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Transfer Issue Brief

Dear Transfer Staff,

Transfer numbers continue to decline this spring according to the National Clearinghouse report out April 13. A recent article show higher education institutions have seen drops in **reverse transfers** -21% (enrolled in 4-year and credits transferred to 2-yr for associates degree award) and **lateral transfers** (2yr to 2yr [9.3%] OR 4-yr to 4yr [9.1%]). The silver lining is in **upward transfers**, 2-yr>4 yr. This spring there was a 3% increase in students transferring from 2 year to 4 year institutions. IU Spring 2021 numbers are still forthcoming but we saw a 2% from 2019 to 2020. A bright spot supported by the work IU is doing to establish guaranteed admissions articulations, sharpening TSAP pathways, exploring transparent articulation agreements, and efforts to respond to leaks in the pipeline by its Transfer Action Caucus. Check the Transfer Dashboard for how IU is doing with transfers.

As we move to data transfer transparency, this month IU signs its system-wide data sharing agreement with Ivy Tech Community College. This agreement supersedes any previous unit or campus specific agreement with ITCC. In addition, this year reciprocity agreements with KY and OH are up for renewal impacting IUSE and IUE campuses. These agreements enforce long-standing partnerships enabling students in these states to pursue programs at IU at the same rates of their home state.

In this issue brief, we also feature upcoming credit transparency audits, a new non-enrolled transfer applicant survey, and updates to IU system-wide transfer policies.

What's New

Upcoming Audits
It's time for annual audits beginning with AP and CLEP. UTO, in collaboration with IU's K-12 Partnerships, will be contacting campus leadership in the upcoming weeks to prepare for the annual review. Audits include verification of scores posted on the IU campus admissions webpage, assessment of score accuracy compared to the ICHE AP database and CLEP database, and notification of new exams requiring evaluation.

Non-enrolled Transfer Applicant Survey
Of the approximate 6,100 applicants admitted to IU systemwide in fall 2020, only 54% enrolled at an IU campus. To better understand factors related to an admitted student's decision not to enroll at IU, a non-enrollment transfer applicant survey is being administered to applicants via email. The survey is scheduled for administration by UIRR today with results display in data dashboard by end of May. Contact UTO at uto@iu.edu.

In the Know

Transfer Policy Update
Updates to IU transfer policies and approved by University Faculty Council (UFC):
- ACA-55: Undergraduate Intercampus Transfers *(rev. 03.23.21)*
- ACA-56: Transfer of Credit Completed at the 100/200 level *(rev. 12.07.20)*
  - Revision includes consolidation of ACA-56 and ACA-82: *Transfer Credit from an Associate's College Applied to an IU Baccalaureate Degree*
- ACA 78: Transfer Credit Related to Military Service *(rev. 12.07.20)*

A special thank you to University Policy Officer, Kip Drew, Chair, University Faculty Council Policy Committee Alex Tanford, and Director for the Center for Veteran and Military Students, John Summerlot for their time in review and approval.

Professional Development

Below are resources and opportunities for transfer professional development.

- Inside HigherEd read – Transfer Enrollment Drops
- Inside HigherEd read – Innovative Technologies to Improve Transfer Success

Sincerely,
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Transfer Data

- **UIRR Transfer Reports**

Resources

- **Archived Issue Briefs**
- **Canvas Training Course**
- **Guidance Documents**
- **Reverse Transfer**
- **Transfer Action Caucus**

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Questions?

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