

Reverse Transfer Credit Agreement

State of Iowa Public Universities and Community Colleges

Questions & Answers for students wanting to learn more about the Reverse Transfer Credit Agreement.

What is reverse transfer in Iowa?

It is a partnership developed by the Board of Regents and Iowa's Public Universities in close collaboration with Iowa's Community Colleges. The agreement builds on the many existing collaborative arrangements between the institutions that promote the success of community college students as they transition to Iowa's Public Universities.

It is the process by which transfer students enrolled at Iowa State University, University of Iowa, or University of Northern Iowa transfer credits back to one of Iowa's community colleges for the purpose of attaining a degree, diploma or certification.

How does reverse transfer work?

Iowa community college transfer students have the opportunity to participate in this reverse transfer degree completion program. At the time of application, community college transfer students indicate their interest to the university in applying future credits earned at the university toward the completion of their associate degree, diploma or certification. By doing so, the student agrees to have his/her university transcript sent back to his/her community college the first two terms of enrollment at the university. The community college will then evaluate this coursework to determine if degree, diploma or certification requirements are met. The community college makes the decision on whether a degree or other credential will be granted. Any credential will be awarded in the semester/year all final requirements are met at the community college.

Will it cost me money to have my transcript sent from the university to the community college?

The university will send the transcript free of charge for the first two terms of enrollment. Terms of enrollment include fall, spring and summer.

Am I guaranteed a degree from the community college?

No. The courses you take at the university will be evaluated by your community college. You are encouraged to speak with an advisor at your community college to ensure university credits that you transfer back will fulfill the necessary requirements for degree completion.

The sending of the university transcript to the Iowa community college does not guarantee the granting of a degree or other certification. This is at the discretion of and subject to the degree and residency requirements of the community college, which is the degree granting institution.

How might I benefit from receiving a community college degree?

Earning an associate degree, a diploma or certification provides you with another credential for your resume. Furthermore, students who transfer with an associate degree are more likely to complete their four-year degree.

By completing your Associate of Arts degree, you may meet the general education requirements at the university. You are encouraged to speak with your advisor to discuss the details and explore your options.

Can I participate in my community college's commencement ceremony after earning my degree?

Yes. Simply work with your community college for information.

How do I receive my diploma?

Each Iowa community college handles diploma delivery separately. Please contact the Office of the Registrar at your community college for specifics.

If I graduate with an associate degree, can I return to the community college to take a class or pursue an additional degree in the future?

Yes. You are eligible to pursue additional course work or degrees in the future.

Can I change my mind about participating in the reverse transfer credit agreement?

Yes. Contact your university registrar if you change your mind.

I am currently enrolled at one of Iowa's Public Universities and previously attended an Iowa Community College. Is this program available to me?

Contact your university registrar to determine your eligibility for participation in the reverse transfer credit agreement.

Questions?

Transfer and articulation contact information is available at <http://www.transferiniowa.org/contact.php>