Reverse Transfer at ASU

Reverse transfer refers to a situation in which students have transferred to ASU from an Arizona community college without earning an associate degree. Credits earned while the student is at ASU are transferred back to the two-year institution for evaluation and, if applicable, will be used for an associate degree conferral.

- ASU is currently participating in reverse transfer across the state of Arizona and will soon be looking to expand these beneficial efforts to other community college partners.
- ASU is actively working on technical development called a “Trusted Learner Network” that will allow for a scaled approach to this process.
- ASU records will be added to the Trusted Learning Network for purposes of associate degree conferral at determined level of community college course completion.
- ASU strictly follows the rules and regulations of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (also called FERPA or the Buckley Amendment) which affords students certain privacy rights regarding their education records. [https://students.asu.edu/policies/ferpa](https://students.asu.edu/policies/ferpa)

ASU cannot support this process alone, as it takes dedication from both institutions to leverage this benefit to students resulting in Associate degree attainment. Please note the following collaborations needed to ensure successful and seamless process:

**Partner Role in the Reverse Transfer Process**

1. Partner institutions must accept data through the Trusted Learner Network as an official transcript.
2. Partner institutions must have the resources (potentially financial and/or technical) to implement the required technology.*
3. Partnering institutions must allow the student to be a current ASU student at time of degree conferral.
4. Partner institutions must have an identified functional and technical staff to maintain the process and review student records for purposes of reverse transfer degree conferral.
5. Partner institution is committed to reviewing ASU transcript data for purposes of awarding Associates degree.
6. Partnering community colleges agree to provide updated records to ASU indicating the degree awarded once the student has earned the Associates degree.
7. The partner institution understands that they cannot see the data unless ASU has consent from the student to share their ASU record with that specific partner institution (ie- institutions cannot see all student data within the system).

**Student Agreement**

Each student must elect—or “opt in”—to participate in reverse transfer in order for their university to be able to share transcripts backwards with the student’s former community college(s). Students must give their consent to their university to share transcripts in order to meet FERPA.

This FERPA agreement is currently collected in MyPath2ASU™ pathway agreement through [tcg.asu.edu](http://tcg.asu.edu).

Read more here: [ASU Reverse Transfer](https://students.asu.edu/reverse-transfer)

* Services may be limited to institutions which can retrieve data from a specified cloud based system, future enhancements may negate this necessity or pending the institutions capability to implement technology to join the blockchain network.

All of the above mentioned is dependent on the technical development of the Trusted Learner Network.