CWID Messenger: August 2014

The CWID team at the Office of Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRL) is pleased to share the newest installment of the CWID Messenger newsletter. The CWID Messenger updates subscribers on the latest publications, meetings, data, and other information related to reverse transfer. Visit the CWID Resources page to view previous editions of the messenger.

New Credit When It's Due State Pages

OCCRL revised and expanded the Credit When It's Due state webpages to feature some of the important implementation efforts underway in the 15 states. Each state webpage features the following:

• the State Profile (from March 2014 CWID convening),
• resources and websites related to state CWID projects,
• news on reverse transfer in their state,
• related OCCRL blog postings and activities, and
• a listing of participating institutions.

To access the state webpages and learn about implementation efforts, visit the Credit When It's Due State Map webpage.
New Resources from Arkansas

The Credit When It’s Due Arkansas webpage features a selection of new resources developed through the states’ CWID project. One useful resource is the Information Kit for Arkansas Public Higher Education Institutions that features questions and answers about Arkansas’ CWID project, contacts, and map of participating institutions. Other resources featured include: a) sample student acknowledgement letter, b) work plan for MOU for Arkansas Credit When It’s Due, c) Degree Matters’ Learn More. Earn More. sample letter, and d) FERPA Exemptions Summary.

Visit the Credit When It’s Due: Arkansas webpage to access these resources.

Texas Reverse Transfer Initiative Work to Increase Higher Education Degree Attainment

"Lone Star College System, in collaboration with The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas System, is leading the Texas Reverse Transfer Initiative (TRTI), which awards associate degrees to students who have earned the necessary credits after transferring to a four-year institution.

The TRTI group met in Austin earlier in July to begin identifying policies and procedures to track student success and challenges." ... read more at Lone Star College System. UT Austin lead completion initiative.

Reverse Transfer Headlines from Around the Country

Reverse Transfer Program at LMC Helps Students Receive Associate’s Degree
Lake Michigan College | August 5, 2014 | "Lake Michigan College has partnered with several Michigan universities to offer an opportunity for students to earn their associate’s degree even if they transferred before completing the requirements."

Kansas college students will benefit from the new reverse transfer policy
TMN | July 30, 2014 | "A reverse transfer policy approved by the Kansas Board of Regents in March allows students to complete an associate degree from their previous community college with the courses they take at a university, meaning that students at other Kansas institutions are now able to enjoy the same benefits as transfer students at Fort Hays State
FHSU implements new reverse transfer agreement
The Hays Daily News | July 23, 2014 | “Fort Hays State University is implementing a system-wide reverse transfer agreement as a result of a resolution signed by all 32 public postsecondary institution presidents.”

System-wide reverse credit transfer available
Pratt Tribune | July 15, 2014 | “Community colleges work hard to make certain their credits will transfer to four-year schools. An agreement signed this month by the Kansas Board of Regents and all 32 public post-secondary institution presidents, guarantees that four-year institution credits can transfer back to community colleges, allowing students to gain an associate degree or certification after they have left the school.”

Motlow, King sign transfer agreement
The Elk Valley Times | July 14, 2014 | “Motlow College and King University recently announced the signing of a reverse transfer agreement between the institutions during a meeting on Motlow’s Moore County Campus.”

Oregon Tech signs reverse transfer degree
Herald and News | July 12, 2014 | “Oregon Tech recently partnered with Clackamas Community College to allow students the chance to earn credit for an associate’s degree from CCC while they pursue a bachelor’s degree at Oregon Tech.”

Motlow, King University sign reverse transfer agreement
The Tullahoma News | July 10, 2014 | “Motlow College and King University recently signed a reverse transfer agreement between the institutions during a meeting on Motlow’s Moore County campus.”

Students at Lehman College to ‘go forward in reverse’
The Riverdale Press | July 9, 2014 | “Students attending Lehman College can now earn credits toward their associate’s degrees.”

Bronx Community, Hostos Community, Lehman colleges partner for new credit transfer program for students
News 12 The Bronx | July 4, 2014 | “A newly formed partnership could make receiving a college degree easier for a number of Bronx students.”

CUNY in the Bronx Make History With New Pact
Lehman Today | July 3, 2014 | "The Presidents of the three CUNY colleges in the Bronx—Lehman College, Bronx Community College, and Hostos Community College—just signed a pact that made students’ lives much easier."

Senate bill could bring transfer students closer to an associate degree
The Oracle | July 3, 2014 | "Last Wednesday, Senate Democrats released their 785-page bill to renew the Higher Education Act, the nearly 50-year-old law that dictates federal student aid."
Reuters | July 1, 2014 | "The increasing use of reverse transfer agreements could strengthen the demand and enrollment profiles of some colleges and universities and improve their results against performance funding standards, Fitch ratings says."

**System-wide reverse transfer now in Kansas**

Winfield Daily Courier | July 1, 2014 | "Recognizing reverse transfer as an important element of a seamless educational system, Kansas state universities, community colleges, technical colleges, Washburn University and Washburn Institute of Technology, agree to work together to develop a process to assist students to complete coursework for and attain all certificates and degrees for which they are eligible," was the opening statement of a document signed by all 32 public postsecondary institution presidents."

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