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# DARS/Transferology News

## Announcements:

### U.ACHIEVE SELF-SERVICE UPDATE

Conference evaluations reinforce that our users value session information and the opportunity to gather as a group and hear about/discuss topics related to the work we do and how we can better serve our students. That said, we also felt that some clarification is needed regarding u.achieve Self-Service. One of the primary purposes we've worked so hard to move forward with the u.achieve upgrade, is to prepare for future enhancements like Self-Service. CollegeSource presented several sessions at our conference to give people a glance at what's to come...a more user-friendly platform, with helpful "wizards, tabbed access to areas, drag/drop options, safety features, and more.

We hope this reinforces the plans/direction we intend to go. For more information, you may view the "Overview: u.achieve Self-Service" webinar at <https://clients.collegesource.com/home/display/SVC/Webinars>

### OTHER CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

- 1) Our active discussion regarding ways to make the audit more streamlined, resulted in a CollegeSource Enhancement Request (UACH-4214) for the default setting on the Interactive Audit to have separate settings for complete vs. incomplete requirements. The intent is to have the (red X) incomplete requirements open and the (green P) completed ones to be closed when audit is initially displayed.
- 2) In addition, the question was asked whether the size of the pdf initialization could be sized differently (bigger). Here's the response from CollegeSource: "The DARwin/uachieve client opens a PDF with a default size. Using Adobe preferences, you can change the percent being viewed, and this does impact what the pdf looks like when maximized. When resizing, the new settings are not reused when opening a new pdf, or when restarting the darwin/uachieve client." An enhancement request to change the default size of the pdf window could be submitted, but CollegeSource is moving away from the client and into web based viewing solutions, so are not sure the client would be enhanced. With that said, we'll just work with what we have.
- 3) An enhancement request was submitted to CollegeSource to Convert Many-to-One on the Convert Table. The issue is SRV-1310. With a CollegeSource account, you can add yourself as a "Watcher" on any issues of interest. You'll receive notifications via email for any activity on issues.

## Users on the Move:

Introducing Lynell Wayne, Northland Community and Technical College:

Hello, I am proud to be the new academic advisor/graduation coordinator/transfer specialist at Northland Community and Technical College. Previously, I had worked in the Academic Success Center at NCTC for 13 years as a college lab assistant and Accuplacer administrator. My husband, Bob, is the middle school principal in Thief River Falls. We have two daughters. Our oldest, Erica, is married and lives in Crosby, MN where she is a pharmacist in a nearby town. Our youngest, Erin, is currently attending Black Hills State University in Spearfish, SD where she is studying Environment Biology. Both of our daughters attended NCTC before moving on to other colleges. We all enjoy the outdoors and traveling. I also enjoy our small farm where we have goats, chickens, and occasionally a few calves or pigs. I have really enjoy my colleagues and the students at Northland Community and Technical College. Pioneer Pride!

Lynell is scheduled for Transfer Articulation training in early December, with Basic Encoding training following.

## 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>

**Transferology™ Lab for Recruiters and Advisors** — November 6, 2015, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00 PM –3:00 PM EDT)

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

**Transferology™ Lab for Transfer Specialist**—November 18, 2015, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00 PM-4:00 PM EDT)

**Transferology™ Lab for Recruiters and Advisors** — November 23, 2015, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00 PM –1:00 PM EDT)

**Introducing Transferology™**—November 24, 2015,1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00 PM-3:00 PM EDT)

## 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.)

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

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **1 week prior to training or open lab dates.**

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

DARS “**Central**” **Open Lab** – Wednesday, December 2, 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](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_regform.php)

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

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Thank you.