

Higher Education Coordinating Board

Intercollege Relations Commission Update

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Policy Guiding Transfer

- **HECB's 1986 Policy on Intercolleage Transfer and Articulation Among Washington Public Colleges and Universities**

Transfer is key to increasing bachelor's degree production because a higher percent of public and private college students in Washington (49%) attend CTCs than in the U.S. in general (34%) and in the states most often compared with Washington (28% GCS without California and 43% GCS w/California)

2009-10 Transfer Initiatives

- Developed, published, distributed *Transfer Student Rights and Responsibilities*.
- Developed and published *Frequently Asked Questions Related to Transfer*, informing students in clear language about transfer processes.
- Created a *new transfer degree*: Biology Major Related Program (MRP).
- Worked collaboratively to improve policies and practices related to *Running Start, College in the High School, and Early Learning professional development*.

Washington has many potential transfer students

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State/Region	% of students attending 2-year institutions
Washington	49%
GCS states without California	28%
GCS states with California	43%
U.S. in general	34%

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System – IPEDS
 (U.S. Department of Education, Fall 2009)

Transfer Report

Do students transfer?

Do they transfer without loss of credit?

Are they successful after they transfer?

Transfer initiatives

HECB Transfer Webpage: www.hecb.wa.gov/go/transfer

Do students transfer? *For the 5 year period 2005-06 to 2009-10*

- 13.0% increase in all vertical transfers; 16,768 to 18,946*
- 1.3% increase CTC to public BI; 10,426 to 10,563*
- 36.9% increase CTC to private BI; 4,293 to 5,875*

Do students transfer without loss of credit?

Yes. 2009 Transfer in the Bachelor's Degree study suggests specialized transfer degrees (AS-T, MRP Business) are effective.

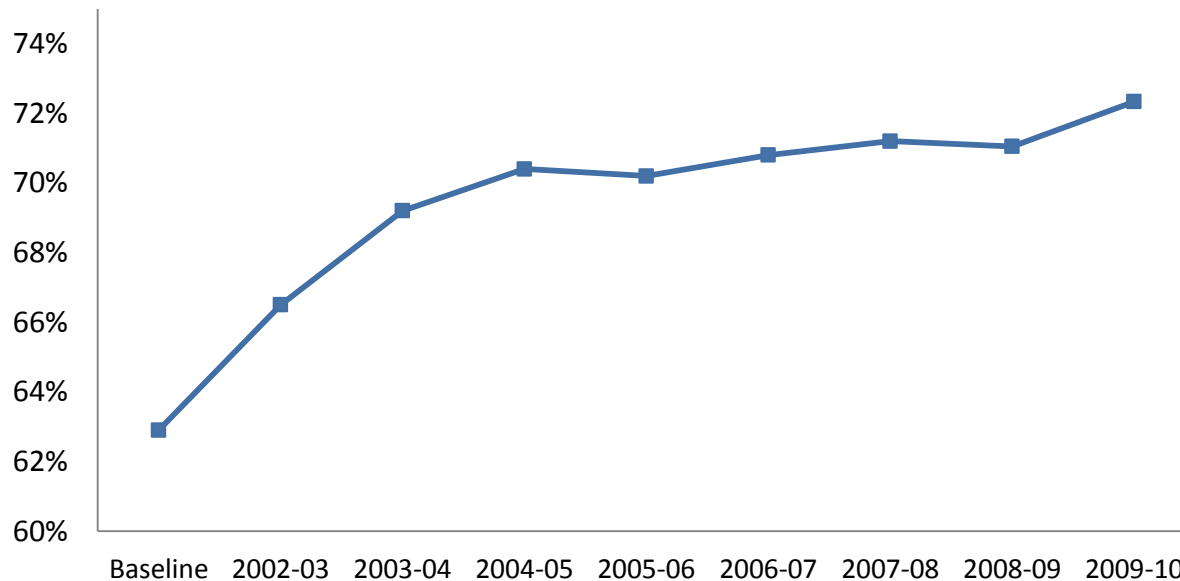
Are students successful after they transfer?

- 8.0% increase in students who graduate within 3 years after transfer to public BI*
- 6.3% increase between 2007-08 and 2009-10 in AS-T and DTA (13,973). 41% increase in MRP transfers (1,514)*

How successful are transfer students?

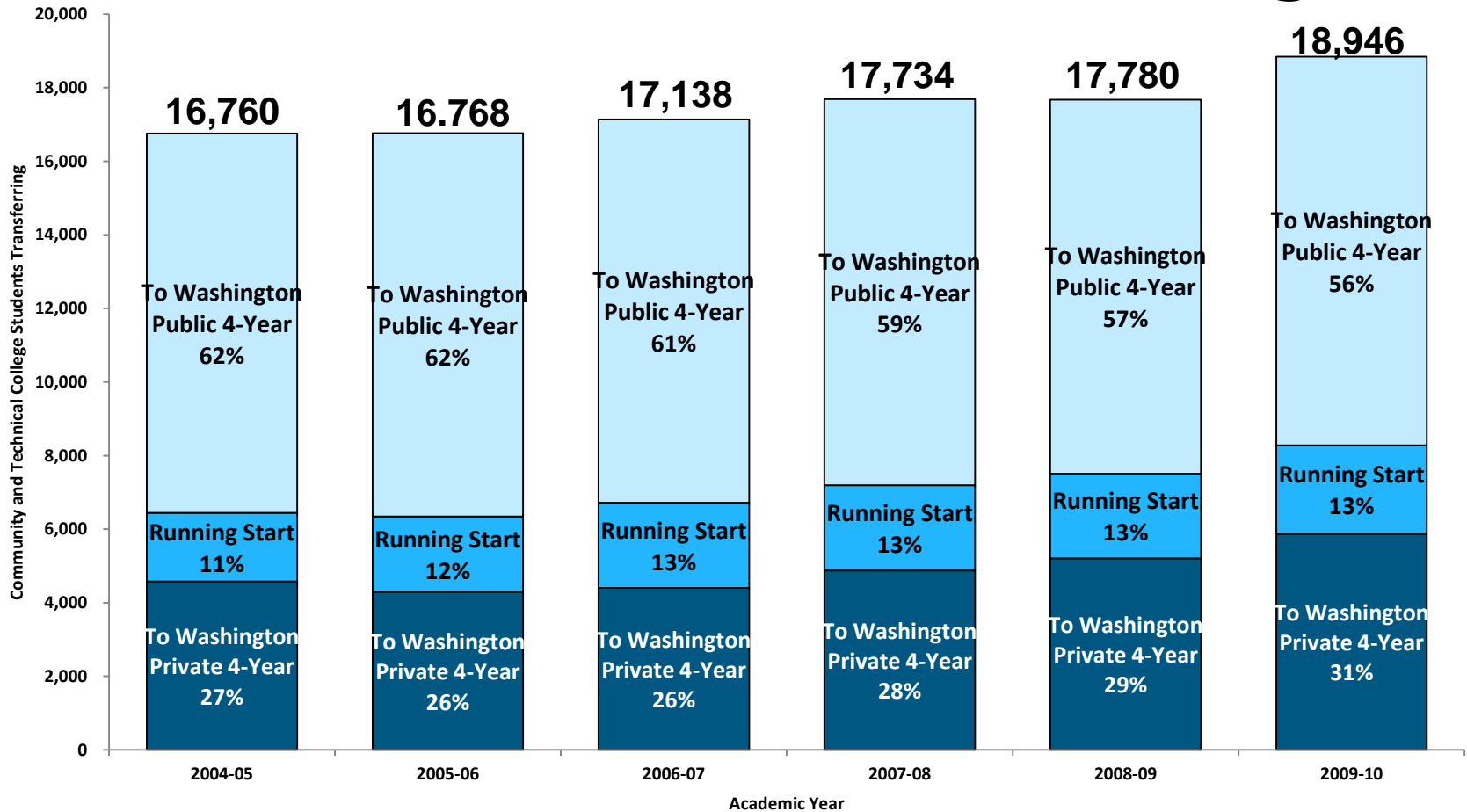
The number of transfer students graduating within three years from public baccalaureates increased 8% from 1997-98 to 2008-09.

**State Total Three-Year Graduation Rate,
Associate Degree Transfer Students,
Washington Public Universities**



Note: Baseline is defined as the annual average over the period from 1997-98 through 2001-02.
Source: HECB, compiled from data submitted by institutions.

Transfer numbers are increasing



Source: SBCTC Academic Year Report 2009-10

396 responses – 237 CTC, 159 BI

- *77% CTC familiar with MRP, majority 3 or fewer*
- *55% BI familiar with MRP, majority 3 or fewer*
- *Business, Nursing, El Ed most frequently cited by both sectors*
- *Only 20 total responses for all other MRPs combined*

Feedback

- ***Communication:** Improve internal and external – with students, within institutions, between CTC and BI, and intra-sector*
- ***Advising:** Clear advising guides must be developed for students. Professional development targeting DTA/MRPs for advisors and faculty is needed.*
- ***Usefulness and Uniformity:** DTA is valuable - flexible, uniform, applicable across system. MRPs are seen as too complex, not all CTC sign on, too many provisos. More uniformity is needed to improve usefulness – CTC to CTC and CTC to BI.s*

- **Transfer is increasing—in all sectors.**
- **Future capacity for transfer students may be an issue.**
- **Because Washington’s 2-year college sector is so successful, transfer as a mechanism to increase bachelor’s degree production is even more important than in almost every other state in the U.S.**
- **Transfer agreements are working to help students save time and money.**

Transfer Liaison for system-wide transfer issues

Single point of contact for concerns and complaints to gather information and assist students. Initiated March 2011.

Transferliaison@hecb.wa.gov

Transfer Network – *hecb.wa.gov/go/transfer*

MRPs - *Business MRP; Communication and Math in the DTA*

Prior Learning Assessment – *PLA Washington*

Improve Transfer Metrics in Washington – *ERDC, NGA*

California - *Center for the Study of Community Colleges (CSCC)*

WICHE Report on Transfer - *Promising Practices in Statewide Articulation and Transfer Systems*

Working with the ERDC, SBCTC, and other partners, the HECB staff is making progress on establishing a longitudinal research agenda that includes:

- **Developing a central database of approved degree programs in Washington using funds from the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) grant recently received by OSPI and ERDC.**
- **A combined, comprehensive student mobility/transfer report**
- **A baccalaureate follow-up study that tracks graduates into the world of work**
- **A new regional analysis completed this spring, with a review of the methodology behind the report**
- **Including “high demand enrollments” in the 2010 updated Accountability Report and Education GMAP**

Next Steps to maintain momentum

- 1. Continue to assess effectiveness of MRPs*
- 2. Evaluate effectiveness of current proportionality agreements*
- 3. Use Transfer Liaison to gather system-wide information on effectiveness of transfer*
- 4. Develop the Washington Transfer Network*
- 5. Improve Transfer Metrics in Washington*
 - With education partners, work with NGA "Complete to Complete" initiative to use common metrics to measure success in transfer*
- 6. Establish longitudinal transfer policy and research agenda*
- 7. Convene Prior Learning Assessment Work Group – implement recommendations*
- 8. Develop strategies to encourage students with some college to return and finish (Transfer Network)*
- 9. Combine Transfer Report and Mobility Report*

www.hecb.wa.gov/go/transfer

Transfer Resources for Students, Faculty, Advisors

- *Rights and Responsibilities, Transfer FAQ, Transfer Issues, DTA, AST, MRP, Links to public BI transfer websites, Credit limits for public BI*

Transfer Resources for Administrators

- *Transfer Liaison, Transfer Report, Role of Transfer in Bachelor's degree, Transfer Network, Mobility, Board reports*

Transfer Statutes, Policies, and Agreements

- *Umbrella Policy, 1994 Transfer Agreement, ICAO Transfer Agreement, Advanced Placement Credit Agreement*