Here at Southwestern Community College we are interested in students having a seamless transition into our college. There are a few things that you can do to help your transition into SCC be as seamless as possible.

Send us all of your official transcripts so appropriate credit can be awarded to you. Next, make sure you complete the free application for student aid (FAFSA). We encourage you to do this as soon as possible, but if you find yourself starting classes without completing this form, no worries, you can continue to do that while you are enrolled at Southwestern. Make sure you become familiar with SCC policies and procedures that will impact your success, and lastly, check your mySCC account on a regular basis. We will send all official college information through your mySCC account. As you begin your time with us, make sure that you consider what your life looks like prior to being a college student. Ask yourself if you will need to hold down a job while you are a student, and if so, be sure you have considered how you will balance your schoolwork and homework life with your employment schedules.

We ask students to consider if they are a student that works or an employee who studies. If you find that you are going to be an employee that studies, make sure that you consider that as you enroll in your classes and balance your curriculum schedule with your work schedule.

Before you take on classes with Southwestern, make sure that you are aware that fall and spring semesters are 16 weeks long. So when you sign on to your curriculum courses, know that you will be engaging with us for the full 16 weeks.

As an e-Learning student, it is important for you to know that success in an online class will require self-discipline, computer skills, high-speed internet, and a reliable computer. Also, please always trust that you will have an e-Learning support department ready to support you should you come across any issues with your online learning.

As a Southwestern student, we abide by the FERPA (Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974). SCC will protect you and your student record. It is important for you to know that we consider directory information to be that of your name, your major program of study, participation in officially recognized activities, degrees and honors received, and dates of enrollment with us. SCC Policy 6.04.07 defines your student records account. It is important for you to know that Southwestern does not consider address or email as part of our directory information.

When you enroll at Southwestern Community College, trust that we promote a safe learning environment. We operate with a zero tolerance for bullying, discrimination, hate crimes, hate
language, and sexual dating domestic violence. We adhere to Title IX, Cleary Act and VAWA federal legislation.

Title IX is a comprehensive federal law which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity.

Clery Act is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose information regarding crime statistics and security measures in an Annual Security Audit.

The VAWA, Violence Against Women Act, is an amendment to the Clery Act to include dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking as reporting categories. Gender identity and national origin are added as new categories for hate crimes.

You will find that Southwestern Community College is a very safe and secure environment as reported on our crime offences for 2008 to 2014 year. You can find this information located on the consumer line in the student services webpage.

To promote a safe campus environment, Southwestern Community College has made available to students a student’s concern portal. You can find a student concerns portal by logging on to southwesterncc.edu, clicking on your mySCC link and across the page you will see the student concerns portal. Please use this site should you find yourself in a situation, or see or hear of an event that you feel should be reported to campus authorities.

Policies that are important to you would be:

- 6.03.01 – Campus Security Reporting – Clery Act
- 6.03.02 – Standards of Student Conduct
- 6.03.03 – Discrimination and Unlawful Harassment
- 6.03.04 – Student Drug Free Policy
- 6.03.05 – Student Grievance

Prior to enrolling at Southwestern Community College, be sure that you take time to review our Title IX brochure: Preventing Sexual Violence. This document provides important definitions, defines Title IX Administrators, will tell you how to report, where to report, reviews policies and disciplinary procedures, and also their rights and gives excellent suggestions for those bystanders witnessing a Title IX crime.