

BEYOND THE BASICS:

Building Student Resiliency and Success Through
Strong Transfer Programs

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GENESIS OF THE OWL TRANSFER PROGRAM

1. Among current students enrolling in community colleges 81% identify that they intend to complete a bachelor's degree; however, even six year later, only 19% of community college students transfer to a four-year institution.
2. Nearly 40% of transfer students receive no credit for their community college experience

WGU sought to understand if as an institution they were a part of this transfer problem ... or solution and determined to be the latter.

Participating Institutions

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- Austin Community College, TX
- City Colleges of Chicago, IL
- Ivy Tech Community College, IN
- Lone Star Community College, TX
- Lower Columbia College, WA
- Rio Salado College, AZ
- Salt Lake Community College, UT
- Tarrant County Community College, TX

OWL Transfer Program Elements

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Guaranteed Enrollment

Students completing an Associate degree in an articulated degree will be guaranteed admission to WGU

Strong Credit Transfer

Articulation pathways have been created that in most cases offer 60 for 60 transfer of credits to the baccalaureate degree

Scholarship Opportunities

\$1.5M in scholarship dollars have been allotted to the OWL program for FY21 alone

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Student Nurture and Development

Nurture Email Campaign

Students will receive weekly emails with information that is relevant to transfer, their degree program or degree completion

Designated Transfer Advisors

Transfer advisors are assigned to participants to ensure they are maximizing transferrable credit at the four-year institution

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Student Success Resources

Transfer Success Courses

Three online transfer success courses to answer student transfer concerns and questions prior to enrolling

PACA Course

The Program for Academic and Career Advancement (PACA) course will provide students with social and emotional coaching to assist with persistence and degree completion

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Transfer Program Landing Page

A landing page for students to access information, registration and links in one convenient location

PACA Landing Page

A landing page for students to access information relating specifically to the PACA course (accessible through the OWL page)

OWL Transfer Webinars

Monthly webinars are available for potential students and staff to learn more about the OWL program in advance of participation

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OWL Landing
Page

<https://wgu.edu/owltransferprogram>

Attend an
information
webinar

<https://www.wgu.edu/lp/webinar/owl.html>

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Thank You!