

# MCC offers students a variety of transfer options



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**Y**ou can literally go just about anywhere from here.

At Montcalm Community College, we're committed to helping you achieve academic success, and that means we're here to support you every step of the way.

## **Transfer Articulation Agreements**

More than 125 transfer agreements provide options for seamless transfer into a variety of advanced-degree programs at other institutions. We have a variety of agreements in a traditional 2+1 or 3+1 format. That means, you can either take two years of coursework at MCC and finish two more years at your transferring institution, or you can take three years of coursework at MCC and just one year at your transferring institution.

## **Michigan Transfer Network**

Transferring to a four-year college or university from MCC is even easier, thanks to several statewide agreements that offer seamless transfer pathways.

MiTransfer Pathways, a partnership between the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA), the Michigan Associate of State Universities (MASU) and the Michigan Independent College and Universities (MICU), identified programs with high enrollment and/or high labor market demand to build multi-institutional transfer pathways so students can enroll at a participating community college, complete an associate degree, transfer to another institution, and complete a bachelor's degree in the identified program of study.

MCC Vice President for Academic Affairs Rob Spohr said MiTransfer Pathways provide a guaranteed transfer option for students. MCC offers these pathways in art, biology, business, communication, criminal justice, exercise science and psychology. A pathway in social work will be available beginning fall 2022.

“Most other states have a system where there is a higher education authority that governs the transfer of courses between colleges and universities, but Michigan does not have a system like that. That means our students can take classes with us and depending on where they go, the credits may or may not transfer,” Spohr said. “The MiTransfer Pathways changes that, so students know if they follow the agreement, their credits will transfer to other participating institutions.”

The agreements specify major-specific courses that students should complete while enrolled at MCC that are common across all bachelor’s programs in these areas in Michigan. Requirements of the Michigan Transfer Agreement are built into the pathways. MCC academic counselors and advisors now have clearer details for students about which courses they should complete and how those courses apply to degree programs at participating colleges and universities across the state.

“We often have students who don’t know what they want to study,” said MCC Director of Student Success and Advising Lisa Gardner. “These agreements take the pressure off students to have to decide early on which school they want to transfer to. They can have some flexibility to take some classes, figure out if they even like that pathway and then investigate the transfer schools.”

“It’s peace of mind for students that as they move forward, they can go to any participating institution in Michigan and have their classes transfer,” Spohr added.

## Michigan Transfer Agreement

The Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) allows students to complete general education requirements at one college or university, then transfer those courses to meet general education requirements at another college or university, without any special exceptions.

To fulfill the MTA, students must successfully complete at least 30 credits, with at least a 2.0 gpa in each course and at

least one credit completed at the institution awarding the MTA. These credits should be met according to the following distribution:

- One course in English Composition
- A second course in English Composition or one course in Communications
- One course in Mathematics from one of three pathways: Pathway to Calculus (includes College Algebra), Statistics or Quantitative Reasoning
- Two courses in Social Sciences (from two disciplines)
- Two courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines, excluding studio and performance classes)
- Two courses in Natural Sciences including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines)

## Reverse Transfer

Reverse transfer allows former students, who have continued their education at other accredited institutions, to transfer classes back to MCC to apply toward a degree, certificate or job training credential.

You must arrange for an official transcript to be sent to MCC from the other institution you attended with an indication that it is a reverse transfer. Your file will be audited for degree completion, and if requirements for a degree are met with the transferred classes, a degree will be awarded. ■

## For more information

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