



TENNESSEE REVERSE TRANSFER Advisor Fact Sheet

- **Definition:** Process that allows early transfer students to combine their four-year college credits with community college credits to receive an associate degree. Students must have attended a Tennessee community college and be enrolled in a participating Tennessee four-year institution.
- **Benefits to the Student:** Increased marketability, added value to current employment status, sense of accomplishment, motivation to continue at four-year institution—if the student has earned the degree, why not receive it?
- **Eligibility:** Previously earned a minimum of 15 college credits towards an associate degree, and have earned a combined minimum total of 60 college credits. These minimum credit thresholds are based on SACSCOC requirements.
- **Cost to the Student:** There are no costs involved for the student. If the student chooses to participate in the community college graduation ceremonies, s/he would be responsible for any regalia rental/purchase fees.
- **Impact on Financial Aid:** None, unless the student receives a scholarship from a private organization that specifies it is for non-degree holders. It is the student's responsibility to verify with the organization.
- **Learning Support Courses:** Are not considered; the credits must be college level credits.
- **Awarding community college:** The community college where the student earned the most credits and the student meets all requirements for the associate degree at that institution. If the student has earned the same number of credits at two or more community colleges, the institution the student attended most recently will be the one to conduct the official degree audit.
- **Student Consent:** Eligible students must consent (opt-in) to having their college coursework and grades shared for the purpose of a simulated degree audit (FERPA compliant). Non-responding students will be considered to be non-consenting and will not be part of the process. Student may elect to opt-out/not participate.
- **How Often:** The Tennessee Reverse Transfer process will occur twice each academic year; degrees will be conferred in May and December. There will be no August degree awards.
- **Reverse Transfer Degrees:** The simulated degree audit will be run against the current Tennessee Transfer Pathway requirements (40 degree programs). Community colleges may choose to consider the AA/AS General degree requirements. The degree will be conferred by the community college based on that school's degree requirements.