



DARS/Transferology News

Announcements:

USER GROUP TO MEET IN JULY - CONFERENCE IDEAS NEEDED

The DARS User Group will be meeting July 20th to discuss our upcoming conference and other DARS/u.achieve and Transferology topics. We are specifically looking for new, creative ideas on making our conference more “hands-on” and interactive this year. If you’ve been to a conference or training session that used techniques or new ways to teach/learn, we are always interested in hearing about your experiences. We would like to do more short training breakouts throughout the conference, so please forward your topic interests, as well.

Without your ideas, it will be left up to us to figure out what we “think” might interest you! Let’s hear from you!

TRANSCRIP REQUIREMENT & REFERENCE YEAR NEED ANNUAL UPDATES...

With Summer and Fall registration underway, it’s time to add the FY17 Academic Year Terms to your TRANSCRIP requirement for Interactive Web Audits. “How to” documentation is posted at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/support/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/support/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.***

PROGRAMS AND LINKS IN TRANSFEROLOGY UP-TO-DATE?

Some of you may have gotten an email from CollegeSource regarding your Transferology links, images, etc. In their research, they found that some or all of your Program links in Transferology are/were broken. This may have occurred with an update by your institution to your website URL or catalog information, whichever address you are linking your programs to. You can verify this information by logging in to the Transferology Lab at www.transferologylab.com, selecting Advising and Recruiting from the Menu, then Programs.

Students as well as staff at your institution and other member institutions, can view your school’s Program information from Transferology and Transferology Lab. A designated Transferology Administrator has the ability to update and delete programs within the setup in the Lab. Your review and updates are continuously needed to keep the data current and up-to-date. Documentation on updating programs can be found at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/support/documents/pdf/Updating_Programs_TransferologyLab.pdf

Please help keep this information up-to-date by reporting any programs or links that are no longer working to your main DARS encoder or other staff who have been authorized as Transferology Administrator. Thank you!

TRANSFEROLOGY 1.5 WEBINAR & RELEASE NOTES

This release is a Lab ONLY release and primarily involves TES evaluation Integration. If you were unable to attend the live webinar on May 2nd and are interested in learning more about this new feature, you can view the recorded webinar at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3947859546017477634>

Transferology 1.5 release details are at: <https://clients.collegesource.com/home/display/TFO/Transferology+1.5+Release+Notes>

Special points of interest:

- **User Group needs ideas for Fall Conference**
- **Annual Maintenance for Encoders**
- **Program Links in Transferology**
- **Transferology 1.5 Release**



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CURRICULUM UPDATES:

Anoka Ramsey Community College announces English 1120, Crosscurrent College Writing and Critical Reading.

ENGL1120 is a 4-credit college level English course paired with ENGL0990, Crosscurrent Composition, a 2-credit supplemental course to help students succeed in ENGL1120. Students who score 54-77 on the Accuplacer Reading or English test will enroll in ENGL0990 and 1120. The courses must be taken concurrently. All degrees and certificates at Anoka Ramsey Community College that require ENGL1121, College Writing and Critical Reading, will also take ENGL1120. Students are not allowed to get credit for both ENGL1120 and ENGL1121.

See Common Course Outline for additional information at: <http://www.anokaramsey.edu/classes/CourseDescriptions.aspx?subj=ENGL>

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.

USERS “ON THE MOVE”:

On March 9, Terri Topness joined Metropolitan State University’s DARS Team as a Credentials Evaluator. Terri has worked in higher education for 20 years, mostly in Registrar Office positions. Most recently, she worked at the University of St. Thomas where she served as an Academic Progress Analyst, managing all aspects of the university’s degree audit system. She also teaches college English as an adjunct instructor. She holds a BA in English from St. Cloud State University, and two MA degrees (in English and Learning Technologies) from the University of St. Thomas. When not working, Terri likes to have adventures with her husband and four-year old son, read/write fiction, bake, and – when the stars align and the rare moment arises – lay in bed and watch Netflix series. She lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Kirsten Fabozzi joined Century College DARS Team on April 11th, as a Registrar/Credentials Evaluator. Kirsten has worked in higher education for 17 years in Academic Affairs and Registrar Office positions. She most recently worked at North Hennepin Community College as a Management Analyst 2, managing the curriculum and term course scheduling, along with evaluating transcripts. She has a BA in Individualized Studies: Organizational Management in Higher Education from Metropolitan State University. Kristen, who lives in Lino Lakes, enjoys adventures with her husband, son (15) and daughter (13), going to the lake, cooking, gardening, reading, and hanging out with friends.

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

May Webinar highlights:

Introducing Transferology™— May 3, 2016, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00 PM-3:00 PM EDT)

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

Transferology™ Lab: The Transfer Specialist Role— May 6, 2016, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (1:00 PM-2:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: The Recruiters and Advisors Roles— May 9, 2016, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (2:00 PM-3:00 PM EDT)

Introducing Transferology™— May 11, 2016, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (3:00 PM-4:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: The Administrator Role— May 13, 2016, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (1:00 PM-2:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: The Transfer Specialist Role—May 17, 2016, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (12:00 PM-1:00 PM EDT)

Transferology™ Lab: The Recruiters and Advisors Roles— May 18, 2016, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (1:00 PM-2:00 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 – May 18 & 19, 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 – Fall dates TBD

REGISTRATION: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_regform.php

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

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Thank you.