

New Technology Helps Delaware County Community College Students Stay on Track

TransferCheck provides additional guidance for degree completion and smooth college transfer.

West Chester, PA, June 10, 2013 – A new online system from AcademyOne helps students at Delaware County Community College complete an associate degree while following a transfer agreement pathway to a partner four-year institution. Called TransferCheck, the self-service software went live on the College's website on August 1, 2012.

By using TransferCheck, enrolled students can import their academic course history directly from the College's student information system. This allows them to run a real-time progress check towards degree completion. TransferCheck will then prescribe a list of courses that can be taken to fulfill any outstanding graduation requirements that are also guaranteed to transfer according to their selected agreement.

For the pilot, AcademyOne codified 15 of the most popular transfer agreements between the College and two of their top receiving institutions. This initial sampling included agreements of all types, varying in complexity from simple to elaborate. After six months, the success of the pilot led to further expansion. To date, 30 transfer agreements with five receiving institutions have been entered into the system, with more scheduled to be added.

"We wish to retain students through graduation while still supporting transfer to the four-year institutions we have agreements with," explained Nora Manz, the Transfer Specialist at Delaware County Community College. "TransferCheck not only aligns with those objectives, but it also helps ease the burden on our transfer advisors by reducing their number of appointments with online student self-service.

"Our students use it quite often – particularly during peak times like registration and drop/add. The latter is especially desired because students who are dropping courses can use TransferCheck to see what other courses can be taken to fulfill their graduation requirements as well as the requirements of a



particular agreement. It gives them a simple and intuitive way to stay on track and avoid courses they don't need."

"We're honored to be part of the success at Delaware County Community College," said Karen Todd, AcademyOne Vice President of Client Engagements. "It's rewarding to know that we're meeting our clients' needs and providing the greatest value for their investment."

About AcademyOne:

AcademyOne designs, develops and hosts innovative websites, portals, mobile applications and widgets for all education providers, including higher education, government agencies, high schools, vocational schools, corporate universities, and a variety of specialized organizations and consortiums. The company powers a shared education cloud bridging distributed data systems with loosely coupled technologies.

About Delaware County Community College:

Since its founding in 1967, Delaware County Community College is the center of educational opportunity in Delaware and Chester Counties. Here, students find affordable open admission to higher education and can earn an Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.) or an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree. The College's competitive programs offer dual enrollment and transfer options to four-year colleges and universities, prepare students for entry into the workforce, award professional certificates and provide career advancement and lifelong learning opportunities. The College serves a diverse population of more than 28,000 credit and non-credit students each year. For more information, visit www.dccc.edu.

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