



# DARS/Transferology News

## Announcements:

### U.ACHIEVE 4.3.0.2 – VERSION UPGRADE

A new version of u.achieve is available. We have notified your campus CAP Server Administrators and have requesting that they install the new version by Dec. 30th. You should see this version on your top tool bar.



If you are not using the latest version of u.achieve, please ask that your CAP Server Administrator complete the installation. An email with instructions was sent on December 15th. We have only been notified of 12 schools who have installed the updated version.

### FUNCTIONALITY TO FORCE MAJOR/MINOR AND CATALOG YRTR RESTORED

With the redesign of the ISRS DARS audit reports and functionality, the ability to force a major/minor was not available without further programming, which was done in late November. As of 12/31/15 the ability to force the YRTR for both major and minor has been restored, as well. Documentation on printing and functionality is at: [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/Printing\\_DA.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/Printing_DA.pdf)

### AUDITS RUN VIA ESERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

Since January 1, 2011, we have been collecting “Degree Audits via eServices (Web Counts) by Month” and posting at [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/project\\_reports.html](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/project_reports.html). These figures represent the actual number of degree audits run by students and advisors each month via eServices. Here is a peek at the last 5 years of annual figures:

2015	1,388,632* (no July & August available due to DARwin to u.achieve software roll-over)
2014	1,728,044
2013	1,626,908
2012	1,623,941
2011	1,687,148

And this doesn't even include all the internal audits run by staff for orientations, advising, transfer evaluation, and graduation checking. Pretty impressive numbers!

### REVERSE TRANSFER REVIEW SUMMARY – FALL

The Fall 2015 session of Reverse Transfer reviews is complete! Approximately 640 students were sent to system institutions for review and a total of **239** AA degrees were conferred. 29 students remain to be reviewed by schools.

Since the sustainability phase of Reverse Transfer began on July 1, 2015, **313** AA degrees have been awarded and 795 students sent to system institutions for review. The number of AA degrees awarded places Minnesota as one of the top states for Reverse Transfer degree conferral.

The Spring 2016 review session will begin the week of January 11th. A separate e-mail will be sent the week of January 4th to school Reverse Transfer contacts with more information.

### MNTC HISTORICAL LISTINGS

Shannan Ellis (Collaboration and Transfer) continues to compile historic lists of MnTC courses for each of the MnSCU colleges and universities. Each list includes the department designator,

## Special points of interest:

- u.achieve 4.3.0.2 upgrade installation
- Force Major/Minor & YRTR Functionality Restored
- Audits Run via eServices
- Reverse Transfer Summary



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number, title, goal area(s), and effective semester dates for MnTC courses.

The lists are posted and updated on the DARS/Transferology website under Documentation > Transfer Articulation > MnTC Courses (Historic Listings). It is hoped that the historic lists will provide colleges and universities a source-of-truth for MnTC courses.

The historic list of MnTC courses for 20 of our institutions have been posted at: [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/MnTC\\_Courses/MnTC\\_Courses.html](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/MnTC_Courses/MnTC_Courses.html).

## **CURRICULUM UPDATES:**

No curriculum updates to report this month.

## **DOCUMENTATION:**

New documentation has been created for Updating Programs in Transferology Lab (formerly Updating Program Using Legacy). This documentation includes adding new programs, editing programs and deleting programs and is at: [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/Updating\\_Programs\\_TransferologyLab.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/Updating_Programs_TransferologyLab.pdf)

We have been attempting to update our documentation with relevant changes since our roll-over to u.achieve. If you come across documentation that we have missed or haven't gotten to yet, please let us know.

## **USERS "ON THE MOVE":**

Have you hired someone new? Is a DARS/Transferology User from your institution retiring, leaving the region, or moving on to new adventures? We'd love to include it in a future newsletter. Email Marla Delaney at [marla.sykes@so.mnscu.edu](mailto:marla.sykes@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.

## **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.

2016 Upcoming CollegeSource Webinars are posted at: <http://www.collegesource.com/news-events/webinars>

January Webinar highlights:

**Transferology™ Lab for Administrators**—January 7, 2016, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00 PM-4:00 PM EDT)

**Introducing Transferology™**—January 8, 2016, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (11:00 AM-12:00 PM EDT)

**Transferology™ Lab for Administrators**—January 11, 2016, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00 PM-1:00 PM EDT)

**Transferology™ Lab for Recruiters and Advisors** — January 12, 2016, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00 PM –3:00 PM EDT)

**Transferology™ Lab for Administrators**—January 13, 2016, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00 PM-4:00 PM EDT)

**Introducing Transferology™**—January 14, 2016, 1:00 PM-2:00 AM (2:00 PM-3:00 PM EDT)

**Transferology™ Lab for Transfer Specialist**—January 26, 2016, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (1:00 PM-2:00 PM EDT)

**Introducing Transferology™**—January 27, 2016, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00 PM-1:00 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."

## 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** – January 20 & 21, 2016 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, February 24, 2016 at Quarry Center, Waite Park, 9:00am-3:00pm in Quarry Center Training Room.

DARS “**Central**” **Open Lab** – Tuesday, March 29, 2016 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.