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Memorandum

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**To:** Academic Affairs Division  
**From:** Dr. Deidre Price, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/College Provost  
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As we continue our important work to align and integrate educational programs across the College, I'm writing to invite your participation in a significant state-level initiative that directly relates to our efforts.

The College's Strategic Plan calls the MC community to "implement ways to validate students' experiences by streamlining the transfer-in processes, the awarding of credit for prior learning, and pathways between credit and noncredit programs." This Plan emphasizes the importance of student-centered decision-making focused on outcomes that make a difference in the lives of the students we serve. The Strategic Plan reminds us that, when we say "students," we mean "all students" and reminds us that "[t]his plan seeks to achieve the same level of institutional attention for credit and noncredit students.

As we continue on this path to move away from "noncredit vs. credit" and toward educational opportunities available to all Montgomery County residents, we are seeking your ideas about the language we may use that better reflects the breadth and value of the programs we deliver. As faculty, staff, and administrators directly involved with programs, your perspectives are invaluable. MC is one of many institutions across the state working together to lay out the educational landscape ahead as we bring together programs of all credential types. This initial survey represents the first step in what will be a multi-phase process to determine new terminology at the state level. Additional discussions will follow to finalize terminology and definitions that will support similar ongoing conversations at MC.

Please complete the survey at <https://forms.gle/eFBY6hJZD7Jhmpas5> by May 22, 2025.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our students and to expanding and amplifying educational pathways across our institution and state.