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## Value of an Associate's Degree Using Reverse Credit Transfer

An associate's degree is an important milestone in your education, as well as a valuable credential to have on your resume.

- Research shows that if you transfer with an associate's degree, you are more likely to complete your four-year degree.
- Through reverse transfer, you may earn your associate's degree while pursuing your bachelor's degree.
- Completing your associate's degree provides a more accurate and complete portrait of your educational attainment and can provide a more structured pathway toward further academic study.
- By completing your Associates 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.
- Getting your associate's degree will give you a sense of pride and achievement in earning a degree – which is yours for life.
- Earning an associate's degree, a diploma or certification provides another credential to include on your resume, which
  - may help make you more competitive when applying for jobs and scholarships, and
  - may also help you meet job qualifications/requirements.
- The associate's degree may open the door to good job opportunities, even while you're still working on your bachelor's degree.
  - Employers value the associate's degree as evidence of your commitment to expanding your knowledge and achieving your educational goals.
  - It's the nation's fastest-growing academic credential, and employers recognize its value when recruiting and hiring.
- An earned associate's degree may also open doors for career advancement.
- You may increase your potential for higher income with an associate's degree.
- Earning an associate's degree through reverse transfer ensures that you won't walk away empty-handed should you withdraw prior to completing a bachelor's degree.
- An earned associate's degree is an employable credential and provides a platform on which to build should you return to college for a bachelor's degree at a later time.
- You will have free transcript exchange between/among former and current schools during the reverse credit transfer program.