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# DARS/u.select News

## Announcements:

### DARS/u.select Users Conference Announcement

The conference information and registration will be emailed via the DARS listserv the second week in August. Tentative agenda includes: 1) Short SmartTransfer update, 2) new CollegeSource website overview, 3) Queries/DARS Dashboard, 4) Graduation Tracking, 5) Communication for transfer decisions, 6) u.direct update/demo 7) Tips & Tricks, and Darwin "Recognition" Award – nominations/box. We will be re-structuring breakouts to 45 minutes with colleges in one group and universities in another, followed by a 45 minute "Town Hall" meeting, where we will all be together. Please forward us your suggestions for topic ideas for these group breakouts and for the Town Hall meeting. It's a great time to ask your colleagues how they are doing business and handling specific situations. Watch for conference information soon!

### DARS/u.select Best Practices Checklist Reminder

Just a reminder that the Best Practices – Self "Health Check" includes some annual updates and other tips that will help you stay "on track". The checklist can be found at:

[http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/UserConf2010/documents/Best\\_Practices\\_Check.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/UserConf2010/documents/Best_Practices_Check.pdf)

### Migration to u.select LIVE

The process of updating the u.select server will be changing. Currently, u.select uses a copy of all DARwin tables that are updated each weekend. In the future, u.select will be reading live from production DARS tables. The current process allows us to modify aspects of the tables before copying them to u.select. In the live u.select environment, we will no longer be able to modify this data. The Transfer Articulation Rule Memo field is an example of campus data which is modified

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## Campus Announcements:

### Ridgewater College

Effective Fall 2011, Ridgewater has changed their SPCH (Speech) discipline to CMST (Communication Studies). Some MnTC goal areas are also changing. Courses affected are:

SPCH/CMST 0121 - Goal 1  
 SPCH/CMST 0220 - Goal 6 & 9  
 SPCH/CMST 0223 - Goal 7, delete Goal 6  
 SPCH/CMST 0225 - Goal 9, delete Goal 6  
 SPCH/CMST 0226 - Goal 6 & 7  
 SPCH/CMST 0227 - Goal 7, delete Goal 6  
 SPCH/CMST 0228 - Goal 6 & 9  
 SPCH/CMST 0230 - Goal 6 & 7  
 SPCH/CMST 0295  
 CMST 0240 - new course Goal 7  
 CMST 0250 - new course Goal 8

Please let us know about information you wish to share with other MnSCU schools. We particularly welcome news from you that will impact DARS encoding and transfer processing within MnSCU. Celebrate accomplishments by sharing your victories ...small or large ... with your colleagues.

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due to a programming intervention. Currently some schools hide the TA Course Memo, and some schools do not. In the live u.select environment, we will no longer be able to hide the Transfer Articulation Rule Memo from u.select. Before we switch to u.select LIVE, we will be contacting your school's primary encoder to establish your preference: "Do you want to display the TA Rule Memo, or prevent the TA Rule Memo from displaying in u.select by moving the Memo entry to the Private Memo field?"

## 2011-2012 Curriculum Changes

Curriculum Changes for Academic Year 2011-2012, for 31 reporting schools, are posted at:

[http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/currchanges/2011\\_12/2011\\_12.html](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/currchanges/2011_12/2011_12.html)

The remaining schools will be posted as they arrive.

Curriculum Changes for 2011-2012 identified 169 new MnTC courses. Lists of the new MnTC courses, and courses with MnTC changes, are posted at: <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/currchanges/changesmenu.html>

- Request New Course Inserts for 2011- 2012 at:  
[http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New\\_Course\\_Inserts.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New_Course_Inserts.pdf)
- Request New MnTC Course Insert for 2011- 2012 at:  
[http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New\\_MnTC\\_Course\\_Inse.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New_MnTC_Course_Inse.pdf)

Curriculum inserts are available for years 2005-2011, and may be tailored to your request.

Please contact Mary D'Andrea at [mary.dandrea@so.mnscu.edu](mailto:mary.dandrea@so.mnscu.edu) if you have questions.

## Curriculum Corrections:

### Central Lakes College

ENGL2470 Creative Nonfiction is a Goal 6 course. This course was identified on 2011-12 Curriculum Changes as Goals 6 and 7.

## Documentation:

A new area for "Other Training Opportunities" has been added on our training page at:

<http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/darstraining.html> and a link to documentation for CollegeSource Webinars has been posted: [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/CollegeSource\\_Webina.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/CollegeSource_Webina.pdf)

As up-coming webinars are announced, we will post details under the WEBINARS: section below.

## SQLs:

No new SQLs to report this month.

## WEBINARS:

No new Webinars to announce this month.

## Training & Conferences

Fall 2011 training is listed 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.

- ◆ **Basic Encoding Training** – is scheduled for September 13-14, 2011, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Wells Fargo Place, Training Room 3354.
- ◆ **Transfer Articulation Training** – is scheduled for October 11-12, 2011, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Wells Fargo Place, Training Room 3354.
- ◆ **u.select Advisor Training** – Fall 2011 dates TBD.
- ◆ **u.select Administrator Training** – training offered via WebEx upon request, (after registering, participants will be contacted to arrange date & time).

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.

Registration for all training, open labs, and conferences can be found at the following link:

[http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training\\_index.html](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>.

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## Third Wednesday & Thursday/DARS Open Labs

**Third Wednesday & Thursday – NO Open Labs held in August...**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.

- ◆ **DARS "Up North" Open Lab** – is scheduled for October 25, 2011 at Northwest Technical College, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Room 222.
- ◆ **DARS "North Shore" Open Lab** – is scheduled for November 9, 2011 at Lake Superior College, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Library Bldg Room E1022.
- ◆ **DARS "Out West" Open Lab** – is scheduled for November 30, 2011 at Minnesota State University Moorhead, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Library 204.
- ◆ **DARS "Down South" Open Lab** – is scheduled for December 6, 2011 at South Central College, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at 1 of 2 locations (depending on attendance interest) North Mankato campus – Room C-155 or Faribault campus – Room C-112.
- ◆ **DARS "Central" Open Lab** – is scheduled for December 8, 2011 at Quarry Center, Waite Park, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Training Room 115.

**REGISTRATION:** [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training\\_regform\\_new.html](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_regform_new.html)

**DIRECTIONS:** [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/registration/directions\\_WFP.html](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/registration/directions_WFP.html)

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Thank you.