

University of Missouri and Missouri Reverse Transfer

Credit When It's Due Summit
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MISSOURI REVERSE TRANSFER
seamless associate degree completion

University of Missouri

- ▶ Land grant institution
- ▶ Research intensive/AAU
- ▶ Middle of Missouri in Columbia, population 108,5000
- ▶ Total Enrollment: 35,441
 - ▶ In-state: 24,586 (69.4 percent)
 - ▶ Out-of-state: 10,855 (30.6 percent)
 - ▶ Undergraduate: 27,654 (78 percent)
 - ▶ Graduate: 6,565 (18.5 percent)
 - ▶ Professional: 1,222 (3.4 percent – includes Medicine, Vet. Med and Law)

Background

- ▶ HB 1042 of 2012 required CBHE to develop a policy to foster reverse transfer
- ▶ MDHE secured \$500,000 Lumina and Kresge Foundation grant to implement Missouri Reverse Transfer Initiative (MRTI)
- ▶ MRTI Steering Committee named by MDHE based upon campus nominations
- ▶ MDHE anticipated three phases of implementation and set the committee's charge

Phases of Missouri Reverse Transfer

- ▶ Project had to roll out by Fall 2014 to meet Lumina and State statute requirements:
 - ▶ Phase I - new transfers for the Fall 2014 semester
 - ▶ Phase II - currently enrolled students not previously contacted; initiated Spring 2015.
 - ▶ Phase III - students not currently enrolled meeting the eligibility criteria; Fall 2015

Current Process

- ▶ Bring all campuses up to technical ability to create a “locked” PDF via ETX into NSC drop box
- ▶ Piloted to prove technically we could handle exchanges this way
- ▶ Allows exchanges within the state only
- ▶ PDFs must be downloaded and entered (by hand) into two-year school’s system
- ▶ Total institutions – 42, includes 2 yr., 4 yr., public and independent

New NSC Process - Benefits

- ▶ Will allow us to exchange across state lines
- ▶ Time saved with matching files
- ▶ Will allow institutions that have capabilities to “ingest” the file into their system to run audits
- ▶ Reports available in one place with updated information
- ▶ Effort to set up files is limited, a few hours in most cases
 - Skill set not complicated
 - Most institutions already feed file to the NSC

New NSC Process - Challenges

- ▶ Getting Missouri institutions to switch process now that they are using the PDF
- ▶ Learning curve for new process
- ▶ Setting up agreements with institutions outside the state
- ▶ Possibly run two processes while we transition
- ▶ Re-programming efforts
- ▶ Adding a new address type
- ▶ Testing for all the campuses

Missouri Committee on Transfer and Articulation (COTA)

- ▶ Effective January 2015, COTA assumed the permanent oversight of the Missouri Reverse Transfer Program
- ▶ COTA will continue to provide the support
 - ▶ Need to begin to communicate new option post July 1
 - ▶ More RT Coordinator meetings to explain
 - ▶ No more grant funding to pay for travel, etc. for institutions