



DARS/u.select News

February 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DARwin 3.5.9 Update

As of January 28, all but one school has the newest version of the DARwin client installed on their CAP server. Thanks to everyone for their patience as we worked our way through the installation challenges. An email went out on 12/29/2009 with a document attached outlining the new features and changes since version 3.5.6. Let us know if you need a copy of that document.

Basic Encoding Training Rescheduled

DARS Basic Encoding Training, initially scheduled for January 26 & 27, 2010, has been rescheduled to be held April 13 & 14, 2010. If you or any of your staff are interested in this training, please see training and registration information at the end of this newsletter.

Interactive Audit Update

If your TRANSCRIP requirement is reporting on your audit view, you now have the ability to set the Reporting to "Hide" to eliminate it from the audit and display in the "View Course History" in the Interactive Audit ONLY. This is an enhancement since the 3.5.6 version. Additionally, there is a new Requirement and Sub-requirement labeling feature in 3.5.9 that allows more/better bar graph labels. If you have questions or need help, please contact Marla Delaney at marla.delaney@csu.mnscu.edu.

Enhancement/Bug Fixes

An interactive audit bar graph enhancement will be deployed the first week in February to change the text from the default of "hours" to read "credits."

Additionally, for a short period of time forced estimated hours were not working in the 3.5.9 version upgrade. This discovery is a bug in 3.5.9 and has been reported to redLantern. In the meantime, we have rolled back estimated hours code to a prior version to fix the problem.

u.select Annual Course Bank Load

We expect to have the course banks updated in u.select to reflect your current active curriculum by the end of the day on January 29, 2010. Between changes in ISRS and programming changes needed because of the Oracle conversion, it has been quite a challenge. Look for an email notification early next week. You will be advised to do a manual clean up to delete departments and/or courses that are active curriculum in ISRS, but should not be listed in u.select. Course bank information can be found in u.select in the 'Courses' link on the top menu and then under 'Search Courses' on the left menu.

DOCUMENTATION:

The u.select documentation called "Purge and Run" has been revised and posted as "Run Programs". This documentation has been updated with new screen prints and describes the process for updating programs in u.select. New documentation is at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/Run_Programs.pdf

DARS Catalogs

DARS catalogs are available for sending to your production DARS.
A DARS catalog is now available for:

Leech Lake tribal College (030964)

Request the DARS Catalogs at:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/DARS_Catalog_request_list.pdf

Curriculum Updates

The 2009-2010 curriculum changes for each institution were sent to primary DARS encoders for campus approval in January. The curriculum changes for 2009-2010 will be posted on our web site in February. New course inserts and new MnTC course inserts will be ready for electronic sending to your TA tables in March.

As with previous years, we anticipate all schools returning their approved curriculum changes by February 4th.

As of 1-28-10, the following schools have returned their 2009-2010 Curriculum Inserts:

Anoka Technical College
Central Lakes College
Century College
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Metropolitan State University
Minnesota State College Southeast Technical
Minnesota West Community and Technical College
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Minnesota State University Moorhead
Northland Community and Technical College
Pine Technical College
Riverland Community College
Rochester Community and Technical College
St. Cloud State University
St. Cloud Technical and Community College
Winona State University

Thank you for returning the curriculum inserts.

Please contact Mary D'Andrea at mary.dandrea@so.mnscu.edu if you have questions.

TRAINING & CONFERENCES:

Training dates for Spring 2010 are posted below. If you have new or existing staff that will be using DARS or u.select, please encourage them to attend the appropriate training session(s) as they are announced. Even if you or your staff already attended training, you are welcome to attend again. Many people find a return visit to training helpful.

All training will be held at Wells Fargo Place in Saint Paul, unless otherwise indicated. Training will be in Room 2204 or 3354, depending on the number of registered participants.

- **u.select Administrator Training** – training offered via WebEx upon request, (after registering, participants will be contacted to arrange date & time).
- **u.select Advisor Training** – training offered via WebEx, February 11, 2009 from 1:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **Transfer Articulation Training** – is scheduled for February 16 & 17, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Wells Fargo Place (WFP), Training Room 3354
- **Basic Encoding Training** – has been rescheduled for April 13 & 14, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Wells Fargo Place (WFP), Training Room 3354.

Registration for all training, open labs, and conferences can be found at the following link: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_index.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 of all training and labs, please complete the Training Evaluation at: <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/evaluation.html>.

THIRD Wednesday & Thursday/DARS OPEN LABS:

Third Wednesday & Thursday – February 17 & 18 at Wells Fargo Place, Room 2204 or 3354. *REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.*

DARS "**Out West**" **Open Lab** is scheduled for March 10, 2010 at Minnesota State University Moorhead, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Library 204.

DARS "**Central**" **Open Lab** is scheduled for March 11, 2010 at the Quarry Center, Waite Park, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

DARS "**Down South**" **Open Lab** is scheduled for March 24, 2010 at South Central College, North Mankato, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in Room C-129.

DARS "**Up North**" **Open Lab** – is scheduled for March 31, 2010 at Bemidji State University, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall, Room 11.

DARS "**North Shore**" **Open Lab** is scheduled for April 28, 2010 at Lake Superior College, Duluth, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Library, Room E1022.

Registration can be found online at:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_regform_new.html

Driving directions and parking ramp information to Wells Fargo Place can be found online at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/registration/directions_WFP.html

For questions or comments about this newsletter, contact Marla Delaney at marla.delaney@csu.mnscu.edu. Thank you.