



Registrar/Institutional Researcher Guiding Principles and Assumptions

The responsibilities of Interstate Passport® registrars and institutional researchers are guided by the following parameters established by the Passport Advisory Board, the Passport State Facilitators and their faculty representatives:

- Interstate Passport is nationwide program that facilitates block transfer of lower-division general education based on learning outcomes rather than on specific courses and credits.
- The final version of the Interstate Passport framework—Passport LDGE—includes the lower-division general education core learning outcomes in all nine Passport areas: oral communication, written communication, quantitative literacy, natural sciences, human cultures, creative expression, human society and the individual, critical thinking, and teamwork/value systems.
- The number of courses and credits required to achieve the Passport varies from one institution to another. *For example, a student may achieve the Passport at Institution A with 30 credits. Although 34 credits would be required of native students at Institution B, a student from Institution A could transfer with the Passport and meet all the general education core requirements. S/he may be required to take an additional three credits to graduate or meet some other requirement, but not in general education core.*
- Students may achieve a Passport in different ways at different institutions. These may include course completion, test scores, e-portfolio and/or other ways deemed appropriate by the Passport institution's faculty.
- The number of institutions participating in Interstate Passport will grow as this new transfer model wins acceptance and more learning outcomes are included in the block.
- The solutions must work across different student information systems and work for both paper and electronic student records. Minor customization may be required for different platforms.
- The solutions should be simple and easy to implement and should not require vendor modifications at this time.
- The notations on the student's record will make sense to registrars at non-Passport institutions.