

Thursday, June 11th – 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM

Registration and Breakfast

Learning Commons: Andison Center

8:45 AM – 8:50 AM

Welcome to Day 1 and Housekeeping

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Continental breakfast

Welcome from the College Articulation and Registrar's Practice Committees

8:50 AM – 9:35 AM

MTA Ad Hoc Committee Update

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This session provides attendees with a progress report from the MACRAO MTA Ad Hoc Committee. Committee members will share updates on recent activities, key discussions, and next steps as they continue their review of the Michigan Transfer Agreement and work toward developing recommendations to strengthen transfer pathways for students across Michigan.

Speakers

Tricia Westergaard, Registrar - Oakland University

MACRAO MTA Ad Hoc Committee

9:35 AM – 9:45 AM

Refreshment Break

9:45 AM – 11:45 AM

Midwestern States' Transfer Initiatives Panel Session

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MACRAO's MTA Ad Hoc Committee, in partnership with Katie Giardello, Transfer Success Project Manager with the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP), is conducting a comprehensive review of the Michigan Transfer Agreement. As part of this effort, articulation professionals from Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio have been invited to share their states' transfer and articulation policies and practices. Panelists will discuss what is working well, current challenges, student participation and outcomes, and available data — providing valuable cross-state perspectives to inform recommendations for strengthening Michigan's Transfer Agreement and transfer pathways.

Panelists

Douglas Harter, Director of Academic Affairs and Transfer, Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Tari Lambert, Director of Curriculum Initiatives and Transfer Pathways, Ball State University

Malinda Aiello, State Director of IAI, Illinois Articulation Initiative

Brittany Kim, Senior Associate Director, Budgets, Compliance Coordination, and Constituent Relations, The Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN)

11:50 AM – 12:35PM

Legislative Updates

Hear directly from the associations representing Michigan’s colleges and universities. Representatives from the Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU), Michigan Community College Association (MCCA), and Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities (MICU) will provide timely legislative updates, highlight key policy priorities, and discuss what the current session means for institutions across all three sectors.

Panelists

Mia Murphy, Chief Policy Officer, MASU

Katie Witkowski, Senior Director of Government Relations and Communications, MCCA

Colby Cesaro, Vice President, MICU

12:35PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch

Hamilton Commons

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM – Breakout session #1

College Credit in High School: Earn It, Transfer It, Use It

SAC 104

High school students are earning more college credit than ever through Early/Middle College (EMC), Dual Enrollment, Career and Technical Education (CTE). However, earning credit is only part of the story—how those credits transfer and apply toward postsecondary credentials remains a critical challenge.

This session will provide an overview of how students are earning college credit in high school and highlight strategies high schools are using to help students plan for the transfer and meaningful use of those credits after graduation. Participants will explore current trends, policies, and challenges related to postsecondary credit agreements and transferability.

This session will also engage attendees in a discussion about their role in improving credit mobility. Together, we will examine how institutional policies, practices, and partnerships can reduce barriers and create clearer, more consistent pathways for students.

Speaker

*Jennifer Thomas, Early Middle College Consultant, Michigan Department of Education
Office of Career and Technical Education*

Finish Forward: Reverse Transfer and Automatic Degree Conferral

SAC 106

Roundtable discussion on where our institutions are with implementing this initiative, what is working so far and what may not be working.

Speaker

Joseph Balinski, Registrar, North Central Michigan College

Make Your Pitch

SAC 108

In this fast-paced session, each attending college and university will select one participant to share a 1-minute elevator pitch (speed-dating style), similar to what is shared at a college fair. This will provide both registrars and admissions officers with an opportunity to hear about distinctives at various institutions in the state. Each pitch should contain highlights on transferability, including MTA, and the benefit(s) of starting at or transferring to the respective school. The session will conclude with a Kahoot game to test your attention

span! Note: Each institution will be asked to submit 3 unique facts that will be shared, prior to the Summer Summit, to help us prepare the Kahoot questions

Speaker
TBD

2:20 PM – 3:05 PM

Advancing Reverse Transfer: Michigan's Statewide Credential Attainment Initiative SAC 104

The Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU) is supporting a statewide reverse transfer effort through a \$255,000 College Success Grant from the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP). This session will share how Michigan's public universities are working to improve the exchange of student credit data across institutions, helping students who transferred before completing an associate degree receive that credential once requirements are met.

Attendees will learn how institutions are approaching implementation, including data sharing processes, student eligibility and consent, and coordination across partners. The session will also highlight early lessons, common challenges, and practical considerations for institutions at different stages of reverse transfer work.

Speaker
Joey Lehrman, Reverse Transfer Project Manager, MASU

3:10 PM – 3:55 PM – Breakout session #2

Transfer Degree without MTA? SAC 104

Do you have a transfer degree in your community college catalog which does not include the MTA requirements (Example: Associate of General Studies)? If so, what is it and why does it exist? This session will be a presentation and conversation.

Speaker
Joseph Balinski, Registrar, North Central Michigan College
Emily Clement, Associate Director of Transfer Partnerships

Fraud and ID Theft in Higher Education SAC 106

This presentation examines the growing threat of identity theft and fraud within higher education institutions, with a focus on how these risks impact students, faculty, and administrative operations. Attendees will gain an overview of common fraud schemes affecting colleges and universities, including financial aid fraud, phishing attacks, and student identity misuse.

Speaker
TBD

Credit for Prior Learning as Infrastructure: SAC 108 Scalable CPL Practices that Advance Credit Mobility and Institutional Outcomes

As institutions seek innovative ways to support adult and non-traditional learners, Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) has emerged as a powerful strategy for expanding access and improving degree completion. This session showcases Davenport University's multifaceted CPL program, exploring how the institution strategically evaluates and transcribes CPL credit to maximize transferability while maintaining academic integrity. The presenter will share institutional and student-level outcomes data demonstrating CPL's positive impact on

time to degree, retention, completion, and institutional revenue. Attendees will leave with practical frameworks and operational considerations for scaling CPL programs in ways that enhance transparency, support transfer evaluation, and strengthen statewide credit mobility.

Speaker

Mathew Devereaux, Assistant Vice Provost-Assessment, Davenport University

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

FERPA – The Game

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Join in a lively game of FERPA trivia. Hearty refreshments will be served

Presenter

Kristin Simon, Registrar, Mid Michigan College

Friday, June 12th – 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

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9:00 AM – 9:10 AM

Welcome to Day 2 and Housekeeping

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Welcome from the College Articulation and Registrar's Practice Committees

Welcome from Joseph L. Odenwald, Ed.D., President, Alma College

9:10 AM – 10:00 AM

MTA Ad Hoc Committee Sub Groups and Tasks

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This session focuses on the formation and organization of sub groups within the MTA Ad Hoc Committee, bringing together higher education professionals from across the State of Michigan to define working group structures, clarify roles, and assign key tasks. Participants will collaborate to establish priorities that advance the goals of the Michigan Transfer Agreement, ensuring coordinated efforts across institutions to improve transfer pathways for students statewide.

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UPDATED SESSION TITLE AND DESCRIPTION

MiLEAP OHE Transfer Success Project & Related Efforts

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This session will review progress on transfer success activities being led by the State, including: the legislatively directed dual enrollment task force, ongoing priorities of the Advisory Council for Transfer Success (ACTS),

upcoming work to expand the MiWorkforce Pathways in applied degree programs, and a status check on the new MiTransfer Pathways currently under development. We will close with an interactive activity to collect feedback from MACRAO members on how the state can support implementation and marketing of the new pathways, expected to launch in fall 2027.

Speaker

Katie Giardello, Transfer Success Project Manager, Office of Higher Education, Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP)

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Closing

College Articulation Committee

Registrar's Practice Committee

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