

MCCS & UMS

Reverse Credit Transfer Partnership

EARN YOUR ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE WHILE PURSUING YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS REVERSE CREDIT TRANSFER?

Some students transfer into universities before completing an Associate degree or Certificate at a community college. Reverse Credit Transfer is a process where academic credits for course work completed at a university are transferred back to your community college to satisfy Associate degree or Certificate requirements. Through Reverse Credit Transfer, a student's achievements are recognized after they have transferred to a university and have accumulated the credits needed to fulfill the Associate degree or Certificate program. It's value added to your education!

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF EARNING YOUR ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE?

The Associate degree and Certificate are marketable credentials for your résumé and an important milestone in your education. Employers value the Associate degree and Certificate as evidence of your commitment to expanding your knowledge and achieving your educational goals. The Associate degree or Certificate can make a difference in your long-term success:

- They can provide better job opportunities while completing your Bachelor's degree.
- They are the nation's fastest growing work credentials; employers recognize their value when recruiting and hiring
- Students who earn these credentials are more likely to complete their Bachelor's degree.
- Even though you are applying the hours you have earned at your university toward an Associate degree or Certificate at your community college, your hours earned will still apply appropriately toward your Bachelor degree.



WHAT IS THE REVERSE CREDIT TRANSFER AGREEMENT?

The University of Maine System currently has a Reverse Credit Transfer Agreement with the Maine Community College System. Under this agreement, students can be granted an earned Associate degree or Certificate by combining credits from their university with the credits previously earned from their community college. MCCS and UMS are committed to helping our students earn all available credentials as they pursue their educational and career goals.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I MIGHT QUALIFY?

You may be considered for your Associate degree or Certificate if:

- You were enrolled at a Maine community college as a degree or certificate seeking student.
- You are currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at a University of Maine System school.
- You have achieved a 2.0 GPA at your community college, not including grades/credits you will potentially transfer back to the community college from the university.
- You completed the minimum residency requirement for the credential you are pursuing at the community college prior to transferring.
- You have a minimum grade of C or better in university courses you intend to transfer.
- You have met the appropriate program requirements for an Associate degree or Certificate.

NOTE: *If you attended colleges in addition to your current University of Maine System school and have credits that may also be applicable toward your Associate degree or Certificate, please have those transcripts sent to the contact person at the community college.*

AM I GUARANTEED AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE?

The sending of the university transcript to the community college does not guarantee the granting of an Associate degree or Certificate. The courses you take at the university (or any other college) will be evaluated by the community college. The granting of the degree or certificate remains at the discretion of and is subject to the residency requirements of the community college, which will be the credential granting institution.

CAN I PARTICIPATE IN MY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AFTER EARNING AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE?

If you have not yet participated in a commencement ceremony, then yes, you do have the ability to participate upon completion of your Associate degree. The contact person from the community college will contact you regarding your final steps about attending commencement and receiving your diploma.

TO APPLY FOR A REVERSE CREDIT TRANSFER:

Complete a Reverse Credit Transfer Participation and Transcript Request Form. This form may be completed online, signed electronically, and emailed to the university contact person indicated on the bottom of the form. There is no transcript fee for this process

HOW CAN I GET A DEGREE AUDIT?

You can contact the community college contact below to inquire about your degree audit and progress toward your degree or certificate.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONTACT INFORMATION

Central Maine Community College

Phone (207) 755-5292
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Eastern Maine Community College

Phone (207) 974-4621
registrar@emcc.edu

Kennebec Valley Community College

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Northern Maine Community College

Phone (207) 768-2787
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