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*Educational Session*

### **Going Beyond the Basics: Building Student Resiliency and Success Through Strong Transfer Programs**

Curricular Alignment or Degree Pathways, Partnerships and Collaboration

This session will provide practical program development tips from a four-year institution that has worked cooperatively with eight community college systems to provide guaranteed transfer to their associate degree completing students. The program focuses on partnering with community colleges to remove transfer barriers, collaboratively nurture, and prepare students for academic success at the community college and beyond.

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# BEYOND THE BASICS:

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# Why Guaranteed Transfer Programs?

# GENESIS OF THE OWL TRANSFER PROGRAM

1. Among current students enrolling in community colleges 81% identify that they intend to complete a bachelor's degree; however, even six year later, only 19% of community college students transfer to a four-year institution.
2. Nearly 40% of transfer students receive no credit for their community college experience

**WGU sought to understand if as an institution they were a part of this transfer problem ... or solution and determined to be the latter.**

# Participating Institutions

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- Austin Community College, TX
- City Colleges of Chicago, IL
- Ivy Tech Community College, IN
- Lone Star Community College, TX
- Lower Columbia College, WA
- Rio Salado College, AZ
- Salt Lake Community College, UT
- Tarrant County Community College, TX



# OWL Transfer Program Elements

# THE BASICS

## **Guaranteed Enrollment**

Students completing an Associate degree in an articulated degree will be guaranteed admission to WGU

## **Strong Credit Transfer**

Articulation pathways have been created that in most cases offer 60 for 60 transfer of credits to the baccalaureate degree

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

\$1.5M in scholarship dollars have been allotted to the OWL program for FY21 alone

# BEYOND THE BASICS

## Student Nurture and Development

### **Nurture Email Campaign**

Students will receive weekly emails with information that is relevant to transfer, their degree program or degree completion

### **Designated Transfer Advisors**

Transfer advisors are assigned to participants to ensure they are maximizing transferrable credit at the four-year institution

# BEYOND THE BASICS

## Student Success Resources

### Transfer Success Courses

Three online transfer success courses to answer student transfer concerns and questions prior to enrolling

### PACA Course

The Program for Academic and Career Advancement (PACA) course will provide students with social and emotional coaching to assist with persistence and degree completion

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## Transfer Program Landing Page

A landing page for students to access information, registration and links in one convenient location

## PACA Landing Page

A landing page for students to access information relating specifically to the PACA course (accessible through the OWL page)

## OWL Transfer Webinars

Monthly webinars are available for potential students and staff to learn more about the OWL program in advance of participation

Where to get more  
information?

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OWL Landing  
Page

<https://wgu.edu/owltransferprogram>

Attend an  
information  
webinar

<https://www.wgu.edu/lp/webinar/owl.html>

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Thank You!