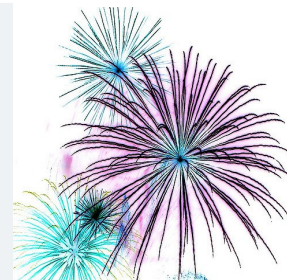


DARS/TRANSFEROLOGY NEWS



Minnesota State Colleges and Universities DARS and Transferology Newsletter

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Change Happens, Check Your Links!

Website re-designs, staff turnover, and process updates can mean your web links no longer function. Remember to periodically check your INCLTOP and any other tables that have web links to confirm they're still working and valid.

A New Look for our News!

We're starting off a new fiscal year with a new look and some new features for our newsletter. Favorites like Users 'On the Move', Training, and Webinars will still be included, but some new content will be added as well.

Is there anything you'd like to see in future issues? Let us know! Just email Miranda at miranda.evans@so.mnscu.edu with your ideas.

Save the Date for the Annual DARS User Conference!

The 14th Annual DARS Users Conference 2016 will be held at Cragun's Resort and Hotel on Gull Lake on October 11th and 12th. The day and a half conference will again be held back-to-back with the Transfer Specialist Conference (October 12-13, full day + half day). We hope many of you will be able to join us again this year, and we welcome any newcomers!

Registration and more information will be available at <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/UserConf/index.html>.

Call for Proposals - This conference is for YOU, so please share your ideas with us for sessions that would be valuable to you. We would also love if we could have you present break-out sessions or demos! All topics and ideas are welcome and could include, but are not limited to: best practices, unique audits, discoveries, transfer issues related to DARS, time-savers, processes, etc. We know you are doing some amazing things and want you to share your ideas to make this conference meaningful and most beneficial for you and your colleagues!

Curriculum Updates

Kristen Patrick continues to work on the 2016-2017 Curriculum Comparison.

The summary of changes were sent out to the campuses on Monday, July 20th, and were due back to us July 1st. Kristen has been compiling the data as it is returned to us.

The final changes will be posted to the website mid-July.

A big 'Thank You!' to the 20 institutions who have submitted their corrections to us so far!

Need Help?

We're here for you, any time you run into trouble. Submit a helpdesk ticket to the DARS/
Transferology Team:

<http://dars.custhelp.com/app/ask>

Campus Updates

Minnesota State College - Southeast Technical has changed their name to **Minnesota State College Southeast**. This change is effective immediately. Minnesota State College Southeast will also begin offering an AA degree beginning this Fall 2016.

Riverland College updated their MnTC requirements for Goals 3, 5, & 6. Goal 3 now requires 9 credits in two disciplines with at least one lab course. Goals 5 & 6 now each require 9 credits from two disciplines.

Transferology Webinars

New webinars, as well as previous webinars, are posted on the CollegeSource, Support Center, Webinars page: <http://www.collegesource.com/news-events/webinars>.

You must have a CollegeSource account to login and register.

Introducing Transferology™

July 18, 12:00-1:00pm

Transferology™ Lab: The Administrator Role

July 5, 11:00am-12:00pm

July 15, 11:00am-12:00pm

Transferology™ Lab: The Transfer Specialist Role

July 6, 2:00pm-3:00pm

July 14, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Transferology™ Lab: TES® Evaluation Integration

July 8, 1:00pm-2:00pm

July 18, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Transferology™ Lab: Recruiter and Advisor Roles

July 7, 1:00pm-2:00pm

July 29, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Users On the Move...

Southwest Minnesota State University welcomes new Transfer Specialist, Molli Anderson!

Molli grew up on a farm near Fulda, MN and has a BA in Communication, Media and Rhetoric from University of Minnesota, Morris. Her professional background includes work as a Customer Service Representative and Marketing Director for First State Bank Southwest, and as a Financial Aid Loan Officer at the University of South Dakota. It was during her time in South Dakota that she and her husband were married and welcomed a furry four-legged "son" named Cooper.

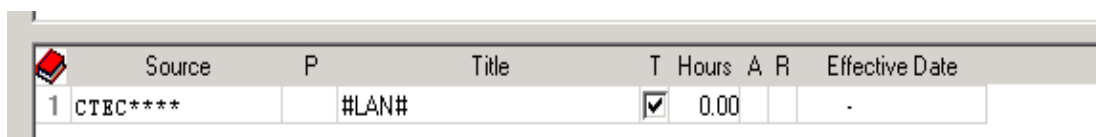
After three years in South Dakota, Molli and her family moved back to Minnesota, where her husband currently has a job with the city of Marshall. Since moving back to Minnesota they've added another family member; her first real son! His name is Carter Ray and he was born in April. Her family loves to be outside, golf, or go boating. She also enjoys playing the piano and exercising as ways to unwind. Molli is very excited to be a part of the SMSU community and begin her work with transfer students!

Is a DARS/Transferology User from your institution retiring or moving on to new adventures? Have you hired someone new, or new to DARS? Email Miranda Evans at Miranda.evans@so.mnscu.edu with news you would like to share.

DARS Q & A: How to Match by Title

PROBLEM: Our institution has a Computer Science program that is programming-based, so any computer networking courses should transfer as technical electives. I'm evaluating a transcript with both networking and programming courses under the same designation 'CTEC'. Is there a way I can filter out the networking courses as technical courses, and only look at the programming courses as unknown?

SOLUTION: You may want to look at matching the courses by title! This could help you filter out the networking courses by keyword. In your transfer Articulation Table for the sending institution, you can add a rule like this:



	Source	P	Title	T	Hours	A	R	Effective Date
1	CTEC****		#LAN#	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.00			-

Note that the 'T' Title box is checked, and the hashtags at either side of 'LAN' means it will match only titles with the standalone word LAN in the title. You can also use a * to look for any part of a word. For example, *Network would match any courses with 'Network' or 'Networking' in the title.

Have an question to that you'd like us to answer in the newsletter? Email suggestions to Miranda Evans at miranda.evans@so.mnscu.edu.

DARS User Group to meet in July

The DARS User Group will be meeting July 20th to primarily discuss and plan our October conference. If you have ideas for the conference or other issues you'd like the group to discuss, please forward the information to any of the group members: <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/support/usergroup/members.html>

Documentation

All of our documentation from our website is also listed as a Q&A format in the "Answers" tab on the DARS Help Desk dars.custhelp.com. You can type in the key word in the Search bar and find a Question/Answer pertaining to the key word, as well as a link to our documentation.

MnTC Historical Listing

Shannan Ellis (Collaboration and Transfer) continues to compile historic lists of MnTC courses for each of the MnSCU colleges and universities. The historic list of MnTC Courses for Central Lakes College has been added [here](#).

All available listings are posted at http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/support/MnTC_Courses/MnTC_Courses.html.

Training Opportunities

If you need assistance with DARS, or just need a place away from campus to get your encoding done without interruptions, we have our open lab July 20th and 21st at the System Office in Training Lab 2204.

Basic Encoder Training, Transfer Articulation Training and TransferologyLab Training is offered upon request. When registering please indicate specific needs in comments area. You will be contacted for detailed arrangements.

On-Campus assistance is also available on request.

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE for all training and labs is one week prior to training or lab dates.