If I'm planning on getting my Bachelor's Degree, why bother claiming my Associate's Degree?

It's a given that most people *plan* on getting their bachelors degree when they transfer from BMCC to EOU, but sometimes things happen that can prevent students from completing their bachelor's degree. An unplanned pregnancy, serious illness or injury to yourself or family member, or a general lack of funds may make completing college a serious hardship. If one of these, or any number of roadblocks occur during your degree pursuit and causes you to quit school, you will have nothing to show on your resume. *Unless, of course, you get your associate's degree from BMCC.* 

There are also many benefits of holding both an associate's and bachelor's degree: just take a look at the information to the right. If you still have questions or are interested in participating in this simple and FREE process, get in touch with uswe're here to help you get the credentials you are close to earning -or may have already earned- as a past BMCC student.

### How an Associate's Degree Can Benefit You

- It will help you stay motivated: Students who receive an associate's degree through Reverse Transfer are more likely to stay on track to earning their bachelor's degree.
- Having both an associate's degree and bachelor's degree on your resume reflects a broader view of your education and is more enticing to employers.
- If your pursuit of a bachelor's degree for some reason comes to a halt, you'll at least have an associate's degree under your belt.
- If you find it necessary to take a break in your education, re-entering a university in the future will be a much easier and quicker process with an associate's degree.
- Holding an associate's degree can help you qualify for scholarships and financial aid at a University.
- An associate's degree can help you acquire better jobs and internships while still in school.

Information compiled from Oregon University System "Reverse Transfer" Degree Pilot Program, linnbentoncommunitycollege.blogspot, & Jon Marcus, contributing editor of the Hechinger Report.

### Steps to Your Reverse Transfer Degree

- Complete the enclosed "Permission to Perform a Reverse Transfer Degree Audit" form & mail it back to BMCC in the postage-paid, pre-addressed envelope provided.
- Allow 30 days for BMCC to obtain your transcript from EOU and run a degree audit to determine your eligibility of an Associate's Degree from BMCC.
- 3. BMCC will contact you regarding the status of your associate's degree.

It's free, it's simple, and it could have a great impact on your future! Why not get started today?



You could be a college graduate in just a few short weeks!

Did You Transfer to EOU **Before Earning your** Associates Degree from BMCC? *Reverse It!* With Oregon's new pilot program -and help from **BMCC's Degree Completion Specialist**you'll have your associate's degree from BMCC in no time.



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Get your Associate's Degree while attending Eastern Oregon University

Look inside for a step-bystep guide to completing this FREE & simple process