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Arkansas Helps Students with CollegeTransfer.net website

AcademyOne's CollegeTransfer.net website will help Arkansas learners identify higher education options and affordable paths to a college degree.

West Chester, PA September 9, 2009 -- The Arkansas Department of Higher Education and AcademyOne are pleased to announce new efforts to support students as they navigate their way to a college degree. Identifying affordable education options that lead to promising careers is more important than ever to students and families in today's uncertain economy. Joining forces with AcademyOne is just one of the many steps that Arkansas is taking to expand and illuminate affordable education options for learners.

The CollegeTransfer.net website will make it easier for learners to determine how coursework will transfer among Arkansas colleges and universities. This helps current and future students plan their degree path without having to worry about duplicating courses, increasing the time to degree completion and the added cost of additional coursework.

The phenomenon of non-transferrable coursework, delayed graduation and postponed entry into the workforce are what some policy makers refer to as the "transfer tax." AcademyOne is in the business of mitigating the social and economic consequences of learner mobility. "Learner mobility is a fundamental fact in today's dynamic, global economy. The economy and education have gone global therefore they must also be mobile." says Dave Moldoff, AcademyOne founder and CEO. Moldoff continues, "Our CollegeTransfer.net website is the first and most comprehensive national resource for students planning transfer or in the process of transfer."

Arkansas now stores course equivalencies from dozens of public higher education institutions that are searchable for students and the advisors that support them in the state's own [Arkansas Course Transfer System \(ACTS\)](#). ACTS contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. Students are guaranteed the transfer of applicable credits and equitable treatment in the application of credits for admissions and degree requirement. Course equivalencies show which courses will be accepted by a transfer destination so students and advisors can plan coursework to maximize progress towards a degree in a time efficient and cost effective manner.

"The Arkansas Department of Higher Education is continuously improving our efforts to support mobile learners. Transfer students and the academic professionals who serve them deserve accurate and reliable information. Making transfer credit information available on CollegeTransfer.net is another means to simplifying the transfer process" commented Dr. Karen Wheeler, Associate Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

Adding this valuable information to the CollegeTransfer.net portal elevates the transparency of this data to a national scale and leverages the power of faculty validated equivalency decisions to inform and suggest even more degree pathways and further curriculum alignment and tuning initiatives.

Arkansas has 33 public postsecondary higher education institutions, including 10 four-year universities, and 23 two-year colleges which collectively serve over 140,000 students. Last year public colleges and universities in Arkansas awarded over 25,000 degrees and certificates.

About AcademyOne

AcademyOne is an innovative technology and services company providing solutions that address learner mobility, academic progress and academic transitions and academic credit portability. The company focuses on serving learners, institutions, agencies and governments addressing the challenges of an increasingly mobile population of learners. AcademyOne's team of professionals has a diverse array of academic, operational and technology experience. The company has engineered a suite of college transfer and prior learning recognition applications and built a comprehensive database storing over 3.5 million courses from across 4,000 degree-granting institutions.

About Arkansas Department of Higher Education

As an advocate for higher education in Arkansas, the ADHE mission is to promote a coordinated system of higher education to the state, and to provide orderly and effective development of each of the publicly supported colleges and universities in the state. ADHE recognizes that the key to economic development for the state and our citizens is a more highly educated workforce better equipped to compete in the 21st Century economy. In short, we're working to improve higher education for all Arkansans.

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