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Reverse Transfer, contact:

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Mission Statement

CONNECT is a partnership of public higher education institutions in southeastern Massachusetts -- Bridgewater State University, Bristol Community College, Cape Cod Community College, Massasoit Community College and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Established in January 2003, CONNECT has two basic goals: to improve the quality, accessibility and affordability of higher education; and to advance the economic, educational and cultural life of southeastern Massachusetts.



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Reverse Transfer

A new option for completing
your associate's degree

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The Value for Students

- Students who complete their associate's degrees are more likely to stay enrolled and finish their bachelor's degrees .
- Many certifications, pay raises, and promotions are based on the attainment of a degree, so it is to your benefit to be awarded your associate's degree when you've earned it.
- If your pursuit of a bachelor's degree is interrupted, you will already have a college degree - the associate's degree - to count to your credit.
- Students will not incur any costs associated with this Reverse Transfer program, i.e. transcript and graduation fees.
- Since you receive your associate's degree while paying for your bachelor's degree, you effectively complete two degrees at the same time.



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A Few Things to Remember...

- Students must be in "good academic standing" and in "good financial standing" at both institutions.
- Students must be matriculated at the university and must have earned credits at the university.
- The receipt of the associate's degree is contingent upon completing all of the degree requirements of the awarding community college, including the residency requirement and the minimum transfer grade requirement.
- Students will Reverse Transfer into a default associate's degree in Liberal Arts or General Studies, unless another option is agreed upon by the community college and the student.
- Students who return to a community college to take courses after transferring to a university, must follow the the "transfer of credit after admission" policy for that university, in order to count the community college credit earned toward their bachelor's degree.
- MassTransfer benefits can't be adjusted after original matriculation at the university .

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Why Reverse Transfer?

Students who transfer to Bridgewater State University or University of Massachusetts Dartmouth from one of the region's community colleges - Bristol, Cape Cod, or Massasoit - may be eligible to receive an associate's degree using credits earned as they pursue a bachelor's degree.

How the Process Works

- Submit a form giving your current university permission to send transcript information back to your community college;
- Upon receiving your form, the community college will send you a degree audit identifying your outstanding requirements;
- Continue taking classes toward your bachelor's degree, while considering whether some might also help you complete your associate's degree;
- When you have met all degree requirements at the community college, the college will send you an application for graduation;
- Return the application and you will receive your diploma and an invitation to the next graduation ceremony.

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