



# DARS/Transferology News

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- ⇒ Improvements



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## Announcements:

### COLLEGESOURCE USER CONFERENCE MNSCU REPRESENTATION

The CollegeSource 2015 User Conference and Training Workshop, June 22-25, 2015 is being held in Boston, MA. The DARS/Transferology Team will be presenting a session called “MNSCU: Tips, Tricks and Troubleshooting.” Tara Spletstoser, MSU Moorhead and Kristen Patrick, Metropolitan SU have volunteered to participate in our presentation. If any of you have some great tips or trick, we’d be interested in including them in our presentation, too! Share the love!

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS - DARS/TRANSFEROLOGY USER CONFERENCE

The 2015 DARS/Transferology User Conference will be Sept 29-30, 2015 at Craguns Resort and Conference Center.

Session ideas or presentations are needed...from YOU. We always ask what people want prior to the conference, but still get feedback on the evaluations forms like “ask for us to make suggestions.” How could we make this less “lecturing” and more activity/interactive? Your great ideas are requested! Tell us what you want. Please submit your ideas to [marla.delaney@so.mnscu.edu](mailto:marla.delaney@so.mnscu.edu). Let’s make this conference the best we can for you!

### TRANSCRIP REQUIREMENT & REFERENCE YEAR NEED ANNUAL UPDATES...

With Summer and Fall registration underway or right around the corner, it’s time to add the FY16 Academic Year Terms to your TRANSCRIP requirement for Interactive Web Audits. “How to” documentation is posted at: [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/IA\\_TRANSCRIP\\_Maintenance.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/IA_TRANSCRIP_Maintenance.pdf)

Encoders will be sent an email to update REFY (if using). Documentation is at: [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/reference\\_year.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/reference_year.pdf). **If/when you update REFY, you should notify the DARS/Transferology Team, so that we can update REFY in the COM used by Transferology Plans processing for your institution. PRODUCTION**

## u.achieve Updates:

### ROLLOUT DATE TENTATIVELY PLANNED

At this point, we plan to switch from the DARwin software to the u.achieve software the week of July 13, 2015. All the details are still being formulated and more information will be shared as further progress is made.

### CAMPUS TESTING UNDERWAY

Our small group campus testing continues. Our first group of DARS encoders met us at the Quarry Center graciously agreeing to lend their keen eye and expertise to compare student audits run in production DARwin versus our test u.achieve environment as we prepare for our planned summer software upgrade. We met with a second group of metro area encoders at the system office in St Paul on April 16 and a third group of southern schools at South Central College on April 30. Additionally, we have a final group scheduled at Lake Superior College on May 7<sup>th</sup> for some northern schools. If anyone else is interesting in doing any testing/comparing audits, please let us know. We’d most likely be scheduling individual sessions from this point forward.

### u.achieve IMPROVEMENTS

One of the many improvements involves the display of Test Scores at the top of the audit (in your ‘INCLTOP’ type requirements). In u.achieve, when the test scores are being pulled in for display

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on the audit, a check will be made to look for when the student's record in ISRS has more than one listing of the exact same test taken on the exact same date showing the exact same results. If exact duplicate records are found, only one occurrence is shown. Here's an example:

DARwin:

Test Scores:

Accuplacer Reading Comprehension Score: 113  
Date taken: 01/09/2014  
Accuplacer Reading Comprehension Score: 113  
Date taken: 01/09/2014  
Accuplacer Arithmetic Score: 107  
Date taken: 01/09/2014  
Accuplacer Arithmetic Score: 107  
Date taken: 01/09/2014  
Accuplacer Elementary Algebra Score: 38  
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u.achieve:

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## CURRICULUM UPDATES:

The 2015 Curriculum Comparison Project is getting even closer!

As stated in the April newsletter, while this year's process will be virtually the same as previous years, the changes each campus will be asked to proof will be more accurate and sent earlier than last year.

Again, the projected timeline is as follows:

By the end of next week (May 8), the established contact(s) on each campus will receive and be asked to proof the changes.

Please return changes as soon as possible. Deadline: June 5th

The changes will be posted to the website within a few weeks after the deadline and requests for insert into DARS Transfer tables will be accepted.

## WEBINARS:

The new webinars, as well as previous webinars, are posted on the CollegeSource, Support Center, Webinars page. You must have a CollegeSource account to login and register.

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

**Transferology™ Lab for Recruiters and Advisors** — May 5, 2015, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00-3:00 PM EDT)

**Introducing Transferology™**—May 13, 2015, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00-4:00 PM EDT)

**Transferology™ Lab for Administrators**—May 14, 2015, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (1:00-2:00 PM EDT)

**Transferology™ Lab for Transfer Specialist**—May 18, 2015, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00-1:00 PM EDT)

**Introducing Transferology™**—May 26, 2015, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00-3:00 PM EDT)

**Transferology™ Lab for Recruiters and Advisors** — May 27, 2015, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (11:00 AM-12:00 PM EDT)

**Transferology™ Lab for Administrators**—June 2, 2015, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00-4:00 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."

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](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>.

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## 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** – May 20 & 21, 2015 in training lab 2204.

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**REGISTRATION:** [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training\\_regform.php](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_regform.php)

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

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Thank you.*