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DARS/Transferology News

Announcements:

TRANSFEROLOGY VIDEO FOR STUDENTS UPDATED

The **NEW!** *Transferology Student Video* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwk6ddAjaZ0> has been added to our website Transferology page at <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/transferology/index.html>. The video gives students a basic overview of Transferology.

TRANSFEROLOGY TOOLKIT AVAILABLE

Notices went out via various listservs the week of January 26 about the availability of a Transferology Toolkit. The toolkit was developed with resources from the Reverse Transfer grant to provide all our colleges and universities the tools needed in order to communicate the benefits of Transferology to students. If you didn't get the email or if you need further information, please contact us at dars.info@so.mnscu.edu

TRANSFEROLOGY ADVISOR TRAINING

Transferology Advisor training has been scheduled at the following times:

- Thursday, February 19 (9:30-11:30am & 1:00-3:00pm): St Paul, System Office training room 3354
- Tuesday, March 3 (2:00-4:00pm): Inver Hiller Community College, Business Bldg, room 142
- Thursday, March 12 (9:00-11:00am): Metropolitan State University, St Paul campus, room SJH L11
- Tuesday, March 17 (9:30-11:30am & 1:00-3:00pm): Waite Park, Quarry Center training room
- Tuesday, March 31 (1:00-3:00pm): Metropolitan State University, St Paul campus, room SJH L11
- Date TBD: Minnesota Online staff – webinar

John Panzica, Transfer Solutions Specialist from CollegeSource, Inc. will host the training sessions. Along with an overview of the site and the advisor functionality, there will be hands-on time, as well. See our training page for details and registration link.

U.ACHIEVE UPDATE

Bill Halloran has agreed to take on the job as Project Manager for our u.achieve Software Upgrade and we've begun regular meetings with him, our database administrator and our team. At this point, we've settled on sometime in July 2015 for accomplishing the upgrade. We are still exploring our options as to whether we can have a phased rollout, which would be our first choice. Stay tuned for more information as we get further in our testing and planning.

STAFFING NEWS

Lori Kirkeby's temporary position with the DARS/Transferology team has been extended until June 2, 2015. We have received the okay to post the DARS/Transferology Support Analyst position on a permanent basis and expect to do so by early April 2015. As a point of information, MnSCU job postings are found on this page: <http://www.mnscu.edu/jobs/index.html>

ACTION REQUIRED: BLANK RULES IN TA TABLES

As reported in the January newsletter, lists of blank TA entries were shared with the campuses whose tables contained them.

A big THANK YOU to the 26 campuses who responded and made changes as requested, especially considering Spring Semester was about to begin! Reminders were sent earlier this week to the remaining campuses, requesting that the changes be made by the end of next week (Friday, February 13th). Once this round of changes is complete, we plan to repeat the process periodically, to avoid permanent blank entries. Once changes have been made to all the rules identified, please let us know.

USERS ON THE MOVE:

Is a DARS/Transferology User from your institution retiring, leaving the region, or moving on to new adventures? Have you hired someone new? We'd love to include it in a future newsletter. Email Marla Delaney at marla.delaney@so.mnscu.edu with the news you would like to share. News could include a brief history of work experience(s) at your institution, future plans/new adventures, and anything else you'd like to say.

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Effective Summer 2015, at **Minnesota State College, Southeast Technical**, the follow changes are being made:

MATH0514 Pre College Math (4 cr.) changed to MATH0544

MATH0515 Pre College Math (2 cr.) changed to MATH0522

MATH1525 Intermediate Algebra (3 cr.) changed to MATH1555

North Hennepin Community College is pleased to announce a new English course, **English 1200, Gateway English**. English 1200 is a course designed to close the achievement gap and increase retention and graduation rates for all students.

English 1200 is a 4-credit college level English course paired with a 2-credit 900 level supplemental course. Students who place below the college-level cut score on North Hennepin Community College's placement exam will be able to enroll in college level English while simultaneously enrolling in the 2-credit supplemental course to help them through the college level writing sequence more efficiently and in one semester. For all of North Hennepin's degrees and certificates which previously required English 1201, students are now allowed take either English 1201 or English 1200.

Gateway English is equivalent to our College Writing I, English 1201, which you may already be familiar with. English 1200 is also a prerequisite for English 1202, College Writing II. We ask that you transfer English 1200, Gateway English, in the same way that you currently transfer our English 1201. Attached is a course outline and syllabus for your review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ameer Banks at (763) 424-0946, or email her at: abanks@nhcc.edu.

(Please let us know about information you wish to share with other MnSCU schools. We particularly welcome news from you that will impact DARS encoding and transfer processing within MnSCU. Celebrate accomplishments by sharing your victories ...small or large ... with your colleagues.)

WEBINARS:

2015 Upcoming CollegeSource Webinars are posted at: <http://www.collegesource.com/news-events/webinars>

February Webinar highlights:

Transferology™ Lab for Recruiters and Advisors —February 11, 2015, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00 PM-1:00 PM EDT)

Introducing Transferology™—February 17, 2015, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (11:00 AM -12:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab for Administrators—February 18, 2015, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00-4:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab for Transfer Specialist—February 26, 2015, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (1:00 PM-2:00 PM EDT)

CollegeSource is also offering some of their training materials and tutorials online. Everyone with a support center account has unlimited access to these materials at no cost. They include abridged PDF versions of u.achieve "Best Practices Encoding" and "Best Practices Intermediate Encoding."

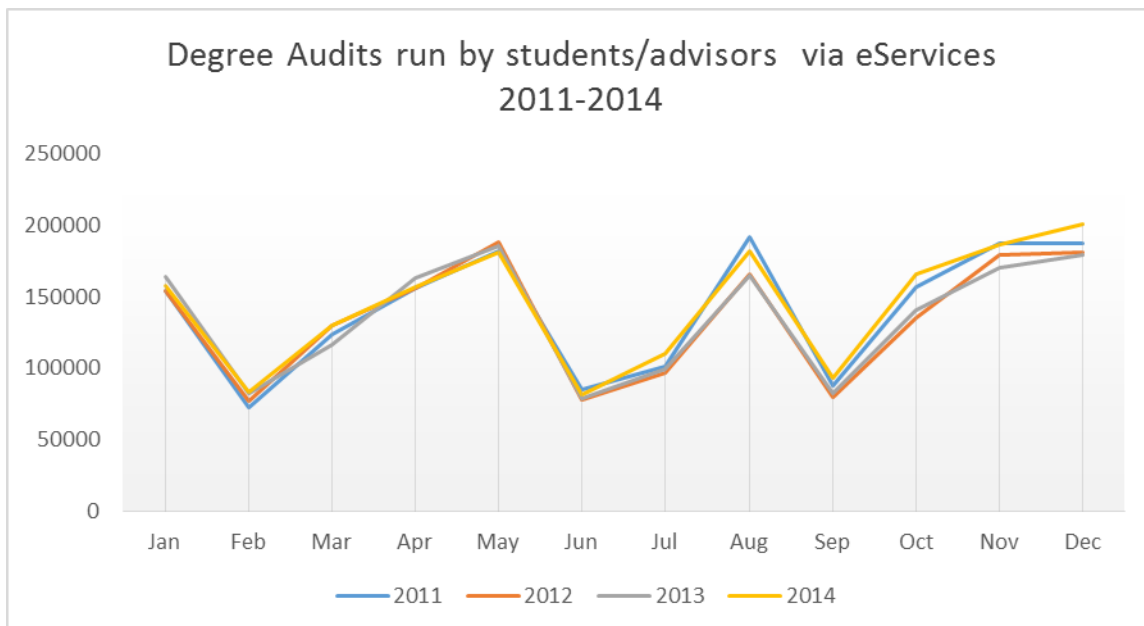
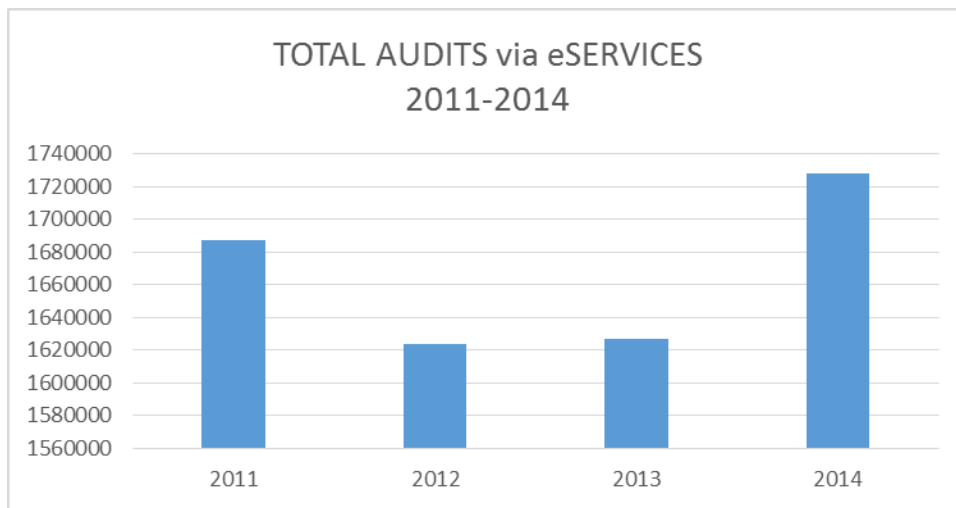
DEGREE AUDIT STATISTICS VIA eSERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

*How many audits are run by your students and advisors?
 How does your school compare to other schools of similar size?
 What times of the year see the greatest activity?*

The DARS/Transferology Team has been posting the number of Degree Audits run in eServices by students and advisors (by school) each month for the last 4 years. Reports are posted at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/project_reports.html.

Yearly totals

2011: 1,687,148 2012: 1,623,941 2013: 1,626,908 2014: 1,728,044



Training & Conferences

Please indicate your interest in training by registering for the appropriate training session. Once registered, you will be contacted to arrange date(s) and time, and possibly where the training will take place.

- ◆ **Basic Encoding Training** – Training offered upon request (When registering, please indicate specific needs in the Comments area. You will be contacted for detailed arrangements.)
- ◆ **Transfer Articulation Training** – Training offered upon request (When registering, please indicate specific needs in the Comments area. You will be contacted for detailed arrangements.)
- ◆ **Transferology Advisor Training** – See page 1 for details of training sessions being offered. Registration link below.
- ◆ **Transferology Administrator Training** – to be determined

All training will be held at the system office in Saint Paul, unless otherwise indicated. Training will be in Room 2204 or 3354, depending on the number of registered participants.

Registration and information can be found at the following link: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_dates.html.

The format will allow you to check the dates of the training, review agendas, and register from the same page. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.**

Upon completion, please complete the Training Evaluation at: <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/evaluation.php>.

Third Wednesday & Thursday/DARS Open Labs

We are trying to be creative about ways for campus staff to get the help they need to update/maintain/improve DARS encoding, transfer articulation and Transferology.

We have added a link on our Training Registration page to request “On-site Campus Assistance”. We’ll do our best to either come to your campus or meet you half way at a convenient location that could accommodate us.

We can also schedule WebEx sessions for one-on-one assistance, plus have our Third Wednesday/Thursday Open Labs here in St. Paul and will schedule a day at the Quarry Center in Waite Park monthly.

Third Wednesday & Thursday – February 18 & 19, 2015 in training lab 2204.

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DARS “**On-site Campus Assistance**” – upon request

DARS “**Central**” **Open Lab** – Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at Quarry Center, Waite Park, 9:00am-3:00pm in Quarry Center Training Room.

DARS “**Central**” **Open Lab** – Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Quarry Center, Waite Park, 9:00am-3:00pm in Quarry Center Training Room.

REGISTRATION: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_regform.php

DIRECTIONS: <http://www.mnscu.edu/system/directions.html>

*For questions or comments about this newsletter, contact Marla Delaney at marla.delaney@so.mnscu.edu.
Thank you.*