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WCCCD Signs Transfer Agreements with 25 Michigan Universities

Agreements will simplify transferring to a four-year college or university for WCCCD students

LANSING (Feb. 11, 2020)— Transferring to a four-year college or university from Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) will now be even simpler thanks to new transfer agreements signed with 25 Michigan colleges and universities.

“Making it easier to transfer course credits from the community college to a university reduces or eliminates a potential barrier for students to continue their education and the completion of their degrees,” said WCCCD District Vice Chancellor, Curriculum and Distance Learning, Dr. Patrick McNally. “Our mission has always been to help provide pathways to better lives through higher education and this agreement is an important part of that.”

Transfer agreements will allow WCCCD students to transfer more credits to four-year schools in the areas of biology, business, criminal justice and psychology. The new agreements specify major-specific courses that students should complete while enrolled at WCCCD that are common across all institutions in Michigan. The identification of these courses makes it easier for students to complete essential courses before deciding where to transfer.

WCCCD advisors now have details available for students about which courses they should complete and how those courses apply to degree programs at the participating universities.

“Transferring from community college to a four-year college or university is more common than ever,” said Erica Lee Orians, executive director of the Michigan Center for Student Success at the Michigan Community College Association. “Our community colleges want to ensure that

students receive credit for the courses they have completed when they take the next step in their education.”

The initiative was funded through the Fiscal Year 2018 state budget which included a one-time appropriation to support this initiative, the redesigned Michigan Transfer Network at www.mitransfer.org, work to build stronger math pathways, and efforts to award credit for military experience.

A [study](#) conducted by the National Student Clearinghouse found that 52 percent of bachelor’s degree earners in Michigan previously enrolled at a community college, which is higher than the national average of 49 percent.

The [Michigan Center for Student Success](#) is leading the statewide initiative for the MCCA in partnership with the Michigan Association of State Universities and the Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities. The project continues through fall 2020 and WCCCD is working on completing additional agreements in other academic program areas.

ABOUT WCCCD

WCCCD, the largest urban community college in Michigan, is a multi-campus district with six campus locations, including the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), and the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Education Center. WCCCD serves nearly 70,000 students annually across 36 cities and townships and more than 500 square miles. The District is committed to the continued development of new programs, workforce transformation, hosting community-based training sessions and improving student facilities and services. www.wcccd.edu.

ABOUT THE MICHIGAN CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

The Michigan Center for Student Success, founded in 2011, serves as a hub connecting leadership, administrators, faculty, and staff in their emerging and ongoing efforts to improve student outcomes, emphasizing linkages between practice, research, and policy. The Center has led statewide initiatives focused on reengaging adults, developmental education, transfer, veterans, and advising. The Center is part of the 16-state [Student Success Center Network](#) working with over half of the community colleges across the nation.

ABOUT THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

The Michigan Community College Association fosters collaboration, connection, and partnerships among the 28 Michigan public community colleges and their stakeholders. The MCCA provides strong legislative and public advocacy in Lansing and throughout Michigan, works to improve the image and credibility of community colleges, and advances numerous shared initiatives through the Michigan Center for Student Success, Michigan Colleges Online, and the Michigan New Jobs Training Program.

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