

Reverse Transfer and Auto-Graduation

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Shared Vision

- Commitment to the students of our region and the advancement of our community
- Belief in the importance of accessible, excellent education
- Contribution to students' future career opportunities while supporting economic, technological, and social development in our community



The El Paso Collaborative

- Partnership for over 25 years
- City-wide collaboration that includes partnerships from private and non-profit sectors
- Focus on transforming the PK-16 pipeline
- Four pillars:
 - Academic Preparedness
 - College and Career Readiness
 - Lifelong Success and Wellbeing
 - Quality of Life and Economic Prosperity



The UTEP-EPCC Partnership

- Joint paper application and ID Numbers
- Joint Apply Texas Sessions
- Operation College Bound
- Articulation Council
- Financial Aid Consortium Agreements
- ECHS and Dual Credit
- UTEP Transfer Office at EPCC
- Transfer Fairs at EPCC Campus



Reverse Transfer

- Important to recognize the achievement of students who transferred before completing the associate's
- Very beneficial to students in very sequential programs, including STEM and fine and performing arts
- Ensures that 2-year EPCC was also recognized
- For UTEP builds the existing relationship, ensures focus on the student, compliance with HB 3025 (in 2011)



Reverse Transfer Year 1

- Goal to improve the manual process that existed
- Requested by vice presidents at both institutions
- Members from both institutions met to discuss a plan and options
- Outlined EPCC degree requirements and criteria for reverse transfer degrees



Considerations

- Over 70% of UTEP graduates have earned credit from EPCC
- FERPA
- Technical considerations
 - Use of EDI
 - Review of flags for general education curriculum
- State regulations related to transfer



Automating at the 4-Year School

Step 1

Identify Student Population

Step 2

Define Degree Requirements

Step 3

Conduct Degree Audit

Step 4

Interpret Results



Automating at the 2-Year School

Step 1

Review Data from Four-Year School

Step 2

Request Transcripts from Four-Year School

Step 3

Conduct Degree Audit

Step 4

Interpret Results



Auto-Graduation

Step 1

Identify Student Population and Define Degree Requirements

Step 2

Conduct Initial Degree Audit

Step 3

Interpret Results and Conduct End-of-Term Audit After Grades Post



Tips and Best Practices

- Set-up a schedule in a job scheduler
- Make time to vet results
- Schedule a review date
- Create a "Students Near Completion" report
- Continue nurturing your partnership
- Allow open communication
- Share as much data as you can
- Celebrate and promote your success



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