Students who plan ahead, ask questions, and use pathways created by transfer and/or articulation agreements experience the most successful transfer experience. The WSC Academic Records Office and your WSC Academic Advisor can help with questions related your next educational step. Below are a few tips to help ease the stress of transferring onto your next institution of choice:

- **Talk** with your advisor to develop a plan that will help you succeed in your educational goals. Your advisor can help with providing options for schools, courses that may fit best for your educational path, and more!

- **Research** your options. Take time to research different schools to make the best decision for you. Look through the campuses’ webpages, catalogs, program offerings, institutional costs, graduation rates, career placement rates and more to find a school that is right for you. Contact the campus’s Enrollment Services/Admission Office to find out more information, to set up a tour, or anything else that you may be inquiring about!

- **Ask** questions. There are a number of individuals that can help make this decision easier for you! Visit with your WSC Academic Advisor, some of your instructors, the WSC Academic Records Office, or even connect with other students from that institution when you are trying to make a decision. We are here to help!

- **Now**, when you find a school or schools of interest, apply for admission as soon as possible. Once you make that decision, make sure to apply for admission by the campus’s admission application deadline. Many schools or programs have specific deadlines that are important to the acceptance process.

- **Send** your WSC transcript and/or other transcripts to your next institution. Your new institution will need official copies of your WSC transcript and/or any other previous college transcripts. Make sure to request those transcripts so they can be sent in a timely fashion. If you are sending a transcript from WSC and currently enrolled/planning to graduate, make sure to request a transcript to be sent after you have completed your final semester with WSC or that your degree is posted to your transcript. To request a transcript from WSC, go to willistonstate.edu/transcript and choose Williston State College from the list of schools.

- **Financial Aid** and scholarships are an important to helping financially with your educational goals. Make sure to complete the FAFSA application at fasfa.ed.gov as well as any institutional scholarship applications by the appropriate deadlines.

- **Explore** your new institution’s campus life and resources. Research on-campus housing and meal options, tutoring, disability support services, leadership and student organization options, athletic opportunities, etc. Opportunities and options in and out of the classroom are vital to overall student success.

- **Relax** knowing you’ve got this! Try to enjoy the process of choosing your next school. Preparing for future by furthering your education should be interesting and fun.