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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents
FROM: David L. Buhler

Issue

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) staff will demonstrate two web-based student resources.

Background

TransferUtah.org is a system-level transfer credit resource which shows students how course credits earned at one college may transfer to other Utah institutions. The guide describes whether the class will be considered equivalent to a class offered by a receiving institution or will be treated as an elective credit. How credit transfers is important as students want credit to count in a meaningful way for the certificate or degree program they want to complete. They are often in circumstances where they need to do course work at more than one institution.

UtahMajors.org provides information on the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) certificate and degree programs. Students can search by institution, subject, occupation, award type, or career cluster. The USHE programs of study database integrates with a Department of Workforce Services labor market database, allowing USHE students to make connections between the award they are pursuing and job projections in related career fields.

Policy Issues

There are no known policy issues associated with this item. TransferUtah.org, launched Fall 2013, supports transfer of credit activities governed by R470 (General Education, Common Course Numbering, Lower-Division Pre-Major Requirements, Transfer of Credits, and Credit by Examination). UtahMajors.org, recently rewritten and launched January 2014, supports student advising and placement services in general.
Commissioner's Recommendation

This item is information only, no action is required.

David L. Buhler
Commissioner of Higher Education

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Attachment
TransferUtah.org shows students how course credits earned at one college may transfer to other Utah institutions. The guide describes whether the class will be considered equivalent to a class offered by a receiving institution or will be treated as an elective credit. How credit transfers is important: students want credit to count in a meaningful way for the certificate or degree program they are working on.

Grace wanted to shift careers but first needed some additional education or training. She needed to know if her past credits would count toward a different certificate or degree at another institution.
From the home page, students may search equivalencies for courses at USHE institutions; Westminster College, BYU, and LDSBC have been invited to participate due to the number of students who transfer between USHE institutions and these private schools. The tab, College Profiles, provides contact and transfer policy information.
Students create a profile to track their transfer credit options and communicate with advisors.

Students create a course history, and then click “Find Transfer Institutions” to return which classes will be accepted as equivalent credit.
The guide then displays how many classes will transfer as equivalent credit. Students select institutions for further detail.

✓ indicates equivalent credit. X indicates a course will not transfer. "Not yet evaluated" transfers as elective credit.
Further details – course descriptions, credits, minimum grade requirements – are available by clicking on a course.

"Share my information" allows students to email contact information, course history, and questions to an advisor.
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The website provides basic information on certificates and degrees.

Certificates & Degrees
From one-year certificates to four-year degrees, higher education equals opportunity.

Certificate—Generally one-year programs that lead directly to entry level employment in a specific occupation such as aviation pilot, diesel mechanic, or respiratory therapist.

Applied Associate's Degree (A.A.S.)—Two year programs that provide broader knowledge in fields ranging from Biomanufacturing and Computer Information Systems to Dental Hygiene and Critical Care. The in-depth knowledge and skills acquired in an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree prepare students for employment in a career track with advancement opportunities.

Transfer Associate Degree (A.A., A.S.)—Two year programs that provide the academic foundations for transfer to a four-year baccalaureate degree program. Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate of Science (A.S.) programs cover the curriculum taught in the first two years of a four-year program of study.

Bachelor's Degree (B.A., B.S.)—Four year programs that provide in-depth, specialized knowledge in a major or field of study. The degree of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree prepares students either for employment in fields from Accounting to Theology, or for further studies.

Master's or Professional Degree—Programs offered at a postgraduate level usually after earning a bachelor's degree. Master's degrees prepare students for occupations and/or additional study in a variety of fields. Common examples include education, engineering, nursing, and business.

Doctorate—Provides further training in a more specialized area in occupations similar to master's or professional degrees.

Institution profiles include academic advising contact information and social media connections.

University of Utah

Institution Information

University of Utah
As the state's flagship institution, the University of Utah focuses on enhancing the state's reputation for high-quality education, research and innovation. Particularity at the graduate level. Its mission is to disseminate knowledge through teaching, publishing, artistic presentation, and community engagement. The University of Utah is a major research institution that contributes to the economic base of the state through innovation, technology transfer and commercialization. The University is also the primary training of trained professionals in medicine, pharmacy, law and engineering for the state.

Academic Info

Available Majors
175

Degree Types
- Bachelor’s Degrees
- Certificate of Completion
- Certificate of Proficiency
- Doctorate Degree
- EdS
- Masters Degree

Available Programs

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Students type in a subject or occupation. The list of subjects and occupations returned will be refined as the key word is typed in.

A detail page for a program shows institution and department information, and links to a webpage describing the program.
The advising page button links to USHE campus website pages that describe the program.

The Related Career links connect to Department of Workforce Services' (DWS) Utah Occupation Information Information website.
The DWS website provides information ranging from O*Net skills to job projects and openings.

The DWS page, in turn, redirects its websites' visitors to [www.UtahMajors.org](http://www.UtahMajors.org).

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