



DARS/u.select News

January 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DARwin 3.5.9 Upgrade

Documentation to highlight new features and fixes in the DARwin software since version 3.5.6 was sent out via the DARS listserv on December 29, 2009. Your campus CAP server people should have received the install CD last week and have been asked to install on your CAP server by January 5, 2010. New feature highlights include:

- New login screen and icons
- New help topic links
- Ability to minimize requirements
- Condition code search
- New SPEEDE default back values added to Master Reference Course definitions
- # sign on A line no longer creates a blank space on the audit
- New LISTALL value of C to show course lists
- New exception to substitute one requirement for another
- Hide Course History on audit
- New labeling features for IA (for better requirement and sub-requirement bar graph labels)

Wrapping up Interactive Audit progress...

As of January 1, 2010, 33 of the 37 MnSCU institutions have deployed Interactive Audit. We are closing in on 100% completion and are looking forward to the final announcement that all institutions are using IA. Additionally, there are some new features related to Interactive Audit with the new version of DARwin 3.5.9. The TRANSCRIP requirement (Courses by Term) will no longer display on the audit and will now only display on the "View Course History" link. There are also some new labeling features which are included in the Documentation section below.

redLantern Announces Users Conference 2010

"A Capitol Step for Student Success" will be held in Washington DC, Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, June 14-17, 2010.

eTranscript:

Quarter courses taken by a student will be included in their eTranscript Transfer Load. Your DARwin tables should have quarter Institutional Reference and Transfer Articulation tables for all MnSCU schools. You can request DARS quarter catalog inserts for all MnSCU schools at:

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

Many MnSCU colleges and universities provided two summer terms under the quarter system. MnSCU quarter institutional reference and transfer articulation tables should display a LYT (last year term) of **19992** (not 19991).

EMNTC:

Questions about a student's EMNTC can be submitted to the respective sending institution. The **EMNTC Contact List** is posted on the DARS.mntransfer, Transfer Center Project, and the eTranscript Inquiry screen. The list is at:

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

DOCUMENTATION:

International Institutions in DARS and u.select

(<http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/InternationalInstitutions.pdf>)

has been updated with the new html link to redlantern. The redlantern link includes I Code links for Canadian schools, international schools alphabetical by school name, and international schools by I Code. To request new I Codes, redLantern has replaced their old email process with a survey tool.

New Label Features for Interactive Audit

These new labeling features became available with version 3.5.7 and are now available with the 3.5.9 upgrade. Requirement and Sub-requirement labels allow for better labeling of bar graphs. Documentation has been posted at:

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

DARS Catalogs

Curriculum inserts for new 2008-2009 courses are available. Inserts can be requested for all new MnTC courses, or all new courses.

Request the 2008-2009 new course inserts at:

<http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/catalogrequestindex.html>

Curriculum gathering for the 2009-2010 academic year began in December. The 2009-2010 curriculum changes for your institution will be sent for your 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.

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.

- **Basic Encoding Training** – is scheduled for January 26 & 27, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Wells Fargo Place (WFP), Training Room 3354.
- **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.

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 – January 20 & 21 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.