1. What are Tennessee Transfer Pathways?

The University of Tennessee (UT) and Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) systems have collaborated to create 50 pathways guaranteeing timely and cost-effective transitioning from a two- to a four-year degree.

Every student entering a community college in Tennessee now can select one of 50 majors with accompanying transfer pathways, complete required courses, earn an associate’s degree and seamlessly transition to a Tennessee public university as a junior.

All earned credit hours will apply toward a bachelor’s degree in the same discipline and, if followed exactly, the pathways also guarantee admission to all public universities in the state. Some exceptions apply. See below for more details.

2. Which community colleges and universities are included in the Tennessee Transfer Pathways program?

A listing of TBR’s 13 community colleges and six universities and UT’s three undergraduate schools participating is included on the program’s website: www.tntransferpathway.org.

Private and out-of-state schools are not included in the program.

3. Are there any exceptions to the pathways guaranteeing admission to universities?

Yes. Admission is not guaranteed at UT Knoxville. The Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010 outlined the transfer pathway model and required that admission to UT Knoxville “remain competitive.”

Some specific academic programs, such as nursing, at other universities also have exceptions, but students will be advised about these instances when enrolling in the pathways.

All exceptions also are outlined on the above-referenced website.
4. How were pathways selected and created?

The 50 pathways were created based on data showing the most popular majors selected by transfer students. The pathways include programs such as business administration, engineering, nursing, agriculture, criminal justice and many more. A complete listing is available at: www.tntransferpathway.org.

More than 450 UT and TBR faculty members worked together to agree on program requirements and create the pathways.

5. Does every school offer all 50 transfer pathways?

No. Not all schools have the demand or resources needed to offer all 50 pathways, but advisors are being trained to identify the best options for students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree. A listing of the offerings also is available at: www.tntransferpathway.org.

6. When do the pathways take effect?

The pathways are effective for the fall 2011 semester.

7. Why are the pathways beneficial to students?

The pathways offer students starting at a community college a roadmap to follow that ensures transfer to a four-year university in the most timely and cost-effective manner.

8. What if students change pathways or do not follow them exactly?

To ensure transfer, pathways must be followed exactly and substitutions will not be accepted. Students who change pathways or majors are not guaranteed all courses will apply.

9. Are all community college students required to follow a transfer pathway?

No. The pathways offer one option for community college students planning to transfer to a four-year university. Students not following a pathway still can transfer, but the pathways simply guarantee the most timely and cost-effective route.

10. Who can I contact if I have additional questions about the pathways?

A listing of contacts at each school is available on the program's website: www.tntransferpathway.org.