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The University of Dayton is making it easier for transfer students to apply to college by helping to redesign The Common Application used by more than 750 institutions worldwide.

The University is one of just nine early adopters of the new transfer application, created to meet the needs of student veterans, adults seeking to finish their degrees, students coming from community colleges and others.

“Until now, the application has been designed with traditional students coming out of high schools in mind,” said Julia Thompson, associate director of admission and financial aid. “Our transfer students come in with more life experience, work experience and broad academic backgrounds. The redesigned application removes a lot of barriers for them. It allows them to truly tell us who they are as a student and an individual, which shows we value who they are as well.”

Transfer applicants are more likely to be first-generation students, who often must balance work, life and education responsibilities, according to The Common Application. The nonprofit noted that more than 44

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percent of transfer applicants who used the service last year were the first in their families to apply to college.

“The mission of The Common Application hasn’t changed, but higher education and the students we serve have. The launch of the new transfer application advances our pursuit of access, equity and integrity in the college admission process,” said Jenny Rickard, president and CEO of The Common Application. “We’re dedicated to supporting the diverse group of individuals who didn’t take the so-called traditional path to college but are determined to achieve their educational goals. The Common App and our members are just as determined to meet these applicants where they are in their lives and help them pursue their dreams.”

Among its features, the redesigned application eases the process of collecting transcripts and recommendations; allows students to enter courses they have completed that may apply toward prerequisite requirements for a given academic program; and opens the opportunity for them to track their volunteer, internship and work experience, as well as honors they’ve received outside the classroom.

“We are proud to be at the forefront of this effort to increase accessibility for transfer students,” said Jason Reinoehl, vice president for strategic enrollment management. “It aligns with our commitment to put a University of Dayton education within reach of students from all backgrounds. It also builds on the success of our UD Sinclair Academy, which has eased the transition to our campus for students coming from Sinclair College.”

The new Common Application for Transfer will launch for the 2018-19 school year. More information about transferring to the University of Dayton is available [online](#).

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National and international organizations recently recognized the University of Dayton’s Division of Student Development for its community policing, alcohol prevention, residential learning and student training programs, and annual report.

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