

FAQ For Transfer Council Rule Recommendations to Commission: MTMs

- 1) *Q : How did HECC staff arrive at the three year deadline for CCs to implement Commission approved MTM MOUs?:*

A: HECC staff's understanding from community college administrators is that it takes three years to get appropriate approval from internal and external sources for a new degree.

- 2) *Q: Which Community Colleges will be required to offer the MTM?*

A: All Community Colleges that offer any associate's degree in the major area. HB 2998 and SB 233 both require CC and OPU participation in MTMs. CC and OPUs should use the MTM rules to codify "in what limited scenarios can a CC or OPU 'opt out' of an MTM?"

- 3) *Q: What if a Community College has an associate's degree in the major area but doesn't currently offer all the classes required in the MTM?*

A: The CCs will have 3 years from the time the MTM MOU is approved by the commission to offer the classes in the MTM.

- 4) *Q: How will HECC determine if a CC or OPU currently offers a degree in the MTM major area?*

A: After the Transfer Council identifies the next MTM major area, the Transfer Council Co-Chairs will send a notice to all empowered administrator to request participation in MTM subcommittee. Once the Commission has approved a MTM MOU, the HECC will produce a report on which institutions offer a degree in the MTM major. HECC staff will send an official letter to all institutions required to participate in the MTM MOU. The HECC notice of required participation will be sent within 60 days of Commission approval.

- 5) *Q: Many CC's offer the courses that make up a MTM but may not award an AS/AAS degree in that area. Would those CCs be required to offer the MTM?*

A: If a CC does not offer an AS or AAS in the MTM major area they would not be required to offer the MTM MOU degree (see question 2). However, in the above circumstances a CC could choose to offer the MTM MOU degree.



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6) *Q: When does the “clock start” on CCs offering the MTMs in three years?*

A: Once the Commission approves the MTM MOU.

7) *Q: Is an OPU obligated to accept the associate’s degree associated with a MTM MOU only if a student followed all of the advisory information? Or, if simply awarded the degree by a CC?*

A: The OPUs is obligated to accept the associate’s degree associated with a MTM MOU with all the guarantees codified in rule. The advisory information was created by MTM faculty groups to help students who already know which OPU they would like to transfer to. See question 4 for which OPUs would be obligated to accept the MTM MOU.

8) *Q: If MTM faculty subcommittees update an MTM MOU, what is the expected timeline for CCs to adopt the changes and how will the commission communicate those changes to ensure they can be made?*

A: “Significant changes” are defined in an OTAC approved document that will be approved by the transfer council and posted on the transfer council’s website. Significant changes to MTM MOUs must be reapproved by TC and Commission. These changes will be codified in the MTM MOU and noted in the MTM MOU appendix. CCWD and APA Directors will communicate the updates to CCs and OPUs. CCs and OPUs will have three years to make relevant changes honoring catalog requirements outlined in the rule.

9) *Q: What is the process for changing courses that are included in a MTM?*

A: CCs and OPUs are obligated to comply at all times with MTM MOUs. If an individual institution changes a course or degree that is part of or affects learning outcome of any MTM MOU it is the obligation of the institution to ensure the individual institution can still honor the MTM MOU. Each institution should establish their own internal process for ensuring curriculum changes still allow for compliance with MTM MOU guarantees. Statewide discussion of MTM MOU curricular changes will occur annually. Faculty MTM subcommittee members may request changes to the MTM MOU to be reviewed at the group’s annual meeting.

10) *Q: What is the systems subcommittee?*

A: The Common Course Numbering System (CCNS) Subcommittee is charged with the development and implementation of a CCNS. The framework for the CCNS shall include course numbers, titles, prefixes, and accommodate descriptions and core common outcomes as identified for the course by the Faculty Subcommittee.



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For the full charge of this subcommittee please see TC approved [Common Course Numbering System \(CCNS\) Subcommittee is charged](#)

For the schedule of the Common Course Numbering System (CCNS) Subcommittee's public meetings please [see this link](#).

11) Q: *What is the purpose of the Transfer Council's recommendations to the Commission?*

A:

- Goal 1: Codify MTM MOU as the policy document for each MTM
- Goal 2 :Codify a *limited* set of scenarios in which a CC or OPUs could opt *out* of an MTM
- Goal 3: Establish a deadline for CCs and OPUs to begin offering and accepting MTMs
- Goal 4: Establish a process and policy for the Commission's new authority under SB 233 (2021) to approve MTMs