South Carolina
Course Articulation and Transfer System

Project Status and Custom Portal Demonstration

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Project Mission

To provide an integrated, web-based solution with associated software tools to meet the course articulation and college transfer needs of South Carolina’s public colleges and universities and their students. The system allows institutional autonomy, flexibility and individual practice in serving stakeholders.
Why pursue this mission?

• To help students finish their degree faster - saving money and time.

• To help students make better choices and avoid taking courses which will not count toward their degree.

• To help students join the workforce earlier and become part of the state’s economic engine.
Project Phases

The multi-year project will consist of several phased deliverables. The 2009-2010 deliverables are:

- Phase One – Software Tools Implementation
- Phase Two – Deployment of the S.C. Customized Web Portal: sctrac.org
- Phase Three – Institutional Systems Interfaces

Note: These project phases overlap.
PHASE ONE – Tool Implementation

- Included the systematic collection of different kinds of information related to transfer.
- In addition, web-based tools were provided to each institution so that this information can be easily updated and maintained.
- The display and presentation of each institution’s information is consistent for students, advisors, and the public to view.
PHASE ONE – Tools

1. The Course Equivalency Management Center (CEMC) helps institutions map courses at other institutions to their courses, record courses in the database as equivalencies and provide updates.

2. The Transfer Agreement Management Center (TAMC) enables institutions to publish their transfer agreements, codify them, and promote their agreements to prospective students.
3. The Transfer Profile Management Center (TPMC) provides a summary of transfer information. Institutions can promote their programs and services with pictures and information that is especially relevant to prospective transfer students.

Status: 30 of 33 institutions are completely finished, with two in final review and one scheduled for early 2010.
Tool Implementation Status

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30 completed
3 in process
Project Progress

Phase Two: Custom Portal

- In the review stage with student focus groups and institutional reviews.
- Public launch of the website in early 2010.
- Demonstration to follow.

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Institutional Systems Interface Implementation

- Connecting each institution’s student information system to sctrac.org: automated connections which help students and institutions, saving time and effort while ensuring timeliness of information.

Status: On schedule.
Custom Portal Demonstration

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