

New or Revised Statewide Transfer Associate Degree Agreements

Organization and Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Statewide transfer associate degrees (degrees) are associate degrees offered by Washington's community and technical colleges. The community and technical colleges may seek to create and eliminate degrees. Partnership with baccalaureate institutions is critical for student success. The role of Washington's baccalaureate institutions is to determine how the degree will be received at the transfer institution in alignment with state law, rules and institutional policies and practices.

Organization or Agency

Responsibilities

Joint Transfer Council (JTC)

- Develop new or revised statewide transfer associate degrees
- Inform ICRC when new or revised transfer degree is under discussion for development
- Recommend transfer policies to system and sector organizations and groups for approval

Washington Colleges and Universities
(i.e. community and technical colleges, public and private, not-for-profit four-year colleges and universities)

- Initiate proposals for new or revised transfer degree programs
- Participate on stakeholder transfer degree work groups
- Lead development of new or revised transfer degrees

Sector Organizations and Agencies
(i.e. Independent Colleges of Washington, Council of Presidents, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges)

- Engage colleges and universities in identifying representatives to participate on stakeholder transfer degree work groups convened by the Washington Student Achievement Council and charged by JTC
- Obtain sector approvals for transfer degrees through the appropriate groups and councils within each sector (i.e. ATC, IC, ICUS and ICAO)
- Liaison, as appropriate, between institutions/sector and JTC regarding new or revised transfer degrees
- Notify institutions of new or revised transfer degrees
- Data sharing and analysis

Discipline Specific Organizations
(i.e. WCERTE, WACSE)

- Advisory engagement to the stakeholder transfer degree work group. May be asked by JTC to participate as a member of the work group
- Identify potential revisions to existing degrees or new transfer degrees for development

Washington Student Achievement Council
(WSAC)

- Convene stakeholder work groups charged by JTC
- Repository for statewide transfer degree agreements
- Assist with gathering and disseminating data for the purpose of examining transfer

Intercollege Relations Commission (ICRC)

- May discuss proposals and share comments with stakeholder groups and JTC
- Enforce the implementation of statewide transfer degrees

Roles and Responsibilities

New or Revised Statewide Transfer Degree Identified

Examples include:

- Joint Transfer Council
- ICRC
- Colleges and universities
- Discipline specific organizations
- Sector organizations/agencies
- Faculty

New or Revised Statewide Transfer Degree Initiated

Proposals for new or revised degrees begin with a discussion by JTC. New or revised degrees must be shared with JTC as the first step in the process.

Review Process

JTC determines if action is required. **If action is required:**

- JTC charges a work group
- Work Group members: JTC representatives, institution discipline-specific representatives identified through COP, SBCTC and ICW. May consider other discipline specific organizations.
- At the request of JTC, WSAC convenes the work group
- Work group meets and develops new or revised degree
- New or revised degree provided to JTC for discussion and approval

If JTC **approves:**

JTC approved new or revised degree seeks approval by sector through **sector approval process:**

- SBCTC: ATC then IC
- COP: ICUS and ICAO
- ICW
- Sector organizations/agencies

WSAC gathers signatures through sector entities