



When should a student consider transferring to NMU?

Students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree that is technical in nature and/or includes licensure or certification, may need to transfer to NMU prior to completing their associate's degree. Some of these baccalaureate degree programs contain prerequisites that do not have course equivalencies available through the community college system.

This list may not include all majors that recommend an early transfer. Changes can occur at NMU and your college that result in adjustments to recommendations. In all cases, NMU admission counselors attempt to provide information based on the best interests of the student.

Students interested in the following majors are encouraged to consider the statements below.

●Clinical Laboratory Science

Due to course sequencing and equivalent courses not offered by most community colleges, students will need to take at least three years of course work at NMU to complete their four-year degree. Students who have completed a NAACLS approved Medical Laboratory Technician program and who are MLT (ASCP) certified maybe able to complete a CLS BS in 2 years.

●Construction Management

Due to course sequencing and courses not offered at most community colleges, students transferring into this technical management program will need at least 2 ½ years at NMU to complete the four year degree.

●Education (All Elementary, Secondary, & Special Education majors)

Due to course sequencing and pre-methods education courses not offered at most community colleges, students transferring into an education program will need a minimum of 2 ½-3 years at NMU to complete the requirements of methods courses, field experiences, and student teaching. The length of the program may vary due to a number of variables (e.g., courses transferred, program choices, number of credits earned per semester).

●Geomatics

Most community colleges do not offer an equivalent to NMU's GC 225, which is a prerequisite to higher level courses in Geomatics. Therefore, students transferring to NMU with a two-year degree will need at least 2 ½ years at NMU to complete the four-year degree in Geomatics.

●Hospitality & Tourism Management

Course sequencing can limit some substitutions, but is negotiable and substitutions are considered on a per student basis. Students transferring into this technical management program may need 2-1/2 years at NMU to complete the four year degree.

- **Music & Music Education**

Students transferring from community colleges which are not accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) will be challenged on each Music course completed. Unless they can demonstrate strong skills & proficiency, they will not be able to utilize transfer credit for Music courses and will be out of sequence to complete this degree.

- **Nursing**

NMU's BSN program is a highly competitive program and admits 48 students each in the fall and winter semesters. No transfer student is directly admitted into the program; they are encouraged to complete at least 12 or more credits at NMU to establish an NMU GPA, which earns them points on the Nursing admissions grid. Because of this and application deadlines for NMU's School of Nursing, students usually complete one year at NMU prior to be admitted into the BSN program. Once admitted, the Nursing clinical sequence is 2 ½ years.

- **Outdoor Recreation, Leadership & Management**

This is a 57 credit hour major which includes courses most community colleges do not offer. Therefore, transfer students will take at least three years at NMU to complete their four-year degree.

- **Paralegal**

The transferability of Paralegal courses is excellent when completed at colleges which are accredited by the American Bar Association. Students transferring from non-ABA accredited programs should contact NMU's Political Science department for advising assistance well before the planned transfer to NMU. It is likely students will receive credit for their non-accredited courses if they can demonstrate skills and knowledge acquired from those courses.

- **Social Work**

NMU's Social Work program has separate admission requirements, including pre-requisite courses like SW 100 and SW 230: for which most community colleges do not offer equivalents. In many cases, a transfer to NMU should happen after no more than two to three semesters at a community college due to course sequencing. However, with proper advising and course selection from the beginning of community college enrollment, four full-time semesters can be completed at some community colleges and still allows the student to stay in sequence for the NMU Social Work program.

- **Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences**

Due to course sequencing, this 58 credit hour major is completed over a three year period. Whether a student transfers to NMU with one year or two years of college course work, it will take at least three years to complete this four-year degree at NMU.

Students who are intending to pursue any of these programs are encouraged to speak with an NMU admissions counselor prior to enrolling in community college classes to ensure they receive the most accurate transfer advising information.