



## KEY FACTS FOR ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Welcome to the Interstate Passport Network – a growing consortium of institutions committed to improved transfer student success! These key facts about Interstate Passport will help academic advisors and counselors to better advise both native students and incoming transfer students. Interstate Passport offers an efficient process for transfer that is student focused and fosters persistence and completion.

### Key facts:

- Interstate Passport facilitates block transfer of lower-division general education based on learning outcomes in nine knowledge and skill areas, rather than specific courses and credits.
- The Passport Learning Outcomes (PLOs) were created by faculty members from multiple states with expertise and experience in the nine knowledge and skill areas. For a complete list visit <http://interstatepassport.wiche.edu/sites/default/files/pdfs/PLOs-LDGE-reformatted10-13-2017.pdf>
- Each member institution constructs a Passport Block that is a menu of the courses, course sequences, and/or other learning experiences by which its students can achieve the PLOs and earn a Passport.
- The Passport transfers as a block to other Network member institutions; it cannot be unpacked by a receiving institution into separate lower-division general education requirements.
- Students must earn a minimum grade of “C” or its equivalent in all Passport Block courses to earn a Passport; a grade lower than C in one of these courses does not meet the proficiency level for transfer and precludes a student from using that course to complete a Passport.
- Students achieve the Passport in different ways at different member institutions which will include course completions, and may also include test scores, e-portfolio and/or other ways deemed appropriate by the awarding institution’s faculty.
- The number of courses and credits required to achieve the Passport will vary from one institution to another. For example, an institution’s Block may be identical to its lower-division GE curriculum menu; or it may be a subset of the GE curriculum menu or require an additional course or two.
- Interstate Passport only addresses lower-division general education requirements.
- Interstate Passport does not address prerequisites for entry into certain majors or specific state legislative-mandated course requirements for graduation. Receiving institutions may require incoming students with a Passport to complete these additional courses.
- The registrar’s office is responsible for noting the award of a Passport on the transcript of students who earn it, noting it on their student record, and for notifying students of the award.
- Earning a Passport does not guarantee a student’s acceptance to another Interstate Passport Network member institution.

- Students who wish to transfer to another member institution can find a complete list of members at <https://interstatepassport.wiche.edu/institute>
- Every Network member institution has its own Interstate Passport page on their website.

## **ASSISTANCE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- For institution specific questions contact your Interstate Passport Institutional Liaison.
- See the Interstate Passport website for complete information on the program: <https://interstatepassport.wiche.edu/>
- Find answers to Frequently Asked Questions at: <https://interstatepassport.wiche.edu/faq>
- Check out Interstate Passport's webinar series – each webinar focused on a different component of the program: <https://interstatepassport.wiche.edu/webinars>

Current member institutions of the Interstate Passport Network:

<https://interstatepassport.wiche.edu/institute>

- The **Advisory Committee for Academic Advisors** is available for assistance. See the member list at <https://interstatepassport.wiche.edu/college-advisors>
- Still need answers? Contact Kay Hulstrom, Interstate Passport's manager for institution services, at [khulstrom@wiche.edu](mailto:khulstrom@wiche.edu)