathology; Evolution and Adaptation. In addition to their Psychology Major, students can also choose to major in Biological Foundations of Behavior (<http://www.fandm.edu/bfb>) which may include a focus on Neuroscience or a focus in Animal Behavior. They also offer a third, fairly unique, option to major in Scientific and Philosophical Studies of the Mind, which is the combination of Psychology and Philosophy (<http://www.fandm.edu/spm>).
 - Other things to know about this college: Franklin and Marshall was founded by a donation from Benjamin Franklin in 1787. The college emphasizes individualized learning and about 2/3 of students do at least one independent study class or self-designed major. The college has a required transfer student orientation.
 - On average, Franklin and Marshall meets 100% of student financial need. Strength of your application will influence the type of award offered.
 - Franklin and Marshall is located on a 220 acre campus. Lancaster is a fairly large community of more than 500,000.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 4 hours
- **Juniata College (Huntingdon, PA)- Stands out as a College That Changes Lives**
 - Small Liberal Arts College (1600 undergraduates)
 - 96% of students live on campus.
 - 88% of classes have fewer than 30 students and over one quarter have fewer than 9 students.
 - 73% graduation rate
 - 93% of graduates are employed or attending graduate school within 6 months of graduation.
 - The minimum GPA to apply for transfer is 2.5; 59% admission rate for transfers; considered Less Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer; an interview is recommended
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/juniata-college> - overview
 - <https://www.juniata.edu/academics/departments/psychology/> - overview of the psychology department

- A recent survey showed that 69% of psychology graduates went to graduate school within four years of graduation. Research is emphasized in the psychology curriculum and students enrolled in the Senior Research course have the opportunity to design and run their own projects. The department has four research labs including labs in Evolutionary Psychology and Language and Cognition.
 - Other things to know about this college: Juniata has been named an “A+ school for B students” by US News and World Report. Almost half of Juniata students design their own major, or “Program of Emphasis”, with the help of two faculty advisors.
 - On average, Juniata meets 83% of student financial need. In addition to need based grants, Juniata has a significant number of merit scholarships for eligible transfer students, including a Phi Theta Kappa scholarship for PTK members with a GPA of 3.85 or better.
 - Juniata is located on a 110 acre campus that includes an observatory and an art museum.
 - Juniata is located in a small town in the beautiful mountains of central Pennsylvania.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 5.5 hours
- **Temple University (Philadelphia, PA) – CUR member**
 - Large Research University (28,000 undergraduates)
 - 21% of students live on campus (76% of first year students).
 - 67% of classes have fewer than 30 students enrolled while 8% have more than 50 students.
 - 71% graduation rate
 - Information on student outcomes for employment and graduate education were unavailable.
 - A GPA of 2.5 is required to apply for transfer; 81% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
 - The SATs are not required for transfer students
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/temple-university> - overview
 - <http://www.cla.temple.edu/psychology/undergraduate/> - overview of the psychology department
 - Temple emphasizes opportunities for research within their Psychology major and they also offer an Honors Program for more extensive study of the field. They recently added a Clinical and Health Psychology Minor. Temple also offers a Five Year Master’s Program in Psychology. This offers the opportunity to earn a Master’s in Psychological Research in one year more than your Baccalaureate (a very helpful option if you plan to apply to Ph.D. programs).
 - Other things to know about this college: Temple is the 38th largest university in the U.S. It is also recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as one of the top 115 research institutions in the country. Temple is a vibrant community with numerous arts, cultural and sports events each week.

- On average, Temple meets 70% of student financial need.
- Temple's Main Campus is located in Philadelphia on a 384 acre urban campus. It is just 1.5 miles from the center of the city. About 13,000 students attend school on this campus.
- Driving distance from Waterbury: about 3.5 hours

- **Ursinus College (Collegeville, PA) - Stands out as a College That Changes Lives**
 - Small Liberal Arts College (1600 undergraduates)
 - 97% of students live on campus
 - Class size ranges from 15 to 21 students.
 - 78% graduation rate
 - Within six months of graduation, 97% of students are employed, in graduate school, pursuing chosen service (such as the military) or are preparing for graduate school.
 - There is no minimum GPA for transfer; 50% admission rate for transfers; considered Less Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer; an interview is recommended
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/ursinus-college> - overview
 - <https://www.ursinus.edu/academics/psychology/> - overview of the psychology department
 - Since 1990, over 90% of Ursinus' psychology majors have presented their research at conferences and more than 400 have coauthored published papers along with faculty members. The department has several research labs, including a Neuroscience lab and a Social Psychology lab.
 - Other things to know about this college: Ursinus is committed to a "liberal arts plus" approach which combines an interdisciplinary education with a strong commitment to career building, including internship experiences. Ursinus also has a commitment to the pursuit of a diverse campus with approximately 17% of their students identifying as individuals of color.
 - On average, Ursinus meets 88% of student financial need. In addition to awards based on financial need, merit-based scholarships are available.
 - Ursinus is located on a 170 acre suburban campus that includes an organic farm and wooded trails.
 - Ursinus is located in a small town in a suburban setting, about 20 miles outside Philadelphia.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 3.75 hours

Vermont/New Hampshire/Maine

- **Keene State (Keene, NH) – CUR member**
 - Medium-sized public Liberal Arts College (4200 undergraduates)
 - 53% of students live on campus (94% of first year students live on campus)
 - 83% of classes have fewer than 30 students. (96% have fewer than 40 students)
 - 62% graduation rate
 - 75% of graduates are employed in a job related to their major within one year of graduation. 17% enroll in graduate school within a year of their graduation from Keene State.
 - The minimum GPA to apply for transfer is 2.0; 62% admission rate for transfers; considered Less Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/keene-state-college> - overview
 - <http://www.keene.edu/academics/programs/psyc/> - overview of the psychology department
 - Keene State's psychology program includes a NeuroLab that provides research opportunities for undergraduates in clinical behavioral science, neurodevelopmental disorders and neuroscience.
 - Other things to know about this college: 86% of students enroll in a senior seminar in their major; 58% complete an internship or practicum in their major.
 - On average, Keene meets 62% of student financial need.
 - Keene is located on a 170 acre campus within a few minute walk of downtown Keene NH.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 2.5 hours
- **University of Maine (Orono, ME) – CUR Member**
 - Medium-sized public university (9300 undergraduates)
 - 40% of students live on campus (90% of first year students live on campus)
 - 65% of classes have fewer than 40 students. (5% have more than 100 students)
 - 60% graduation rate
 - 70% of graduates are employed in a job related to their major within one year of graduation. 25% enroll in graduate school within a year of their graduation.
 - The minimum GPA to apply for transfer is 2.0; 84% admission rate for transfers; considered Less Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/university-of-maine> - overview
 - <https://umaine.edu/psychology/undergraduate-program/> - overview of the psychology department

- University of Maine emphasizes the importance of undergraduate research and has a Center for Undergraduate research that supports research fellowships and internships <https://umaine.edu/psychology/undergraduate-program/research-opportunities/>
 - Other things to know about this college:
 - The University has an Honors College (one of the oldest in the nation) with smaller classes and research opportunities. Transfer students are eligible to apply: http://catalog.umaine.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=73&pooid=10650
 - The tuition for Connecticut residents is the same as UConn's in state tuition cost
 - On average, University of Maine meets 68% of student financial need.
 - University of Maine is located on a 600 acre campus in a rural setting.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 6.5 hours
- **University of New Hampshire (Durham, NH) – CUR Member**
 - Medium-sized public university (13,000 undergraduates)
 - 56% of students live on campus (94% of Freshman live on campus)
 - 55% of classes have fewer than 30 students; 7% have over 100 students.
 - 79% graduation rate
 - 70% of job seeking graduates have full time employment within 6 months of graduation; 25% of students go to graduate school directly after graduating from UNH.
 - The minimum GPA to apply for transfer is 2.8; 63% admission rate for transfers; considered Less Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/university-of-new-hampshire> - overview
 - <http://cola.unh.edu/psychology> - overview of the psychology department
 - UNH offers a B.A. in Psychology and a B.S. in Neuroscience and Behavior that is jointly administered by the departments of Psychology and Biological Sciences. UNH offers honors courses within the B.A program. Undergraduate Haslerud Conference. In addition, undergraduates can earn academic credit doing internships in the field of counseling.
 - Other things to know about this college: UNH is a major research university. The Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research provides financial support for undergraduate research during the academic year and during the summer. UNH hosts special admissions visits for transfer students.
 - On average, UNH meets 78% of student financial need.
 - UNH is located on a 300acre campus that has an additional 800 acres of open land. Durham, New Hampshire is a traditional New England town.
 - Driving distance from Waterbury: about 3 hours
 - **University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)**
 - Medium-sized public university (11,000 undergraduates)

- 49% of students live on campus (98% of freshman live on campus). Many students live in apartments nearby in the city of Burlington.
- The average class size is 30 students. 50% of classes have fewer than 20 students (5% have more than 100)
- 77% graduation rate
- 93% of UVM graduates are employed or continuing their education within six months of their graduation from UVM.
- The minimum GPA to apply for transfer is 2.7; 73% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
- SAT not required for transfer; an interview is recommended
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/university-of-vermont-overview>
- <http://www.uvm.edu/~psych/?Page=undergraduate.html&SM=ugprogramsubmenu.html> - overview of the psychology department
- The Department of Psychological Science at UVM offers a B.A. in Psychological Science and two B.S. degrees – one in Psychological Science and one in Neuroscience. This means that students can choose whether they would like to focus their studies more on traditional social science classes or more on brain science. The department is a STEM discipline, indicating that it is treated as a serious science discipline. The department offers opportunities for both supervised research (with potential funding) and clinical internships. Research opportunities are extensive and exceed those available at many other colleges and universities.
- Other things to know about this college: UVM engages transfer students in their full orientation program. There are several colleges in and around Burlington creating a vibrant and young community.
- On average, UVM meets 70% of demonstrated financial need.
- University of Vermont is located on a 460 acre campus in Burlington, VT which is a large, vibrant town located in northern Vermont that is regularly named as one of the best college towns in the United States. The campus is located on Lake Champlain
- Driving distance from Waterbury: about 4 hours

Further Away but Worth Considering

- **Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, FL) - Stands out as a College That Changes Lives**
 - Small Liberal Arts College (1800 undergraduates)
 - 87% of students live on campus (97% of first year students)
 - Average class size is 18 students.
 - 64% graduation rate
 - Within one year of graduation, 75% of students are employed full-time and 36% are in graduate school (some are doing both).
 - 2.5 GPA required for transfer; 53% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
 - SAT not required for transfer
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/eckerd-college?searchtype=college&q=Eckerd%2BCollege%2B%28FL%29> - overview
 - <https://www.eckerd.edu/psychology/> - overview of the psychology department
 - Eckerd offers both a B.A. in Psychology (for students who wish to use their major in other careers) and a B. S. for students who plan to go to graduate school. The department sequences courses in a structured way to prepare students for graduate study by the time they are in their senior year of college.
 - Other things to know about this college: 80% of Eckerd students are from outside of Florida. It is among the top 50 colleges in the U.S. in producing graduates who go on to get doctorates in the sciences and humanities (50% of alumni attend graduate school within five years of graduation). Eckerd offers a fairly unique college community with a Waterfront Program where students can use their ID to borrow kayaks and sailboats. It is also a pet friendly community with over 300 pets living on campus. Students transferring in as juniors attend a three day orientation program (there is a longer orientation for students arriving as sophomores).
 - On average, Eckerd meets 88% of student financial need. In addition to awards based on financial need, merit-based scholarships of up to \$14,000 per year are available for transfer students.
 - Eckerd is located on a 188 acre campus on the Gulf Coast with 1.5 miles of coastline and a private beach , about 25 miles outside Tampa.
 - Flight time from Waterbury: about 3 hours (it is a 20 hour drive)
- **New College of Florida (Sarasota, FL) - Stands out as a College That Changes Lives**
 - Small Liberal Arts College (861 undergraduates)
 - 78% of students live on campus (97% of first year students live on campus)
 - The average class size is 17 students.
 - 71% graduation rate
 - 45% of job seeking graduates are employed immediately after graduation; 16% of students went to graduate school directly after graduating from New College.

- The minimum GPA to apply for transfer is 2.0; 53% admission rate for transfers; considered Somewhat Selective for admissions
- SAT not required for transfer; an interview is recommended
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/new-college-of-florida?searchtype=college&q=New%2BCollege%2Bof%2BFlorida%2B%28FL%29> - overview
- <https://www.ncf.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/division-of-social-sciences/psychology/> - overview of the psychology department
- More than 90% of New College psychology students who apply to graduate school are accepted. The psychology department places strong emphasis on the development of research skills and emerges students in both class based and independent research. In addition, New College offers a Neurobiology degree for students more interested in medical and health related careers.
- Other things to know about this college: New College of Florida has a fairly unique approach to education. It does not have any required courses and uses an evaluation based grading system (students receive detailed narrative feedback instead of grades). Students create their own academic programs and engage in independent research under the mentorship of faculty advisors. It is among the top colleges in the country for Fulbright winners. 80% of alumni eventually go on to graduate school. The acceptance rate to graduate programs is over 85%.
- On average, New College meets 89% of student financial need. In addition to awards based on financial need, out of state transfer students who meet the posted application deadlines are guaranteed a scholarship of \$15,000 per year.
- New College is located close to downtown Sarasota with many cultural and recreational activities nearby. Its beautiful campus is 110 acres along Sarasota Bay.
- Flight time from Waterbury: about 4 hours (it's about a 19 hour drive)