



## Member-In-Transition Membership Level



**What businesses are members of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce (GRACC)?** There are more than 2,800 member businesses in the Chamber, representing all sectors of the business community.

**What is the cost to join the Chamber at the MIT level?** A six-month individual membership is \$100.

**What is the best way for me to get started?** Use the membership directory and other tools to help you plug in. Attend a monthly Chamber Member Orientation session, refer to [grandrapids.org](http://grandrapids.org) for events and programs, and follow us on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn to stay informed.

**Should I plan to attend events?** Absolutely. Face-to-face networking is one of the best ways to connect with other professionals.

**Can MIT-level members serve on Chamber committees?** Yes. MIT members looking for new positions are welcome to continue their committee work.

**How will I find out about events?** Chamber events are posted at [www.grandrapids.org](http://www.grandrapids.org), and are mentioned on our Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn pages. You will also receive *The Chamber News* via mail and *The Chamber eNews* via email.

**What is the cost to attend events?** Cost varies by event, but you may attend at member pricing.

**Should I bring resumés to networking events?** No. The Chamber does not allow resumés at networking events. Utilize networking events to meet people who may be able to assist in a job search. Make initial contacts at networking events and follow up afterward with resumés.

**Should I have business cards?** Yes! Experts recommend that job seekers make initial contacts and distribute networking business cards. Create your own or work with a Chamber member printer to design a networking card. Follow up after the event with resumés or phone calls to appropriate contacts.

**What is the proper attire to wear to events?** Business or business casual attire is typical.

**Does the Chamber have a career counselor to provide job search advice or resumé critiquing?**

The Chamber is excited to offer this membership level to increase your networking opportunities, but does not have a career counseling staff.

**Does the Chamber know of businesses that are hiring?** The Chamber does not typically receive notice when businesses are hiring.

**Does the Chamber post job openings?** No. Visit [www.grandrapids.org/aboutgrandrapids/work](http://www.grandrapids.org/aboutgrandrapids/work) for links to members' postings. The Chamber is not a search firm and cannot guarantee to find jobs for MIT members.

**Is my membership transferable when I find a job?** No, but you remain a member for a full six months, even when you find a job. Your new employer may already be a Chamber member, or you can encourage them to come aboard.

**What good is it for me to meet people from companies that are not hiring?** Networking and relationship building develops a six-degrees-of-separation connectivity. You never know who a person knows! Also, fellow job seekers may have contacts that can't help them but can possibly help you!

