

Adopted by the Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees on September 26, 2016:

*The Board of Trustees certifies that Monroe County Community College not only meets but exceeds the best practice standards required by Section 230(2) of Michigan Public Act 249 of 2016, the education omnibus appropriations act for fiscal year 2017, as the following table demonstrates.*

**MCCC Adherence to Best Practices Grid (PA 249 of 2016)**

Best Practices by Category	Examples of MCCC Adherence
<b>Category A, economic development and business or industry partnerships</b>	
<p>(i) The community college has active partnerships with local employers including hospitals and health care providers.</p>	<p>Area employers participate on academic program advisory committees and provide student clinical sites for occupational and non-credit training programs.</p> <p>The college developed specific courses, certificates, and programs to meet direct needs as identified by business and industry. Examples include the NUET (Nuclear Engineering Technology) program and the Heavy Construction Management program developed in concert with DTE Energy. In addition, the College developed the Non-Destructive Testing Certificate and additional content for the Information Assurance and Security degree program in concert with area business and industry and local and regional labor market demand.</p> <p>MCCC Health Science programs partner with numerous clinical agencies (hospitals, long-term care facilities, community-based and outpatient clinics) to provide students a realistic environment for student learning. Clinical and community partners serve on advisory committees for two major programs within the division, Nursing and Respiratory Therapy. Many MCCC graduates transition to employment positions within these clinical agencies post-graduation/licensure.</p>
<p>(ii) The community college provides customized on-site training for area companies, employees, or both.</p>	<p>The college has actively engaged in non-credit business and industry education and training activities since 1982. In 2015-16, MCCC delivered contracted training to 25 companies (60 courses on-site and 25 courses at MCCC) educating 1,177 students (employees) and offered an additional 86 customized classes to 680 students.</p> <p>Monroe County Community College currently has a Michigan New Jobs Training Partnership Agreement with Rousch Industries. The MNJTP contract is for \$142,683. In addition,</p>

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	MCCC offered customized training utilizing funding from the Skilled Trades Training Funds (STTF).
<p>(iii) The community college supports entrepreneurship through a small business assistance center or other training or consulting activities targeted toward small businesses.</p>	<p>The College established the first SBDC in Monroe in 1984, which has since been assumed by the Monroe County Business Development Corporation. The College offers a six course series of non-credit training seminars in starting and operating a small business. In addition, courses are offered in Quickbooks, using the Internet to promote and expand businesses (three course series) and bookkeeping and payroll.</p> <p>Planning began in 2015-16 for the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center at MCCC. The new center has been established via a partnership between MCCC, the Monroe County Business Development Corporation, the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation of Monroe County, and the Bedford Business Association, to provide a technical assistance and guidance to entrepreneurs and small business through workshops, training, one-on-one counseling and access to space and technology at the College.</p> <p>MCCC offers a <i>Small Business &amp; Entrepreneur</i> course as part of the Business Management curriculum.</p>
<p>(iv) The community college supports technological advancement through industry partnerships, incubation activities, or operation of a Michigan technical education center or other advanced technology center.</p>	<p>MCCC opened a \$17 million Career Technology Center in August 2013 to house a variety of occupational degree programs, and to deliver customized training programs for industry.</p> <p>The College is recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor as a Welding Center of Expertise and was awarded \$1.7 million in grant funds to provide training for unemployed and incumbent workers.</p>
<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with local or regional workforce and economic development</p>	<p>The College is involved in partnerships with all local/regional economic development agencies such as the Monroe County Business Development Corporation, the Monroe County Economic Development Commission, the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, and the Monroe MiWorks/Southeast Michigan Community Alliance.</p>

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agencies.	<p>The College participates in a variety of economic development/job training programs through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and is actively engaged in the Workforce Intelligence Network (WIN), comprised of eight community colleges and seven workforce development boards in SE Michigan. Through WIN, MCCC is part of a consortium that was among the first to receive an Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (INCP) designation. The College was awarded a Michigan Works! Prosperity Award in 2014 in recognition of its partnership in WIN and collaboration in the talent system.</p> <p>College administrators are active participants on local workforce development boards including the Monroe County Business Development Corporation and the Workforce Intelligence Network (WIN).</p> <p>In partnership with SEMCA Michigan Works!, Siena Heights University, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, MCCC presented the fifth annual Career and Opportunity Expo in April 2016.</p>
<b>Category B: Educational Partnerships</b>	
(j) The community college has active partnerships with regional high schools, intermediate school districts, and career-tech centers to provide instruction through dual enrollment, direct credit, middle college, or academy programs.	<p>The Monroe County Middle College is a collaboration between the Monroe County Intermediate School District (ISD), Monroe County Community College, and Promedica Monroe Regional Hospital that is located on the MCCC Campus. It is designed to provide students with early entry into a health careers program. Students enter the Monroe County Middle College in the 9th grade with a comprehensive curriculum that will culminate with award of a high school diploma upon graduation. Students in the program also have the opportunity to earn up to 60 transferable college credit hours or an associate's degree and/or a certificate in the field of health science.</p> <p>MCCC offers dual enrollment which allows high school students to attend MCCC classes and earn college credit while still attending high school. Over 615 high school students are participating in Dual Enrollment during the fall 2016 semester. MCCC's "Direct College" program, launched in 2014, offers dual enrollment courses at five (5) high schools. Participating high schools include Britton Deerfield High School, Carlson High School (Gibraltar), Mason Senior High School, Monroe High School, and Whiteford High School.</p>

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	<p>MCCC’s Admissions Office schedules recruiting visits to area high schools and education fairs throughout Monroe County, southern Wayne County, and Lucas County in Ohio. The team visited all 11 Monroe County high schools (at least twice each), 15 out-of-county high schools, 8 college/education fairs throughout southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio, and participated in recruitment, information and orientation programs for dual enrollment, veterans’ programs as well as with Michigan Works!, The Monroe County Learning Bank, and the Monroe County Counselors Association.</p> <p>Over 1,600 eighth graders from local secondary schools toured the MCCC Campus in May 2016.</p> <p>MCCC enrolled approximately 24 percent of the 2016 Monroe County high school graduates.</p>
<p>(ii) The community college hosts, sponsors, or participates in enrichment programs for area K-12 students, such as college days, summer or after-school programming, or Science Olympiad.</p>	<p>Monroe County Community College, in cooperation with The Monroe County Counselors, hosts a College Night featuring admissions representatives from more than 60 colleges and universities who are available to answer questions and provide information about their respective institutions. Grant, loan and scholarship professionals are also in attendance. In addition, a Transfer Fair is hosted annually at the Whitman Center, located in southern Monroe County.</p> <p>MCCC offers FUNdamental Summer Camps each year to area K-12 students. Summer 2016, the college offered 26 sections of 17 different camps and enrolled 303 students.</p> <p>One Book, One Community encourages participation of K-12 students (four area high schools participate each year) through book clubs, book discussions, author lectures, and creative writing workshops.</p> <p>MCCC hosts visiting artists each semester and their exhibitions and gallery talks are open to the public.</p> <p>Additional enrichment activities for K-12 students hosted by MCCC include: Financial Aid Information Sessions, X-Tech, Dual Enrollment Information Sessions, Annual College Decision Day, and lung dissection presentations at area schools.</p>

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<p>(iii) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for traditional age students, including grant programs such as talent search, upward bound, or other activities to promote college readiness in area high schools and community centers.</p>	<p>Monroe County Community College is the proud recipient of two TRiO Upward Bound grants. Upward Bound is a program funded by the U.S. Department of Education that prepares high school students for post-secondary education. Established in 2007, Monroe County Community College Upward Bound serves 110 students, grades 9-12 from Monroe High School located in Monroe, Michigan and Airport High School located in Carleton, Michigan. Upward Bound is a challenging, preparatory program for students who demonstrate the ability or desire to attend college. All program services are free for participants.</p>
<p>(iv) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for new or reentering adult students, such as adult basic education, GED certificate preparation and testing, or recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults.</p>	<p>Monroe County Community College is a partner in the Monroe County Learning Bank Network, which is a public/private partnership of 12 community organizations and businesses that provide adult basic education and GED preparation for adults in order to transition them into higher education, and/or employment and training opportunities. In addition, The Learning Bank Network offers a host of related services, such as group and individual tutoring, career counseling and advising; skill-building seminars in college and career success; courses in financial literacy, parenting and other life skills; and direct access to employers for internships, career exploration and possible jobs.</p> <p>MCCC works in partnership with Bedford Adult Education by providing COMPASS – Computer-Adaptive Placement Assessment and Support System – testing for county residents. The COMPASS is a series of basic skills assessments in English, Reading, and Math developed by American College Testing (ACT) and completed on a computer. The tests are used to place students in classes that match their abilities.</p>
<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with regional 4-year colleges and</p>	<p>MCCC’s academic divisions have a number of transfer agreements and direct articulation agreements with area colleges and regional universities including one that has a satellite campus onsite (Siena Heights University). The Associate Degree Nursing and Respiratory Therapy programs</p>

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<p>universities to promote successful transfer, such as articulation, 2+2, or reverse transfer agreements or operation of a university center.</p>	<p>maintain third-party accreditation which significantly increases transferability of courses within those programs.</p> <p>Beginning in July 2016, Spring Arbor University relocated its Metro-Toledo site to MCCC's Whitman Center. This new partnership offers MCCC students and local residents convenient and affordable access to bachelor and master degree programs.</p> <p>MCCC participates in The Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) which is a valuable "single source" website that students, advisors and the public may use to check transfer equivalencies for courses among and between other colleges and universities in Michigan. It is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) in partnership with a Michigan legislative committee.</p> <p>MCCC has a number of Baccalaureate Completion Agreements (2+2 agreements and 3+1 agreements). These serve as a guide for students to follow if they know where they want to transfer and also which major they are interested in. The bachelor completion agreements are designed for direct transfer into a particular program after earning a specific Monroe County Community College degree.</p> <p>MCCC has reverse transfer agreements with Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, Ferris State University, and Western Michigan University.</p>
<p><b>Category 3: Community Services</b></p>	
<p>(i) The community college provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment, or professional development.</p>	<p>The Corporate and Community Services Division through their Lifelong Learning class schedule offers a wide variety of non-credit programs. The College averages over 3,500 total non-credit enrollments annually.</p> <p>Annual Nursing Forum held annually provides 6 hours of CEUs for licensed nurses. the program is open to any licensed RN or PN in the region as well as nursing students.</p>
<p>(ii) The community college operates or sponsors opportunities for</p>	<p>MCCC has numerous opportunities for community engagement including the College/Community Symphony Band and the Agora Chorale. Both performance groups are open to College students, high school students currently enrolled at MCCC in</p>

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<p>community members to engage in activities that promote leisure, wellness, cultural or personal enrichment such as community sports teams, theater or musical ensembles, or artist guilds.</p>	<p>the Dual Enrollment program, and citizens from the community who have experience with instrumental or vocal music. In addition, the local community theater group, the Monroe County Community Players, uses the MCCC Meyer Theater for their productions.</p> <p>The MCCC Alumni Association hosts an annual Golf Outing that is open to the public and the College's intramural basketball league is open to students and community members.</p> <p>MCCC maintains an outdoor fitness trail (outdoor exercise equipment called a parcourse) that consists of a course equipped with stations distributed along its length for exercising to promote good health. It is open to the general community.</p> <p>MCCC offers its gymnasium to community groups and schools for a modest rental fee. Gym rentals include the public and parochial schools and AAU Teams.</p>
<p>(iii) The community college operates public facilities to promote cultural, educational, or personal enrichment for community members, such as libraries, computer labs, performing arts centers, museums, art galleries, or television or radio stations.</p>	<p>The College has an extensive annual calendar of cultural events open to the public which includes exhibits, demonstrations, lectures, slide shows, concerts, and plays, athletic and seasonal events that feature well-known regional and national artists. Many events are free, and all are open to the public. In addition, MCCC hosts educational displays and speakers on campus throughout the year.</p> <p>The MCCC Library is available for the community to use and community groups and organizations, both profit and non-profit, may use college facilities and equipment, with or without a charge, depending on the use.</p> <p>The college established the Cultural and Current Event series. Each month, a particular cultural group or other group is celebrated with various events and a month-long display. Additionally, multiple panel discussions are held throughout the year on current event topics of interest to the community.</p>
<p>(iv) The community college operates public facilities to promote leisure or wellness activities for community members,</p>	<p>MCCC has a gymnasium, dance aerobics room, Fitness Center, and parcourse to promote fitness activities in the community. The Fitness Center is open to all MCCC students and staff free of charge. Alumni Association members who have paid a membership fee may also use the facility.</p>

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<p>including gymnasiums, athletic fields, tennis courts, fitness centers, hiking or biking trails, or natural areas.</p>	<p>MCCC maintains an outdoor fitness trail (outdoor exercise equipment called a parcourse) that consists of a course equipped with stations distributed along its length for exercising to promote good health. It is open to the general community.</p>
<p>(v) The community college promotes, sponsors, or hosts community service activities for students, staff, or community members.</p>	<p>The College is an active sponsor, and/or co-sponsor of numerous college and community events throughout the year, and many community organizations receive reduced rates, and/or free facility usage at the College for their events. In 2015-2016, the facilities fees waived for community organizations totaled more than \$100,000.</p> <p><i>Blue Jean Fridays</i> is a program wherein staff can donate to the designated local monthly charity and dress informally on Fridays in return.</p> <p>Many student clubs are involved directly or indirectly in public service activities including blood drives; Habitat for Humanity builds; book drives; and Toys for Tots, Salvation Army, March of Dimes, and United Way collections.</p> <p>MCCC is a member of the Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition.</p> <p>The MCCC Bookstore sponsors National Student Day each fall. This is a day dedicated to celebrating student volunteerism and social responsibility, and community service.</p> <p>The College has hosted the March of Dimes' Walk for Babies for the past two years.</p>