After an undergraduate student is admitted to Towson University, the Office of New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) serves as their point of contact during their transition to TU. NSFP coordinates orientation programs for all new freshmen and students transferring to TU from another institution. Beginning with an official orientation to TU and extending throughout the student’s first year, NSFP connects students with academic advisers, other new students and student leaders to help them learn about academic and student life. NSFP also coordinates a family orientation program that complements the one-day student orientation programs for both transferring and first-year students.

Transferring students complete the Transfer Orientation Program, a one-day orientation session held in June or July (for the fall term) or January (for the spring term). This program includes the components above as well as academic advising and registration. During this time, they become familiar with TU resources and receive personalized campus tours.

First-year students entering in the fall term attend a one-day summer orientation program in June or July and a four-day extended orientation program that takes place in late August, just before the start of classes. During these programs, students learn about TU through a variety of activities, conversations and meetings with their First-Year Experience (FYE) group, led by an academic adviser and an Orientation Leader. Students also receive their class schedule and participate in a variety of social and academic programs. First-year students beginning at TU during the spring term participate in the January program.

All new students are encouraged to see their transition as an ongoing process of adjustment to a new environment. New Student and Family Programs staff is available at any time to answer questions and offer advice.