Why do Transfer Students matter?

- Transfer students represent a significant portion of the student body at colleges and universities.
- Transfer students bring new perspectives and experiences to the academic community.
- Transfer students have a direct impact on graduation rates.

Library High Impact Practices

- Library instruction programs build students' confidence with the research process and develop critical thinking skills.
- Collaborative instructional activities and services developed by the library and other campus units (e.g., Offices of Transfer Services, Admission, etc.)

Impact

Information Literacy

- The ability to find, locate, evaluate, and use information for the problem or issue at hand. Librarians in higher education study and implement models for developing information literacy among students.
- Academic Success
  - Academic Integration
  - Incorporation in collegiate social activities
  - Relationships with faculty members
  - 1.2 million visits to the ASU library in 2015

CONTRIBUTE

The mastery of information literacy skills is related directly to academic success. – ACRE (2010)

What we do...

Teach students to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively

How we do it...

Collaborate with faculty to design curriculum and assignments

Provide a formal program of research instruction and offer individualized research assistance at point-of-need

Work closely with students at all academic levels

Offer physical, virtual, and communal spaces day & night

Encourage student interaction in the library

Offer social events and services to promote community

Encourage community in the library by sponsoring student activities (e.g., exam week stress reduction, student events)

Librarians are invested in transfer student success!

TAKE ACTION

Consider collaborating with your Librarians

- Reach out via email, tour, drop by visit, phone, or create an online meeting
- Become familiar with your library: visit the physical space, website, and the services the library offers to transfer students
- Include librarians in planning and development of Transfer Student Orientation

Initiatives & Partnerships at Appalachian State University

- EBSCO research study—Multinstitutional study examining the behavioral and research readiness of transfer students (Partnership)
- Partner with Office of Transfer Services, Office of General Education, Advising, Enrollment Management, Learning Assistance Programs, Education Transfer Student Living Learning Community and other units (Partnership)
- Employment—Second largest employer of student workers on campus (Initiative)
- Transfer Students and the Library Workshop—Collaboration with librarians at two and four-year feeder schools to enhance information literacy and research readiness for transfer students (Initiative)
- Library representation on the Transfer Services Team resulting in the formation of the Office of Transfer Services (Initiative)
- Provide students access to resources online and on campus (Initiative)
- Attendance and representation at transfer focused conferences, committees and other opportunities. (Initiative)
- Contribute to the research on transfer students by publishing and presenting at conferences (Initiative)

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