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ARTICULATION WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE

(URBANDALE, Iowa) – In response to 2007 legislation, Iowa’s Regent universities and public community colleges created an Articulation Website, called TransferInIowa.org, that addresses the number one question transfer students ask, "How will my credits transfer?"

By following the 'Transferring Your Credit' link, students from Iowa’s public community colleges can discover how their courses may transfer to the Regent universities. Additional links include information about the transfer process, distance education, existing statewide transfer agreements, and contact information for each of the three Regent universities.

An Articulation Website Team comprised of representatives from Iowa public community colleges, Regent universities, Board of Regents Office, and Iowa Department of Education managed the development and implementation of the new Articulation Website.

According to Indian Hills Community College President Dr. Jim Lindenmayer, “The Articulation Website is an important step in providing qualified students with a seamless transition to our state’s Regent universities. Development of the Website is a tremendous example of the cooperative efforts among our institutions of higher learning and the resultant benefits that can be reaped on behalf of our students.”

The development process was led by a set of guiding principles and included considerable input and feedback from various constituencies, including 1,254 currently enrolled and prospective Iowa community college students who plan to transfer to a Regent university, 64 Iowa community college transfer advisors, Regent university academic and administrative units, and Iowa community college administrators.
The surveys, focus groups, and administrative feedback indicated that students want a web-based system that is easy to access, simple to use, informative, regularly updated, available to all, and able to display results for all courses.

Department of Education Director Judy Jeffrey said, “The TransferInIowa’ Website will be a valuable resource to community college students and community college academic advisors involved in the transfer process. By accessing the website, students, their parents, and advisors will quickly see how a student’s courses transfer and what courses may still be needed to complete the major and degree at the Regent universities.”

A key feature of the Articulation Website, launched on July 1, 2008, is the introduction of easy-to-use transfer credit applicability systems - Iowa State University’s TRANSIT system; the University of Iowa’s I-Chart system; and the University of Northern Iowa’s Transfer Plan-It system.

Board of Regents President David Miles said, “Many Iowans choose to begin their college experience at a community college with the goal of eventually transferring to a Regent university. The Board of Regents understands the need to provide information and support to prospective transfer students to make their transition between institutions as seamless as possible. We anticipate that this Articulation Website will support that process. The Board appreciates the support of the legislature and the collaboration with the community colleges and the Department of Education in this important endeavor.”

Iowa's three Regent universities and 15 public community colleges serve more than 150,000 students annually.