



MONTANA
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

MUS Transfer Report

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OCHE – Academic, Research, and Student Affairs

Why is Transfer Important?

1 in 6

MUS students
will transfer
within the
system

1 in 5

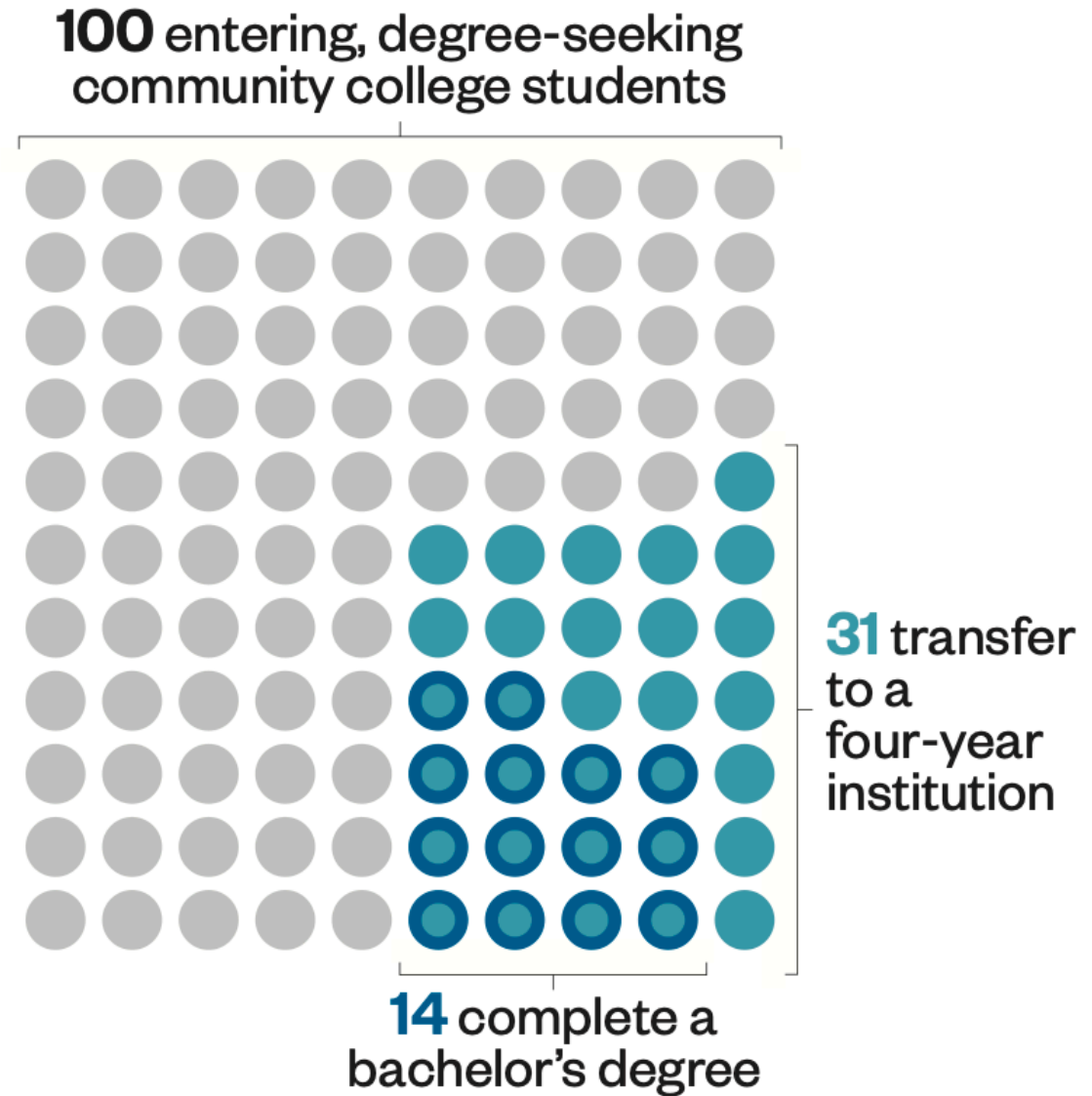
New MUS
students have
prior college
work

1 in 3

transfers are
between MUS
4-year
campuses



Nationwide, too many
2-year students
pursuing transfer leave
higher education
without a bachelor's
degree



SOURCE: 2014 Fall nationwide cohort, National Student Clearinghouse, Signature Report 13 "Tracking Transfer".



Transfer Questions

Will my credits transfer?

What course will count toward Gen Ed?

What courses will help in my major?

Can I access the courses I need, when I need them?

Where can I go for help with all this?

What support is available once I transfer?



Will my credits transfer?

MUS Common Course Numbering Course Guide

CCN Course Guide

The CCN Course Guide is designed to allow users to quickly view all undergraduate courses available in the MUS system and see their availability across all campuses. Use this tool to query selected criteria and view course availability and transferability in the MUS.

Course Prefix / Rubric: M - Mathematics

Search for: Enter course number or title

General Ed. Designators:

- Social Science / History
- Mathematics
- Oral and Written Communication
- Humanities/Fine Arts
- Cultural Diversity
- Natural Sciences
- Available Online
- Cultural Heritage of American Indians

Legend:

- Course available on campus
- Course has integrated lab
- Course available online
- Learning outcomes available
- Learning outcomes not available
- PREFIX** View FLOC outcomes for course

	Four Year Colleges						Two Year Colleges						Community Colleges			Tribal			
	TECH	UMW	UM	MSU	MSUB	MSUN	GFC	HCMT	CC	GC	HC	MC	DCC	FVCC	MCC	BFCC	FPCC	ANC	SCC
M 172 Calculus II																			
M 181 Honors Calculus I																			
M 182 Honors Calculus II																			



CCN facilitates movement of **50,000 course credits** each year.

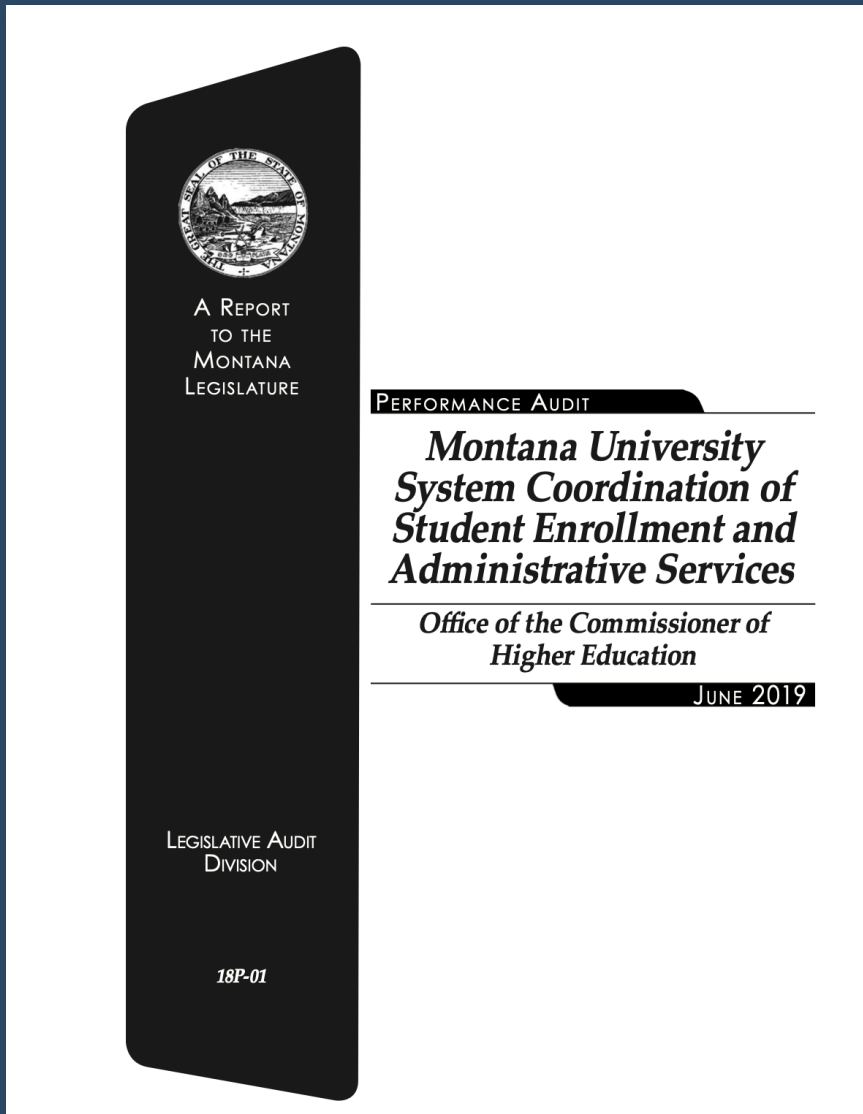


CCN alleviates effort required of students and advisors when determining how courses transfer.



CCN is a building block for other important transfer tools.

<https://ccn.mus.edu/search/>

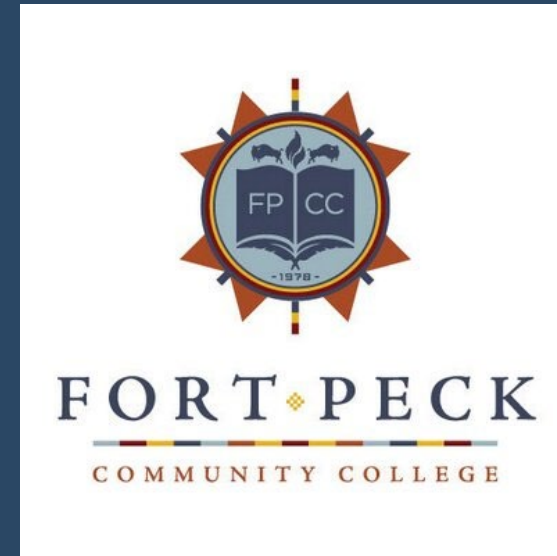


“Montana’s university system is a national leader in CCN ... Only four states, including Montana, have comprehensive CCN at both high and lower divisions and between community colleges and four-year campuses.”

June 2019 Montana Legislative Audit Report



Will my credits transfer?



Welcoming 4 Tribal College Partners to CCN



Tool #1 – Block Transfer of General Education

In Montana, students can block transfer their general education core between all MUS and Tribal College institutions

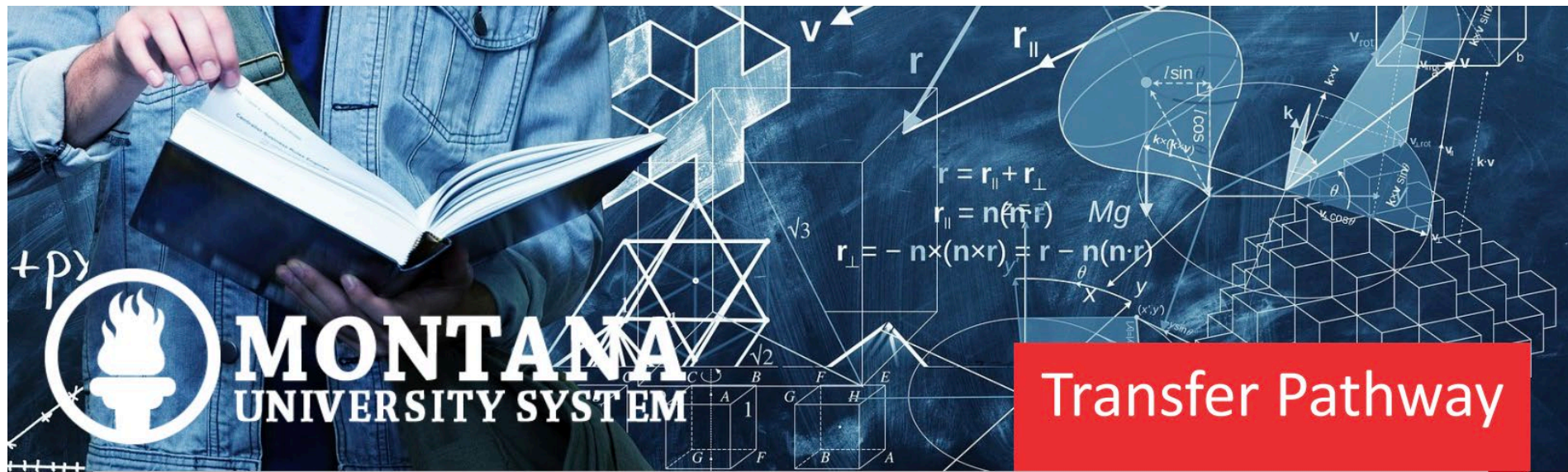
Tool #2 – Interstate Transfer of General Education



**What
courses
count
toward
Gen Ed?**



What courses will help in my major?



Discipline: Chemistry

This Montana Transfer Pathway outlines the knowledge and skills that are essential for students to complete during their first two years of study for a major in Chemistry. The coursework described below will meet degree requirements at all Montana University System campuses offering majors in Chemistry. If you complete this coursework successfully, you will be well-positioned to finish your degree with an additional two years of full-time study at your transfer college.

Lower-Division Major Requirements



Can I access the courses I need?

Pathway	% of Vertical Transfers	# of MUS 2-yrs that can offer pathway
CHEMISTRY	0.5%	2/10
COMPUTER SCIENCE	2%	1/10
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION	6%	2/10
PSYCHOLOGY	4%	0/10

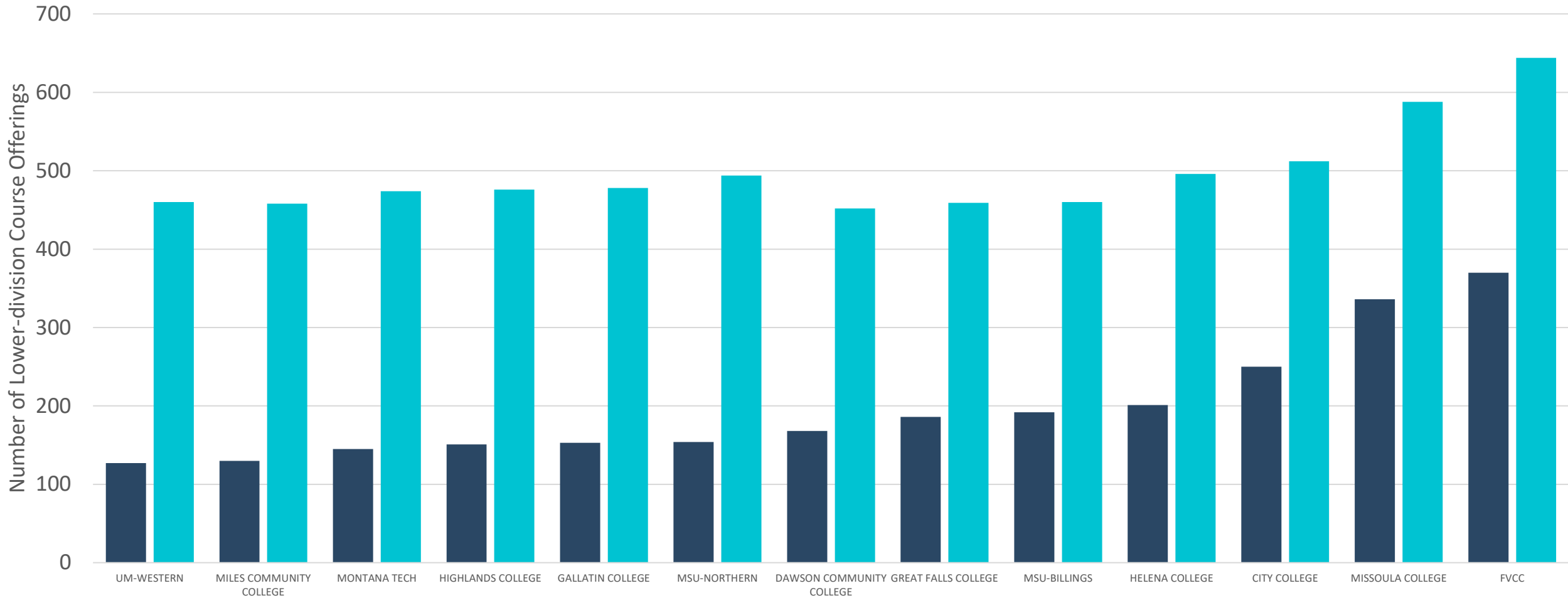
- Most of our 2-year institutions do not offer what is required to be on track in the most popular disciplines.
- Due to their budget and student populations, they likely can't offer the required courses using traditional models.



Fall 2019 Lower Division Course Offerings

(with and without sharing online courses)

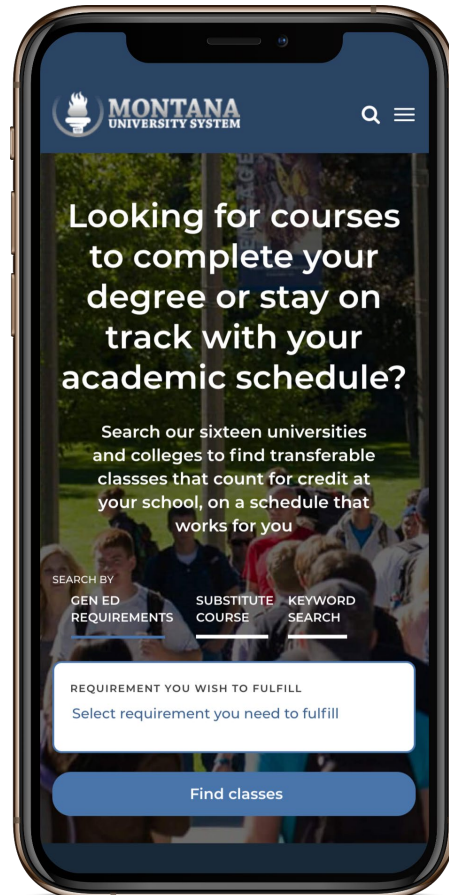
■ Course Offerings w/o Sharing ■ Course Offerings w/ Sharing



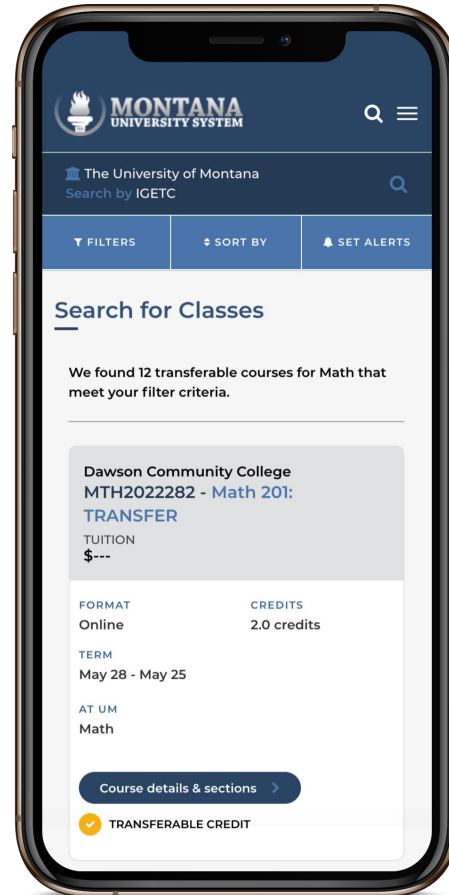
Improve the Student Experience...

From their phone or their computer, students can:

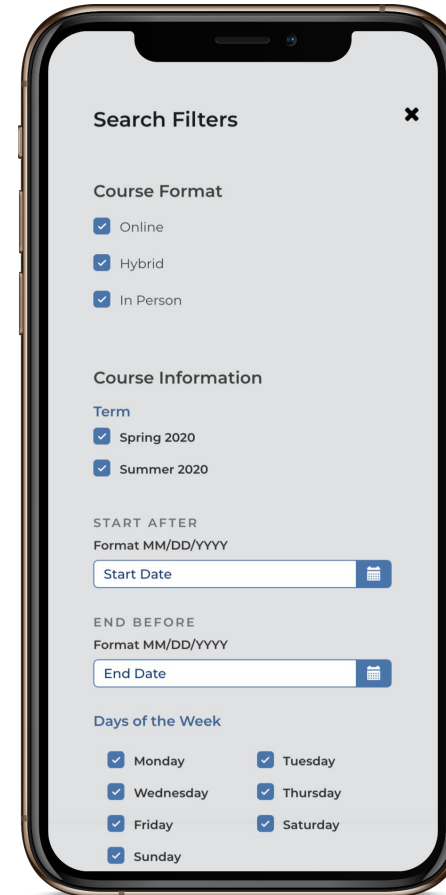
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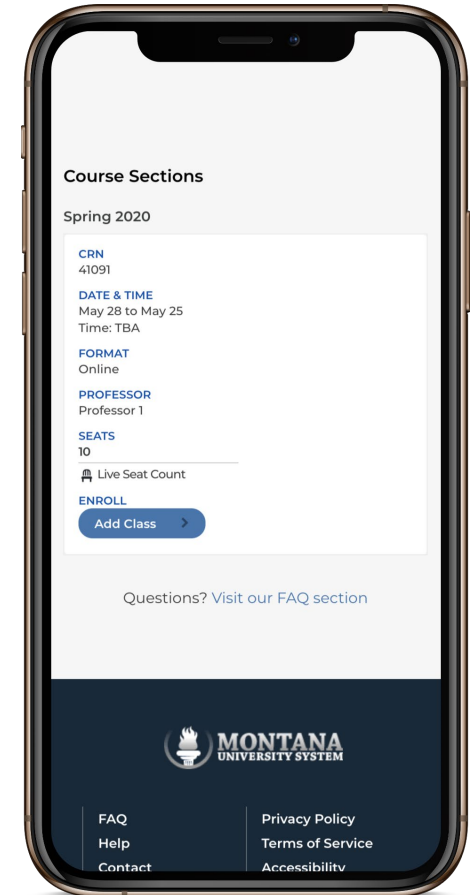
FIND COURSES & SET ALERTS



FILTER



REGISTER



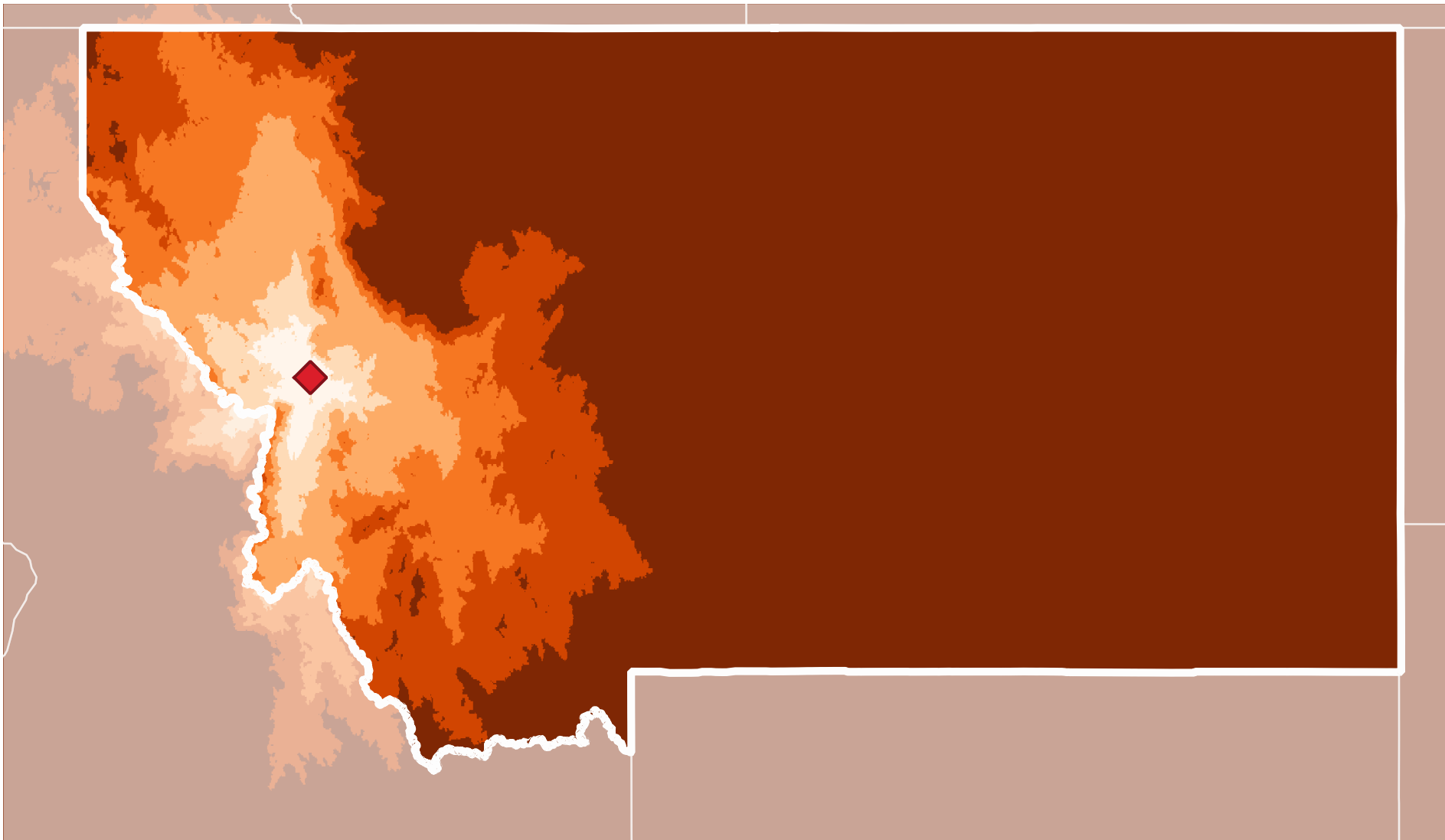
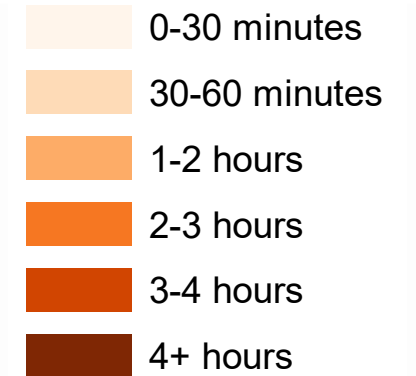


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Can I access the program I need?

January 2020 travel time to a respiratory therapy offering in Montana

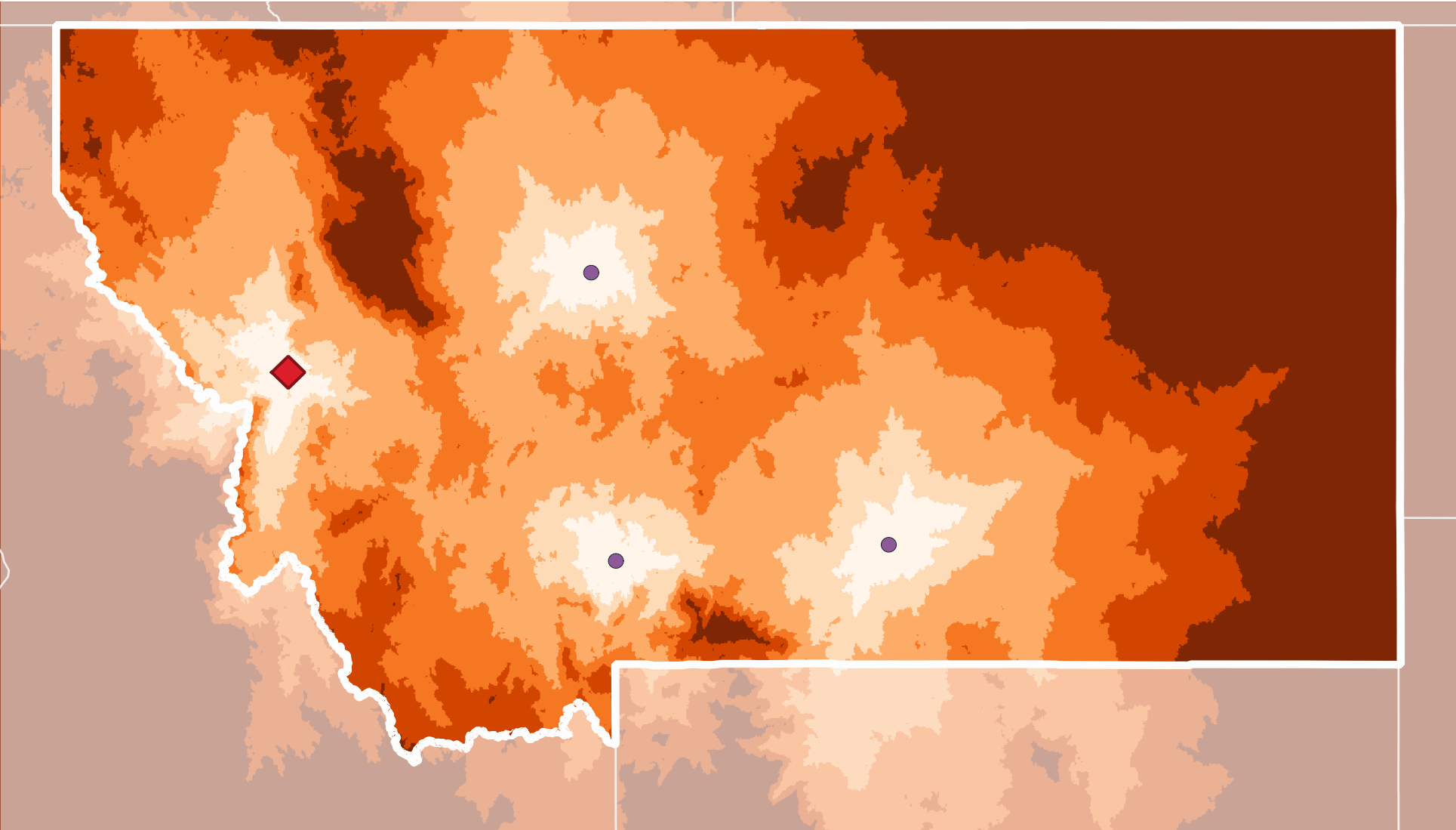
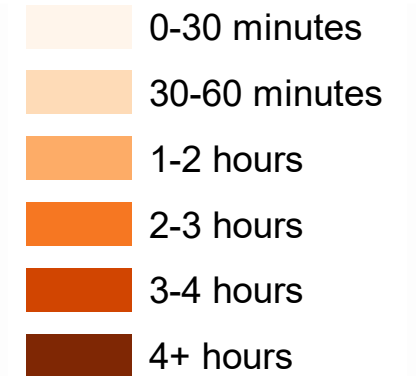


NOTES: Estimated travel distance to selected allied health training opportunities. Travel time estimated using Cambridge Malaria Atlas Project *Access to Cities* friction surface (Weiss et. al. A global map of travel time to cities to assess inequalities in accessibility in 2015. (2018). *Nature*. doi:10.1038/nature25181.)



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September 2021 travel time to a respiratory therapy offering in Montana



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How does Montana align nationally?



1 of 4 states for comprehensive numbering system



The only that actively works to align that numbering system with other state post-secondary institutions



Free application, transmittal process



Mandatory advising



Where can I go for help with all this?

MUS Transfer

Montana University System / MUS Transfer / Transfer in the MUS

MUS Transfer: transfer made easy!

Transferring between colleges in the Montana University System (MUS) is easy. The Montana University System has adopted a common-course numbering (CCN) policy.

The CCN policy ensures that equivalent courses at different campuses will have the same title, number, and prefix, and that all such equivalent courses will be accepted in transfer as if they had been taken at the receiving campus. This makes it easy to know which courses taken at one campus have equivalents at other campuses, and thus which courses will transfer without the need for further transcript review.

Use this site to find information about course equivalencies across MUS campuses, guidelines for transferring general education and MUS core coursework, and guidelines for transferring AA and AS degrees to a four-year institution.

Quick Links

- [CCN Course Guide](#)
- [Gen Ed & MUS Core](#)
- [AA & AAS Transfer Degrees](#)

<https://mus.edu/transfer/transfer.html>



There

How does education fit into your future? We'll help you find out.

40,000+ students

16 colleges

1 university system

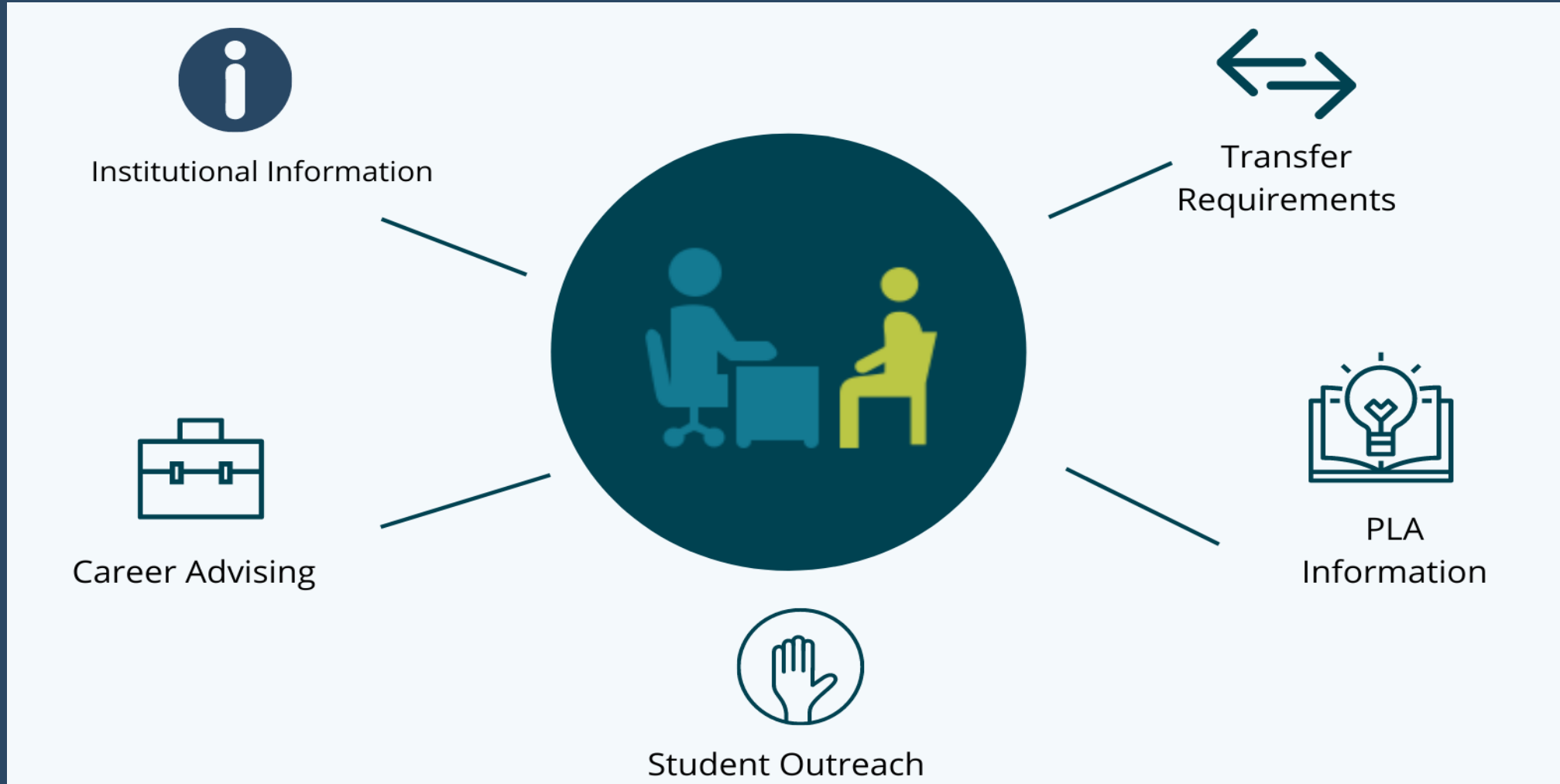
What best describes you?

- High School Student +
- Parents +
- Adult Learner +
- Guidance Counselor +

<https://applymontana.mus.edu/>



Who can I talk to about this?



How will I know I'm ready?

Degree
Understanding
/ Credit
Applicability

Preparedness

Campus
Connection



What's Next?

Expand Foundational Transfer Processes

More Transfer Pathways, Degrees for Transfer, Course Sharing

Onboarding more institutions



Improved Communication Processes

Centralized location for clear, consistent messaging

Language Audit



Develop Best Practices for Transfer Culture

Professional Development for advisors

Pre-Advising Practices

Assessment





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Questions?

