

2013 Transfer Report: A Review of Improvements in Transfer

Washington Student Achievement Council

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The Washington Student Achievement Council is charged with establishing transfer policies to **improve student transitions** and **report progress** on transfer indicators including development of additional transfer degrees, and improvements in transfer efficiency.

Transfer policy is implemented and maintained through **cooperative efforts** of public and private baccalaureates, the State Board for Community & Technical Colleges (SBCTC), and many statewide in-sector and cross-sector groups (e.g. Joint Transfer Council (JTC) and Intercollege Relations Commission (ICRC)).

- **70%** of students access higher education in Washington first at a two-year institution.
- Washington's two-year colleges account for a **higher percentage** of public and private college student enrollments (**49%**) than in the U.S. in general (**34%**)

What is Transfer?

Transfer – a student withdraws from one school and enters another, and the student's work at the sending institution is applied toward requirements at the receiving institution.

- **Vertical Transfer** – two-year to four-year, most prevalent
- **Horizontal Transfer** – between two same level institutions
- **Reverse Transfer** – four-year to two-year
- **Swirling** – movement back and forth between institutions two or more times

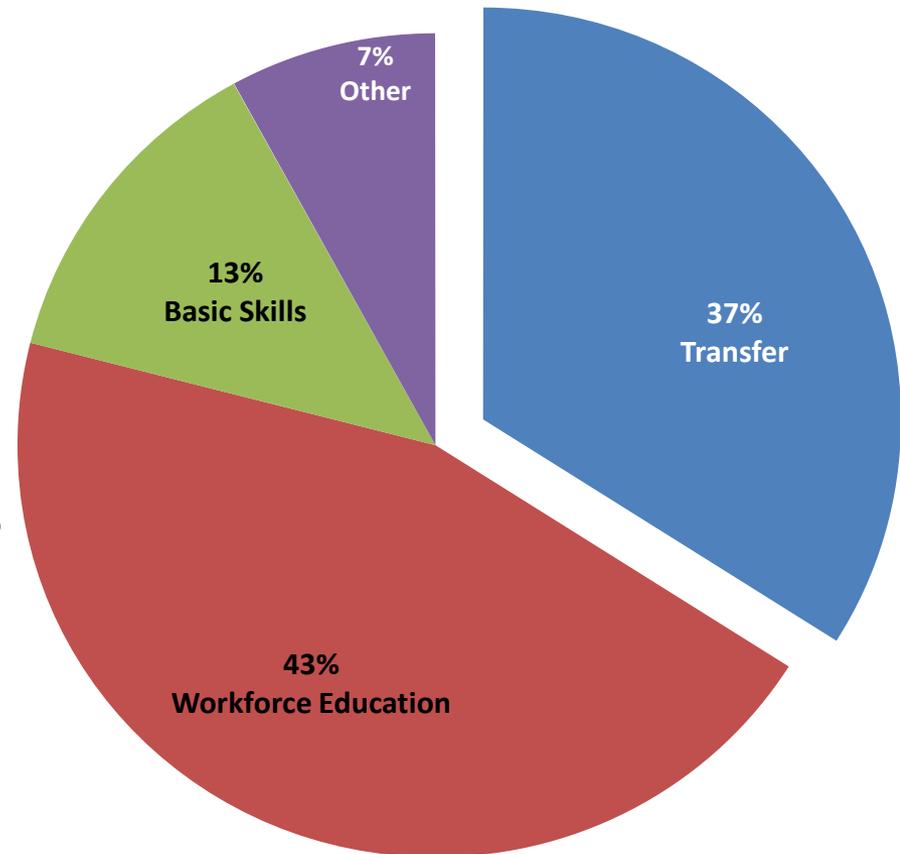
- **Direct Transfer Agreement Associate Degree (DTA):** 60 quarter credits of general education courses, plus courses that prepare students for classes in their major and electives.
- **Associate of Science-Transfer (AS-T):** Includes math and science courses needed for biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, computer science, and engineering majors.
- **Major Related Program (MRP):** Under DTA or AS-T, prepare students for specific majors. Developed for majors that are offered at multiple baccalaureate institutions, have significant pre-requisites.
- **Associate in Applied Science (AAS-T):** A workforce degree developed to meet industry standards for immediate employment. Students may apply up to 90 credits toward specific applied baccalaureate degrees.

- 1. Intent to transfer**
- 2. Completion of Transfer Degrees and MRPs**
- 3. Successful Vertical Transfer**
- 4. Newly available data for the public four-year institutions on successful completion after transfer**

Intent to Transfer

Percentage of Community College Students by Educational Goal, 2011-12

- 37% transfer-seeking
- 43% seeking workforce education
- 13% seeking basic skills



Community College Students Following Transfer Degree Pathways

Transfer Associate Degree	2007-08	2009-10	2011-12	Growth 2008-2010	Growth 2010-2012
Direct Transfer Agreement	12,554	13,243	15,729	5%	19%
Associate in Science -Transfer	625	730	1,018	17%	39%
Total Transfer Degree Pathways	13,179	13,973	16,747	6%	20%

Transfer Degrees & MRPs

Community College Students Following Transfer Degree Pathways

MRP Pathway	2009-10	2011-12	Change 2010-2012
Business	1,169	1,146	-2%
Nursing	124	302	144%
Elementary Education	49	64	31%
Other MRP/Local Agreements*	172	188	9%
Total	1,514	1,700	12%

Trend in Transfers and Transitions to Washington Baccalaureate Institutions Since 2011 Transfer Report

Sector	Class of 2009-10	Class of 2011-12	Change 2010-2012
Transfer to Public Baccalaureates^{1,2}	12,971	13,033	0.5%
Transfer to Independent Institutions³	5,875	5,687	-3.2%
Transfer into CTC Applied Bachelors¹	100	311	211%
Total Transfers/Transitions	18,946	19,031	0.4%

¹ Publics include state and self-support transfers.

² Running Start students transferring directly to the public baccalaureate institutions are included

³ Includes both non- and for-profit institutions. 2011 - 2012 is the first year of reporting for Western Governors University.

Data does not include Walla Walla or DeVry Universities.

Source: Student Achievement Council Analysis of Data reported in the SBCTC Academic Year Report 2011-12. State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. (2012).

Statewide Public Four-Year Dashboard

- The three year graduation rate for **DTA/AST transfer students** who entered in 2007-08 was **70%** and climbed to **78%** four years after transfer.
- Transfer students **without the DTA/AST** transfer degrees did not complete at the same rate; **62%** completed in three years and **69%** completed within four years of transfer.

www.ofm.wa.gov/hied/dashboard/index.html

- **Evaluated all MRPs and eliminated five – effective fall 2014.**
 - Associate in Biology Education
 - Chemistry Education
 - Associate in Earth Space Education
 - Associate in General Science Education
 - Associate in Physics Education
- **An updated process for revisions and changes in statewide transfer degree agreements adopted 2011.**
- **Revisions and improvements to the DTA**
 - ✓ Updated communication requirement 2011
 - ✓ Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning requirement under consideration
 - ✓ Elimination and/or clarification of several institution-specific provisos attached to the DTA

- **Revisions** to the **Business DTA/MRP** completed
- Development of **new Nursing pathway** currently underway
- **Elementary Education** DTA/MRP under review
- Improvements to **College Transfer Websites**
- Publication of "**A Student Guide to Transfer in Washington**"
- Designation of the **State Transfer Liaison**
- Development of Statewide **Public Four-Year Dashboard**
- Development of "**Washington 45**"
- Listing of **Dual Credit policies and equivalencies** on our website
- Convene **Prior Learning Assessment Work Group**

Next steps to improve student transfer and increase baccalaureate degree attainment

- Develop **improved metrics** to track progress and success of transfer students
- Continue **assessment and review** of Major Related Programs (MRPs)
- Begin discussions to update **proportionality agreements**
- Continue to collect system-wide information via the **Transfer Liaison**
- Coordinate with the **Prior Learning Assessment Work Group**

Washington Student Achievement Council website:
www.wsac.wa.gov/PreparingForCollege/AdmissionsAndTransfer/Pathways

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