Educational Session

**Interstate Passport**: A Learning Outcomes Solution to Transfer Credit Loss
Curricular Alignment or Degree Pathways, Partnerships and Collaboration

Interstate Passport reimagines transfer by ensuring acceptance of a block of general education coursework on shared learning outcomes rather than on specific courses and credits. It promotes student success by preventing loss of credit in transfer. It is the only nationwide program smoothing transfer for students across state lines and can also help resolve in-state transfer. It has special relevance for underserved students who more often begin at two-year colleges.

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Topics

- Transfer in the U.S.
- Why Interstate Passport®
- What it is and how it works
- Who’s involved
- What the data tells us
- How to become a member
Interstate Passport®

A national program enabling block transfer of lower-division general education attainment based on student learning outcomes, rather than on specific courses and credits.

Student Focused  Faculty Driven  Institutional Autonomy  Quality Assurance
Why Interstate Passport®

Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders

Western Academic Leadership Forum

WICHE

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Transfer in the U.S.

- 2.8 million students entered college for the first time in fall 2011
  - 38% of them (over 1 million students) transferred to a different institution at least once within six years.
  - 27.2% of the transfer population crossed state lines
  - On average, transfer students lose 43% of their credits

Sources:

Our interactive [website](https://www.interstatepassport.wiche.edu) with view of first-time transfer for first-time enrollees.
How Interstate Passport® Works

63 Passport Learning Outcomes in Nine Knowledge and Skill Areas

- Knowledge of Concepts
- Crosscutting Skills
- Foundational Skills

Aligns with LEAP
## Passport Blocks—Excerpts

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<th>Knowledge and Skill Areas</th>
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<th>University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville</th>
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**Typically**:
- **30-38 Semester Credits**
- **45-60 Quarter Credits**
Mapping GenEd Learning Outcomes

State GenEd Committee or Institution’s faculty map SLOs to PLOs...
...If congruent and cover same range of learning, create Passport Block

63 Passport Learning Outcomes
Developed & reviewed by interstate faculty teams

Statewide or Institution’s Student Learning Outcomes

Statewide or Institution’s General Education Courses

Passport Block
May be identical, a subset, or contain additional course(s)
**Built in Quality Assurance**

**Passport Learning Outcomes**
- Minimum grade of C in every Passport Course

**Tracking student progress post transfer via institutions’ data submissions to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC)**

**Passport Review Board** policy making body that monitors overall effectiveness of program

**Evaluation Research Study** of Interstate Passport impact by Education & Employment Research Center, Rutgers University
Academic Progress Tracking AY 2019-2020

Early data on students who transferred with and without a Passport

Average GPA post-transfer
- Transferred with Passport - 3.48
- Transferred without Passport - 2.93

Average semester credits post-transfer
- Transferred with Passport - 11.25
- Transferred without a Passport - 10.36
Student Impact

49,000+ students awarded Passports!

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Benefits to Students

- Achieve early milestone of completion, encouraging persistence, regardless of transfer
- Avoid unnecessary repetition of learning already achieved, saving time and money
- Know in advance of transfer that Gen Ed requirements will be met at Network member institutions
- Earn a meaningful foundational skills “credential” that may have value in the workforce
Benefits to Institutions

A Tool to...

- Simplify the transfer process
- Use to recruit students
- Mark early milestone of completion/foundational credential
- Help increase retention graduation rates
- Provide faculty curricular flexibility
- Track academic progress post-transfer for continuous improvement
Western Oregon University

Monmouth, Oregon

Founded in 1856 by Oregon Pioneers as Monmouth University, Western Oregon University is the oldest public four-year institution in Oregon. Western is a comprehensive liberal arts institution. Located in Monmouth, a small town in the heart of the Willamette Valley. It is roughly 80 minutes from Portland, 60 minutes from the coast, and 25 minutes from Salem, our state capital. Western is your home away from home, a place where you can build your own community.

Passport Block

The Passport Block listed here is for general information only. Students must see the Institution’s website for access to its official block.

PASSPORT BLOCK OVERVIEW

- ORAL COMMUNICATION
- WRITTEN COMMUNICATION
- QUANTITATIVE LITERACY
- NATURAL SCIENCES
- HUMAN CULTURES
- CRITICAL THINKING
- CREATIVE EXPRESSION
- TEAMWORK AND VALUE SYSTEMS
- HUMAN SOCIETY AND THE INDIVIDUAL

Special Programs

Western offers a variety of majors, including ASI Studies, ASL/English Interpreting, Biology, Business, Community Health, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Education majors with Licensure, Exercise Science, Gerontology, Interdisciplinary Studies, International Studies, and Psychology. Western also offers Bachelor of Applied Science degrees in Computer Science, Early Childhood Studies, Economics, Gerontology, Information Systems, Liberal Studies, and Psychology. These are available for students who have completed a terminal AA5 degree and want to complete a Bachelor’s degree. The WOU: Salem campus offers flexible course delivery options geared toward degree completion and working adults.

Contact Info

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<td>Critical Thinking</td>
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<td>Natural Science**</td>
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<td>Human Society &amp; the Individual</td>
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<td>Human Cultures &amp; Teamwork &amp; Value Systems***</td>
<td>Citizenship, Social Responsibility, and Global Awareness + Science, Technology and Society ***at least one course should have collaborative learning as its high impact practice</td>
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Click [here](INTERSTATEPASSPORT.WICHE.EDU) for list of members!
Membership & Outreach

Click here for list of members!

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Looking Ahead
Become an Interstate Passport Network Member

 ✓ Name an Institution Liaison
 ✓ Review Passport Learning Outcomes
 ✓ Sign Memorandum of Agreement
 ✓ Construct a Passport Block
 ✓ Post Interstate Passport Member Profile
 ✓ Award Passports & Track Academic Progress

More detail & resources at http://interstatepassport.wiche.edu/membership/

Contact us for assistance!
Interstatepassport@wiche.edu
Membership Fees

Discount Programs

- 10% reduction for institutions paying for the full five-year term
- 10% reduction when the system joins and makes annual payments for institutions
- 20% reduction when the system joins and pays for the full five-year term

*Increased revenue from new and retained students may offset cost of annual membership fees*
What Our Supporters Say…

Interstate Passport provides a vehicle to (1) minimize students repeating similar courses across institutions--and paying for the same requirement again, and (2) facilitate shared General Education competencies across institutions of higher education.

R. Joel Farrell, II, Chief, Institutional Analytics, Air University

COVID exacerbates the inequities and shines a bright light on health and economic disparities for the most vulnerable student populations, who were already under-resourced. The time to fix transfer is now.

Francisco Rodriguez, Chancellor, Los Angeles Community College District

The transfer of academic credit has been a stumbling block for students for many years. Interstate Passport, based on the evaluation of competencies rather than courses, is a wonderful way for colleges across the country to feel confident that students have actually mastered the skills they need to be successful.

Belle Wheelan, President, Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges

Interstate Passport is a truly novel approach to transfer of general education. It focuses on learning outcomes, not courses, and in so doing reminds us all of the real value of general education.

George Mehaffy, Senior Advisor, Sova Solutions
Thank You!

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