

DARS/TRANSFEROLOGY NEWS

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Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to those of you who attended and participated in the DARS User Conference this year!

Conference evaluations emphasize that our users value the 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. We'd especially like to thank the members of CollegeSource staff who made the trip to Minnesota to share their expertise: Donna Pursifull and John Panzica. We also appreciate the system office staff who provided sessions: Teresa Theisen, Nicole Seifert, Teresa Blatti, and Brenda Lyseng. Additionally, we had several campus staff who lead or assisted with sessions: Pat Carmody (Southwest State University), Ashley Schafer (St Cloud State University), Cassandra Levesque (Century College), and Shannan Ellis (system office).

Conference presentations and the Participant List were posted after the conference on the DARS/Transferology project website and can be viewed at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/UserConf/2016/agenda_2016.html

We're already thinking about next year, and would love to hear ideas for presentations or breakout sessions. This conference is for you, and we'd like to give you exactly what you're looking for!

Remember to Update Transferology!

If you haven't checked your program inventory on Transferology lately, it may be time to do some updates!

Remember to add new programs, remove ended programs, and update website links!

We're still searching for a DARS/Transferology Service and Support Analyst...

Due to some issues with the initial job posting, the DARS/Transferology position has been reposted. If you had already submitted your resume, we strongly encourage you to resubmit for the new posting.

The position will be for a permanent, full-time Management Analyst 4 (MAPE) and will serve as a DARS/Transferology Services & Support Analyst. Additional information has sent out via the DARS Listserv or go to <http://www.mn.gov/mmb/careers/>.

Please pass the information on to anyone who might be interested!

DARS Q & A: Common COM Settings

Last month we talked about COMs, what they are, and why you have many different COMs. This month, let's take a look at some Common COM settings. Please remember that these are global settings that cannot be date-ranged with a change.

ALLOWSPLIT: Y= Allows a course to be "split" in those situations where it could be used to meet more than one sub-requirement. N= Do not allow course splits (default setting). NOTE: splitting can occur in individual sub-requirement by set a field to do so when you don't want splitting to occur EVERYWHERE.

	Field	
1	ADJUSTFLG	2
2	ALLOWSPLIT	Y
3	CONDSYSR	bcefja
4	CONDTB-RES	idr(+pv<){}&:;![]
5	CONDTB-US1	@%^ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ
6	CRLIM	2000

CLIENTS: Allows you to select which INCLTOP requirement to use with the COM. For instance, your WEB COM is set to use INCLWEB.

CURYT: Hides the date range on an Accept or Reject line course when the YRTRM entered is less than or equal to the beginning YRTRM on the course A or R line, and the end YRTRM is 99999.

CURYTSKIP: Used along with CURYT. When CURYTSKIP is set to Y, it will 'hide' courses with A or R line last YRTRM less than your CURYT so they do not show in course lists for students to choose from.

DEMO: Reports your Institution name at the top of the audit.

DUPLCTL: Controls how DARS treats repeated courses, DUPLCTL has numerous settings, but the most common are: A= Highest Grade B= 'Best course' out of successful courses, the highest credit will be kept, if credit amounts are equal, the highest grade will be kept. Q= Last taken. L=Last taken unless the last taken was not passing and the earlier course had a passing grade.

REFY: Sets your Reference YRTRM, for requiring a course be taken within the last number of years. For instance, many programs require tech credits be taken within the past five years. On the course accept line this may be date-ranged at R-05 - 99999 (R stands in for your REFY YRTRM). This needs to be updated once a year to keep that range accurate.

Let us know if there are any COM settings you have questions about!

Users On the Move...

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.

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>.

Topics Include:

Introducing Transferology™

Transferology™ Lab: The Administrator Role

Transferology™ Lab: The Transfer Specialist Role

Transferology™ Lab: TES® Evaluation Integration

Transferology™ Lab: Recruiter and Advisor Roles

Want More Tips and Tricks?

So do we! Our Tips and Tricks come from users like you, and we rely on you sharing your tips with us, so we can share them at our conference.

Remember, just because it's something you've always done, doesn't mean that everyone else already knows! Every institution had unique processes, and may not be doing things the way you are.

Documentation

All of our documentation from our website is also listed as in Q&A format on the main DARS Support Page dars.custhelp.com. You can type in a key word in the Search bar and find a Topic pertaining to

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 November 16th and 17th at the System Office in Training Lab 2204. Our Central open lab is Waite Park Quarry Center Training Room on December 1st. On-Campus assistance is also available on request.

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.

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.