



DARS/Transferology News

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WELCOME MIRANDA EVANS, NEWEST MEMBER OF THE DARS TEAM!

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Miranda Evans, DARS/Transferology Services & Support Analyst in the Educational Innovations Unit of Academic and Student Affairs, system office. She began her duties on June 1, 2016.

Miranda has been the primary encoder and transfer specialist at North Hennepin Community College. She has also experience with graduation planner software and data queries.

Miranda has an accounting degree and is currently continuing to further her education.

Miranda lives in Fridley with her husband, son, and an assortment of pets. In her free time she enjoys quilting, reading, and chasing her dogs around the backyard. She's thrilled to be the newest member of the DARS team, and looks forward to working with DARS users across the system!



Please feel free to contact her at miranda.evans@so.mnscu.edu. Additionally, contact information is at <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/about/contact.html>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Kim Lynch](#), Sr. System Director for Educational Innovations.

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>

USERS "ON THE MOVE":

Deena Marks joined North Hennepin Community College DARS Team on April 27th, as a Transfer Specialist. Deena comes to us with 10 years' experience in higher education, most recently as a Compliance Specialist. She has previously held Admissions, Academic, and Registrar positions. Deena is a graduate of the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and minor in Philosophy. She earned her MBA from Colorado Technical University. After eight years living in Colorado, Deena relocated to Brooklyn Park, where she resides with her husband and one year old son. She enjoys traveling, and has lived in Australia, Colorado, New York, and South America.

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.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.

Special points of interest:

- **Welcome new DARS Team Member**
- **DARS User Group to meet in July**
- **Users On the Move**



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CURRICULUM UPDATES:

2016 Curriculum Comparison Project update: This year, the comparison “snapshot” will be pulled later than previous years. We’re hoping to catch those last course changes that can happen at the end of the Spring term. The pull will happen late May.

By **June 10th**, each campus contact will be sent a listing of changes and asked to proof those changes and return to darsinfo@so.mnscu.edu. The deadline to return the changes will be **June 24th**.

The changes will be posted to the website mid-July and requests for course inserts into DARS Transfer tables will then be accepted. An announcement with further information will be sent to the listserv reiterating the updated website and call for course insert requests.

DOCUMENTATION:

Looking for documentation on a specific encoding or transfer solution? Did you know all of our documentation from our website is also listed as a Q&A format in the “Answers” tab on the DARS Help Desk (www.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. All links have recently been reviewed and updated. Additionally, there will be a “new look” to the DARS Help Desk soon.

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>

June Webinar highlights:

Transferology™ Lab: The Administrator Role— June 2, 2016, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (1:00 PM-2:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: TES® Evaluation Integration— June 3, 2016, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00 PM-3:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: The Transfer Specialist Role— June 6, 2016, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00 PM-3:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: The Recruiters and Advisors Roles— June 8, 2016, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00 PM-1:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: The Administrator Role— June 14, 2016, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00 PM-4:00 PM EDT)

Introducing Transferology™— June 15, 2016, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (1:00 PM-2:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: TES® Evaluation Integration— June 17, 2016, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (1:00 PM-2:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: The Transfer Specialist Role— June 28, 2016, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00 PM-1:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: The Recruiters and Advisors Roles— June 30, 2016, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00 PM-4:00 PM EDT)

Introducing Transferology™— July 1, 2016, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00 PM-3:00 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.)
- ◆ **TransferologyLab 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.

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

Third Wednesday & Thursday – June 15 & 16, 2016 in training lab 2204.

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DARS “On-site Campus Assistance” – upon request

DARS “Central” Open Lab – The DARS Team will be available the afternoon of July 20 after our User Group Meeting at the Quarry Center, Waite Park. Let us know if you interested in Open Lab time that afternoon.

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 Delaney at marla.sykes@so.mnscu.edu.
Thank you.