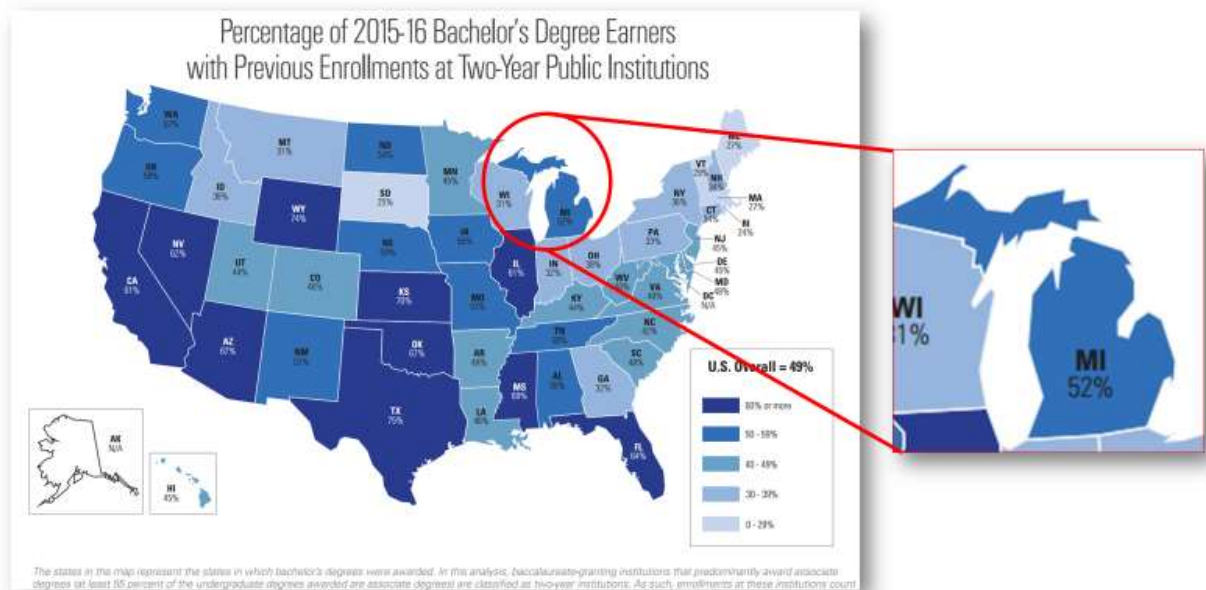


HELPING STUDENTS TRANSFER

Research suggests that **52% of bachelor's degree recipients from a Michigan public university previously earned credit at a community college**. This means that more than half of university graduates transferred before they graduated. Since transfer has become much more common, we need to make the transfer experience more efficient, easier to understand, and simpler to navigate.



Michigan lags behind peer states in the percentage of community college students who:

- Transfer with an associate degree (National: 34%, Michigan: 24%)
- Transfer and ever earn a bachelor's degree (National: 42%, Michigan 37%)

Michigan needs better strategies so more students earn degrees. With the help from a \$1.0 million appropriate from the State, the MiTransfer initiative works to advance student success and degree completion. Our strategies are to:

- Replace the Michigan Transfer Network
- Build multi-institutional associate to bachelor's degree transfer pathways
- Align mathematic requirements within programs of study
- Increase awards of academic credit for military experience
- Spotlights best practices to improve transfer student success
- Produce and utilize data on transfer student outcomes

Michigan Transfer Network Upgrade

The replacement of the Michigan Transfer Network is funded by a \$1.0 million appropriation included in the FY 2018 State budget. On the new site, students will be able to search for courses, view information about the Michigan Transfer Agreement, explore the MiTransfer Pathways, and link to more information about transferring from and to institutions throughout Michigan. It will also include a robust reporting feature to help institutions of higher education maintain accurate information. Development testing on the new site began in January and the site is scheduled to go live in May 2019.

MiTransfer Pathways: Multi-Institutional Statewide Associate to Bachelor's Degree Articulation Agreements

The majors that are included in the MiTransfer Pathways initiatives are divided into phases. The majors were determined through careful examination of data from the Community College Research Center, Michigan Hot Jobs, and the Federal postsecondary student data base, IPEDS. Transfer pathways in phase I include programs in Biology, Business, Criminal Justice, and Psychology. Phase II includes Communications, Computer Science and Computer Information Systems, Mechanical Engineering, and Social Work. Phase III includes Art, English, Exercise Science/Kinesiology, and Public Health.

Supporting Veterans and Military Service Members

Michigan colleges and universities continue to work collaboratively to support veterans and military service members. Through our collective transfer work, colleges and universities are working with the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency to share information about academic credit for military experience. Colleges and universities throughout the state will evaluate the Joint Services transcript to determine if students have met any degree requirements that may decrease their time to graduation or the cost of education.

Next Steps

For Phase I, institutions will make adjustments necessary to facilitate their participation in the statewide agreements and prepare for Fall 2019 implementation of the pathways.

A signing ceremony will cap off the development of the Phase I MiTransfer Pathways and is scheduled for May 9, 2019. For Phase II, faculty met on November 2 and are currently working on discussions at their institutions and completion of the transfer worksheets. Phase III faculty will meet in May. Michigan Transfer Network development testing for all participating institutions will begin this month and continue through spring. The site is expected to go live in May 2019.