



Special points of interest:

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DARS/Transferology News

Announcements:

NEW DARS/TRANSFEROLOGY STAFF MEMBER

We have completed the hiring process for the permanent position for a DARS/Transferology Support Analyst, and are pleased to announce and welcome our newest staff member, Kristen Patrick. She began work here on July 1, 2015. Kristen has over 10 years of DARS Program and Transfer Articulation encoding experience at her previous two positions.

Most recently, Kristen served as Credentials Evaluator/Degree Audit Encoding Specialist at Metropolitan State University. Previously, she served as Transfer Articulation Specialist and Admissions Evaluator at Portland State University.

"I'm really excited to be joining the team. I can't wait to get started!"
Please feel free to contact me at [Kristen Patrick](mailto:Kristen.Patrick@mnscu.edu)



DARS USER GROUP MEETING – JULY 8

We will be holding a DARS User Group Meeting on Wednesday, July 8th in Waite Park or via WebEx for those who cannot be present. We will primarily be discussing the u.achieve roll-out and topics for the DARS User Conference held in the Fall. If you have topics that you would like added to the agenda, please let us know.

DARS/TRANSFEROLOGY USER CONFERENCE

The 2015 DARS/Transferology User Conference will be Sept 29-30, 2015 at Craguns Resort and Conference Center. This day and a half conference is designed for encoders, staff who work with transfer rules built within the DARwin/u.achieve tables, and campus Transferology Administrators. Registration will open the first week in August.

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT! Please submit your ideas to marla.delaney@so.mnscu.edu. Let's make this conference the best we can for you!

u.achieve Updates:

PRODUCTION ROLLOUT DATE PLANNED – JULY 13, 2015

It's almost here!!! We've actually been planning and preparing for several years to accomplish this software upgrade from DARwin version 3.5 to u.achieve version 4.3. The u.achieve software utilizes new technology and while the initial implementation will not result in basic functionality changes, it will position us to implement additional functionality in the future. The change should be undetectable for students and faculty who run audits in eServices. The actual content of your Degree Audit reports should remain the same.

Hopefully you attended one of the four WebEx sessions offered, where we outlined the differences between the degree audit world now and after we move to the u.achieve software. If not, the presentation is at [WebEx - u.achieve vs DARwin Differences](#)

An email notification was sent by Dean Broker of MnSCU ITS to each school's CAP server administrator(s) on Tuesday, June 16 directing them to install the provided u.achieve client software on your CAP server at their earliest convenience. For those who currently have access to the DARwin client, your login ID and password will remain the same, but you will not be able to log into u.achieve until the upgrade is complete.

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Thanks to all of you for your patience and cooperation as we have worked through this. We have tried to be as thorough as possible in our testing and planning so the transition will be smooth, but remember to get in touch with us if you need any assistance or clarification!

u.achieve DOCUMENTATION POSTED

We have a number of new documentation pieces related to the u.achieve roll-out posted at <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documentation.html>

- [New COM Naming Convention](#)
- [DARS Reports Functionality](#)
- [Delete Job Queue - DA4009CP](#)
- [Exception Report - DA4100CP](#)
- [FICE Source Report - DA4008CP](#)
- [Report Delivery Options](#)
- [Run Bar Functionality](#)
- [Running Audits in Batch](#)
- [TA Rule Report - DA4005CP](#)
- [u.achieve Client Installation to CAP Server](#)
- [u.achieve Physical Data Model](#)
- [WebEx - u.achieve vs DARwin Differences](#)

We will be updating other documentation after the roll-out, however, if there are certain documents that you or your staff use on a regular basis that you'd like updated before we get to it, let us know and we'll do our best to update the pieces you refer to most.

CURRICULUM UPDATES:

Century College discovered an error in their catalog for 2015-16 and wanted to share with the transfer community:

- GEOG1021 is listed, in error, as Goals 3 & 5 & 10
- The correct goal assignment for GEOG1021 is Goals 3 & 10

2015 CURRICULUM COMPARISON PROJECT UPDATE:

The changes will be posted to the website soon and requests for insert into DARS Transfer tables will be accepted. We apologize for the delay. Our hiring process and the u.achieve roll-over have affected our expected timeline on this project.

WEBINARS:

CollegeSource webinars are posted on the Support Center, Webinars page at: <http://www.collegesource.com/news-events/webinars> You must have a CollegeSource account to login and register.

July 2015 Webinar highlights:

Introducing Transferology™—July 8, 2015, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00-1:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab for Transfer Specialist—July 9, 2015, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00-4:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab for Recruiters and Advisors — July 15, 2015, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00-1:00 PM EDT)

Introducing Transferology™—July 21, 2015, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00 PM-4:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab for Administrators—July 22, 2015, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00-1:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab for Transfer Specialist—July 28, 2015, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00-3:00 PM EDT)

USERS ON THE MOVE:

Minnesota State University, Mankato is excited to introduce Christina Hinz as their DARS Encoder. Christina started her new position on May 4, 2015. She previously spent 12 years at South Central College, most recently as the Pre-Nursing Academic Advisor. Her hobbies include traveling, hiking, reading, and spending lots of time with friends and family. Welcome, Christina!

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** – to be determined
- ◆ **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 – July 15 & 16, 2015 in training lab 2204.

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

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 Sykes Delaney at marla.delaney@so.mnscu.edu. Thank you.