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The Art and Science of Credit Transfer

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OVERVIEW

- Nipissing University is a small university located in North Bay with approximately 4800 students.
- Each year, we process anywhere from 600 to 700 transfer students.
- The Pathway Development Coordinator is responsible for the assessment of transfer credit as well as the associated transfer credit data entry.

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NIPISSING UNIVERSITY'S TRANSFER CREDIT PROCESS

- Transfer credit is assessed upon acceptance of an offer of admission.
- The Pathway Development Coordinator, in conjunction with faculty, assesses courses for transfer credit and subsequently adds the data to student record.
- Students are encouraged to make an appointment with our Academic Advising Office to review how their transfer credits may be used.

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IMPLEMENTING CHANGES

- Recent changes to Nipissing's transfer credit policy have brought us from a rigid and narrow policy to a broad generalized policy.
- We are currently formulating internal procedures to ensure that we are:
 - scrupulous in maintaining academic integrity
 - giving credit where and when it is due
 - enable an consistent, methodical approach to the transfer credit process
 - not granting excessive and unusable 1000-level or elective courses

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OUR SUCCESSES

- Elective and non-equivalent course codes more clear for students.
- Improvements to communications with students about transfer credit.
- Changed appointment scheduling processes in Academic Advising Office to shorten waiting time for students to see an advisor.
- Turnaround time for the application of transfer credits to a student record is reasonable. ie anywhere from one day to two weeks

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OUR CHALLENGES

- Technological and human resources
- Convincing faculty of the importance of student mobility, changing demographics and the importance of competitive pathways.
- Tracking transfer courses.
- Conveying transfer policies to students.

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