Becoming a Member of Interstate Passport: An Introduction

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Becoming a Member of Interstate Passport
Video Series

1. **An Introduction** *(Recommended for everyone)*
2. The Faculty Role
3. The Role of Registrars and Institutional Researchers
4. Communicating with Students: The Role of Advising and Marketing
We appreciate your interest in Interstate Passport and invite you to join us in streamlining transfer for students!
Interstate Passport®

A national program enabling block transfer of lower-division general education attainment based on student learning outcomes, rather than on specific courses and credits.

Student Focused  Faculty Driven  Institutional Autonomy  Quality Assurance
Transfer in the U.S.

- **2.8 million students** entered college for the first time in fall 2011
- **38%** of them (over 1 million students) transferred to a different institution at least once within six years.
- **27.2%** of the transfer population crossed state lines
- **On average, transfer students lose 43% of their credits**

Sources:

Why Interstate Passport®

Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders

Western Academic Leadership Forum

WICHE
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Benefits to Students

- Achieve early milestone of completion, encouraging persistence, regardless of transfer
- Avoid unnecessary repetition of learning already achieved, saving time and money
- Know in advance of transfer that Gen Ed requirements will be met at Network member institutions
- Earn a meaningful foundational skills “credential” that may have value in the workforce
Student Impact

38,800+ students awarded Passports!

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
How Interstate Passport® Works

63 Passport Learning Outcomes in Nine Knowledge and Skill Areas

- Knowledge of Concepts
- Crosscutting Skills
- Foundational Skills

Faculty Driven

- Knowledge of Concepts
- Crosscutting Skills
- Foundational Skills

Aligns with LEAP
Mapping GenEd Learning Outcomes

State GenEd Committee or Institution’s faculty map SLOs to PLOs...
...If congruent and cover same range of learning, create Passport Block

- 63 Passport Learning Outcomes
  Developed & reviewed by interstate faculty teams
- Statewide or Institution’s Student Learning Outcomes
- Statewide or Institution’s General Education Courses
- Passport Block
  May be identical, a subset, or contain additional course(s)
# Passport Blocks—Excerpts

## University of South Dakota

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<th>Knowledge and Skill Areas</th>
<th>University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville</th>
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<td>Students must take two of the following courses:</td>
<td>Students must earn a C or better in each of the following courses:</td>
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<td>• ENGL 101 Composition I</td>
<td>• ENGL 1103 Composition I</td>
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## Oral Communication

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<td>• SPCM 115 Public Speaking</td>
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<td>• SPCM 222 Argumentation</td>
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## Human Cultures

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<td>• ENGL 214 Introduction to American Indian Literature</td>
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<td>• ENGL 241 American Literature I</td>
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<td>• FREN 101 Introductory French I</td>
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## Philosophy

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<td>• HIST 111 World Civilizations I</td>
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<td>• PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy</td>
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<td>• PHIL 101 Introductory to Logic</td>
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<td>• PHIL 120 Introduction to Ethics</td>
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<td>• PHIL 283 Philosophy of Art</td>
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## Typically....

30-38 Semester Credits

45-60 Quarter Credits
Benefits to Institutions

A Tool to...

- Simplify the transfer process
- Use to recruit students
- Mark early milestone of completion/ foundational credential
- Help increase retention graduation rates
- Provide faculty curricular flexibility
- Track academic progress post-transfer for continuous improvement
**Built in Quality Assurance**

**Passport Learning Outcomes**
- Developed & monitored by interstate faculty teams

**Minimum grade of C in every Passport Course**

**Tracking student progress post transfer via institutions’ data submissions to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC)**

**Passport Review Board policy making body that monitors overall effectiveness of program**

**Evaluation Research Study of Interstate Passport impact by Education & Employment Research Center, Rutgers University**
Academic Progress Tracking AY 2018-2019

*Early data on students who transferred with and without a Passport*

**Average GPA post-transfer**
- Transferred with Passport - 3.48
- Transferred without Passport - 2.93

**Average semester credits post-transfer**
- Transferred with Passport - 11.25
- Transferred without a Passport - 10.36

Membership & Outreach

Looking Ahead

Click [here](INTERSTATEPASSPORT.WICHE.EDU) for list of members!
Membership Fees

- 10% reduction for institutions paying for the full five-year term
- 10% reduction when the system joins and makes annual payments for institutions
- 20% reduction when the system joins and pays for the full five-year term

Discount Programs

Increased revenue from new and retained students may offset cost of annual membership fees
Become an Interstate Passport Network Member

- Name an Institution Liaison
- Review Passport Learning Outcomes
- Sign Memorandum of Agreement
- Construct a Passport Block
- Post Interstate Passport Member Profile
- Award Passports & Track Academic Progress

More detail & resources at http://interstatepassport.wiche.edu/membership/

Contact us for assistance! Interstatepassport@wiche.edu
What Our Supporters Say…

Interstate Passport provides a vehicle to (1) minimize students repeating similar courses across institutions--and paying for the same requirement again, and (2) facilitate shared General Education competencies across institutions of higher education.

R. Joel Farrell, II, Chief, Institutional Analytics, Air University

COVID exacerbates the inequities and shines a bright light on health and economic disparities for the most vulnerable student populations, who were already under-resourced. The time to fix transfer is now.

Francisco Rodriguez, Chancellor, Los Angeles Community College District

The transfer of academic credit has been a stumbling block for students for many years. Interstate Passport, based on the evaluation of competencies rather than courses, is a wonderful way for colleges across the country to feel confident that students have actually mastered the skills they need to be successful.

Belle Wheelan, President, Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges

Interstate Passport is a truly novel approach to transfer of general education. It focuses on learning outcomes, not courses, and in so doing reminds us all of the real value of general education.

George Mehaffy, Senior Advisor, Sova Solutions
Thank You!

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