

Transfer Pathways & You

Transfer Pathways Coordinating Team

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Biology/Business/Psychology and Theatre Transfer Pathways Teams Updates

Summer Reading

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[Keeping the Promise,
Going the Distance:
Transfer Reform](#)

This is a report on California's associate degrees for transfer, which are very similar to our Transfer Pathways.

[Backward Design](#)

By Grant Wiggins and Jay McTighe. An excerpt:

Teachers are designers. An essential act of our profession is the design of curriculum and learning experiences to meet specified purposes. We are also designers of assessments to diagnose student needs to guide our teaching and to enable us, our students, and others (parents and administrators) to determine whether our goals have been achieved; that is, did the students learn and understand the desired knowledge?

TPT Celebration

The Theatre, Psychology, Biology and Business Transfer Pathways Teams (TPTs) ended the semester with a capstone celebration event. Vice Chancellor Ron Anderson thanked all for their considerable time and effort and for their obvious commitment to our students. He presented each attendee with a certificate of appreciation and a letter of thanks from Chancellor Rosenstone. (Because of final exams and commencements, several TPT members could not attend. These documents were mailed to them.) A survey was distributed to all for feedback and suggestions toward improving the process for the next TPTs. Data is currently being analyzed and will be used by the Coordinating Team to make adjustments for the fall and spring TPTs.

Approved Pathways

Business, Psychology and Theatre have posted their final transfer pathways for each of their disciplines. They can be found by going at www.asa.mnscu.edu/transfer/pathways under each discipline's individual webpages. The Biology pathway will be available after July 1st.

Campus Toolkit

The Transfer Pathways Coordinating Team (TPCT) is developing a resource guide to direct the work that each campus will be required to do to implement the new pathways. This will be available to the campuses by July 1st. There will also be an expanded FAQ list on the [Transfer Pathways](#) Website to assist campuses with the implementation.

Next Steps

Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Transfer Pathway Teams

To keep the legislative mandate moving forward, the next twelve transfer pathway teams (TPTs) are being appointed through the bargaining unit processes. These teams will begin their work in fall 2016. Members of the Transfer Pathway Teams will look at their assigned discipline's coursework, and recommend what should be taught during the first two years and how that will allow the student, upon completion of the associate degree pathway, to transfer as a junior into the four-year degree in the MnSCU universities. The TPTs will meet approximately twice a month (every other week) either face-to-face or through immersive technologies, depending upon the discipline.

There will likely be some outside work assignments and research projects required for the teams to accomplish their work within the 6-month timeline. If you are interested in being part of one of these teams, please contact your appointing authority.

The fall pathways will be:

Chemistry
Communications
Computer Science
Criminal Justice, Police
Early Childhood Education
Economics
Elementary Education
Kinesiology and Exercise Science
Mathematics
Nursing
Social Work
Sociology

The spring 2017 pathways will be:

Accounting
Art - will include minors
Chemical Dependency – LADC
Criminal Justice, Corrections
Education
Engineering
English
English Language Arts Teacher
Health / Physical Education /
Fitness Teaching, Education for
Licensure
History
Management Information Systems
Mass Communication
Political Science
Spanish
Special Education for Licensure

Not sure about all of this? For more information please check out:

www.asa.mnscu.edu/transfer/pathways or contact

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