



DARS/u.select News

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MnTC Audit Guiding Principle Review & Analysis

In an effort to assist campuses with their EMNTC and SmartTransfer Plan initiatives, we would like to extend an offer to work one-on-one with campus encoders/transfer specialists during our DARS 3rd Wednesday/Thursday Open Labs and/or regional Open Labs, by going through the “checklist” for MnTC Audit – Guiding Principles in DARS, The EMNTC -

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/MnTC_Audit_Guiding_Principles_Checklist.pdf. We are working on analysis of the checklist by individual institution. You may be receiving a copy of the analysis via email over the next few months. An analysis of the checklist could be done prior to the open lab, in order to establish your status and develop a plan prior to your visit. If you are interested in this offer, please contact Marla Delaney at marla.delaney@csu.mnscu.edu.

If you have already gone through the checklist and feel that you have completed the criteria, please let us know and we'll mark your institution off on our list.

CLEP

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW CLEP COLLEGE COMPOSITION EXAMS?

If your institution is still deciding which CLEP College Composition exam to grant credit for, or if you need guidance on interpreting your existing policy, here's a quick way to differentiate the two tests. Read More

<http://www.collegeboard.com/html/clep/notes.html?article4>

u.select – HELP US HELP MAKE IT BETTER!

In response to feedback about a particular problem in the course equivalency search process in u.select, we realize that too often problems encountered when using u.select are not shared with us and/or the campus u.select Administrator.

Since we purchase u.select from College Source/redLantern, we cannot make direct changes to the website. There are times, though, when fixes can be made to the DARS data in order to improve u.select functionality - - - we DO have more control over that.

College Source/redLantern has specifically invited us to share comments and suggestions for website improvement with them.

We are appealing to you because we cannot take any action, either to the DARS data or by submitting enhancement requests, unless we know about the problems. It would be a great help to us if users let us know when it's not working right. I know that's a hassle, but together we can make it better! We appreciate your assistance in getting the word out to u.select users at your institution.

ISRS Security Re-certification

Under current security rules, user accounts must be recertified each year. Please be aware that we recently sent out an e-mail request to an approval manager at each MnSCU school with a request to recertify ISRS security for Laurie, Mary & Marla, with user names of trallela, dandrema and delanema. Many of you had a role in facilitating this process and we thank you!

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We invite you to 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.

CURRICULUM CORRECTIONS:

DOCUMENTATION:

SQLs:

TRAINING & CONFERENCES:

Training dates for Spring 2011 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.

- **Basic Encoding Training** – is scheduled for January 25-26, 2011, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Wells Fargo Place Training Room 3354.
- **Transfer Articulation Training** – is scheduled for February 1-2, 2011, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Wells Fargo Place Training Room 3354.
- **u.select Advisor Training** – training offered via WebEx, February 10, 2011 from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **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. 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 19 & 20 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 9, 2011 at Minnesota State University Moorhead, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Library 204.

DARS "**Up North**" **Open Lab** – is scheduled for March 30, 2011 at Northwest Technical College (new location), 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Room 322.

DARS "**North Shore**" **Open Lab** – is scheduled for April 14, 2011 at Lake Superior College, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Library Bldg Room E1022.

DARS "**Down South**" **Open Lab** – Spring dates will be announced soon.

DARS "**Central**" **Open Lab** – Spring dates will be announced soon.

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.