Reverse Transfer- the Missouri Way

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Session Goals

- Definitions
- Purpose
- History
- Pilot effort and Implementation
- Future plans
- Communication
- Policy/ MDHE
- IT/Operations
- Resources
- Q & A

Definition

Reverse transfer provides an opportunity for students who transfer to a four-year institution before completing an associate's degree to transfer credits earned at the four-year institution back to the two-year institution to meet the requirements of the associate's degree and receive the credential.

Purpose

The purpose of the Missouri Reverse Transfer Initiative is to increase the number of Missouri residents with an associate's degree

"Credit When it's Due"

History

- House Bill 1042 was passed in 2012
- Among the provisions mandated
  - Reverse transfer policy
  - Core Transfer Library
  - College Readiness
- MDHE received a grant from the Lumina Foundation to help develop scale-up approaches for MRT

History

Steering Committee for MRT

- Broad representation from two-year and four-year institutions

- Members from public and independent institutions

- Functional areas represented:
  - Admissions
  - Registrars
  - Information technology
  - Institutional research
  - Chief Academic Officers

History

- Steering Committee Work Groups
  - Policy
  - Communications
  - Data, assessment, and evaluation
  - Implementation
  - Information technology and operations
- Work groups augmented with additional members as needed

History

- Work groups met starting in October 2012

- Data Summit held in February 2013

- IT Strategies and Implementation workshop in March 2013

- Institutional Readiness assessment conducted in spring 2013

History

- Two policy review cycles with Chief Academic Officers in early- and mid-2013

- All work groups, except policy, merged into an implementation group in summer 2013

- Pilot institution pairs identified in summer 2013

- Policy approved at the September 2013 CBHE meeting

History

- Pilot institutions met via videoconference in October 2013 as a project kick-off
- Work groups continue to meet as needed

Pilot Effort

Pilot institution pairs

Four-Year	Two-Year
Columbia College	Moberly Area Community College
Missouri Western State University	Metropolitan Community College
Missouri Western State University	North Central Missouri College
Missouri State University	Ozarks Technical Community College
Northwest Missouri State University	Metropolitan Community College
University of Missouri-Columbia	Moberly Area Community College
University of Missouri-St. Louis	St. Louis Community College

Pilot Effort

Fall activities

- Register with National Student Clearinghouse Electronic Transcript Exchange
- Develop opt-in form
- Build web page(s)
- Develop student tracking method and process
- Develop communication protocol between partners
- Develop process for identifying eligible students

Pilot Effort

Fall activities (continued)

- Contact students
- Develop capability to produce PDF transcripts
- Develop process to generate and transmit (four-year institutions) – OR – receive and process (two-year institutions) PDF transcripts
- Test transcript exchange
- Send transcripts of students who opted in
- Status report

Pilot Effort

Spring activities

- Evaluate and revise processes developed during the Fall
- Identify new students
- Contact students
- Send transcript
- Status report

Future Plans

- Sub-grant applications for implementation assistance have been submitted and reviewed

- Awards announced in January 2014

- State-wide roll-out starts in summer 2014

- Implementation workshops for Reverse Transfer Coordinators to be scheduled, the first is today at 11:00; others will follow in April 2014 and July 2014.

Resources

Missouri Department of Higher Education
http://www.dhe.mo.gov/ReverseTransfer.php

Lumina Foundation
Credit When it's Due: Recognizing the Value of Quality Associate Degrees
http://www.luminafoundation.org/grants/credit_when_due.html

Office of Community College Research and Leadership
http://occrl.illinois.edu/projects/cwid/