



**2014 COTA Transfer and Articulation Conference**  
**Keep Calm and Transfer On: Pathways to Degree Completion**

January 29, 2014  
Capitol Plaza Hotel  
Jefferson City, Missouri

**8:30** Registration and Continental Breakfast (Hotel Lobby)

**9:00** **Welcome** **Missouri Capitol Ballroom**  
Gavin O'Connor, Chair COTA  
David Russell, Ph.D., Commissioner of Higher Education, MDHE

**9:15** **Keynote Address** **MO/CAP Ballroom**  
Mr. Steven Johnson-Executive Vice President, Economic Development & Marketing Strategies, St. Louis Regional Chamber

**“The Business Imperative of Increased College Attainment”**

**10:00** **Break** The St. Louis Regional Chamber is championing a bold strategy to lift the region's college attainment from 14th to 10th among the nation's largest metropolitan areas by 2025. This presentation will highlight the business imperative and rationale for focusing on this key metric, outline the strategy, and introduce a new regional metrics system to monitor and measure progress toward this goal.

**10:10 – 11:05** **Session One Breakouts**

**Reverse Transfer- The Missouri Way.** **Truman A**

Presenters: Melissa Hattman, Director, Community College Relations, University of Missouri-STL  
Larry Westermeyer, Director, Institutional Research, University of Missouri –St. Louis  
Dixie Williams, Asst. Director of Admissions, Missouri State University  
Crystal Kroner, Director, Missouri Reverse Transfer, MDHE  
Moderator: *Kim Harvey, Ph.D., Jefferson College*

In this panel discussion, four members of the Missouri Reverse Transfer (MRT) Steering Committee will provide updates on the MRT initiative, including the timeline for implementing the committee's recommendations on a statewide basis. The presenters

will solicit feedback on the proposed process and ways the MRT committee can help make implementation easier.

### **Transfer of Introductory STEM Courses**

**Truman B**

Presenters: Tim Walston, Associate Professor of Biology, Truman State University  
Barbara Kramer, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Truman State University  
David Garth, Professor of Mathematics, Truman State University

*Moderator: Fran Padow, Metropolitan Community College Kansas City*

While the Associate of Arts degree provides a broad educational foundation, it is weak on courses in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines. In addition, introductory and mid-level core STEM courses offered by the community colleges often fail to fulfill the degree requirements at the four-year institutions. Students transferring from community colleges into STEM majors at undergraduate institutions often find themselves behind their peers and needing a fifth year to graduate. This session will increase awareness of this problem and facilitate a discussion on possible solutions.

### **Dual Enrollment Strategies - 'The Best of'**

**Truman C**

Presenter: Kimberly Fitzgerald, Acting Vice President of Student Affairs, St. Louis Community College

*Moderator: Erika Murphy Malone, St. Louis Community College*

Recruiting and retaining dual enrollment students can lead to a long term investment in your college or university. High school students have an opportunity to experience the college setting while still enrolled in high school and have the ability to earn college credit before they officially start their path to higher education.

Come prepared to share in an informal roundtable setting what's working – and what's not working – at your institution. Participants will walk away with ideas they can implement at their institutions by seeking 'the best of.'

**11:10 – 12:05**

## **Session Two Breakouts**

### **Taking Steps Toward Implementing Best Practices in Remedial Education**

**Truman A**

Presenters: Melody Shipley, Developmental Education Coordinator, North Central Missouri College  
Rusty Monhollon, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, MDHE

*Moderator: Amy Werner, MDHE*

In this presentation, two members of the Taskforce for College and Career Readiness will provide an overview of the recently approved Principles for Best Practices in Remedial Education. The timeline for implementing the committee's recommendations on a statewide basis will be discussed. The presenters will solicit feedback on the proposed process and ways that the TCCR committee can help ensure a smooth implementation.

## **Demystifying Military Transfer Credit: Roundtable Discussion Truman B**

Presenter: Eric Drummond, Senior Military Services Associate, Columbia College

*Moderator: Erin Shaw, Truman State University*

In this roundtable, we will discuss the background of military transfer credit and identify some common tools used in the process. We will examine how institutions are interpreting the Executive Order 13607 (Principles of Excellence) to maintain compliance. The schools in attendance will then deliberate over the best practices for the award of credit. We will identify strengths and challenges of these procedures and exchange ideas for improvement. This will lead to an interchange of contact information and open networking opportunities amongst colleagues.

## **NACEP Accreditation: Advancing Quality College Courses in High School and Improving Credit Transfer** Truman C

Presenters: Kent Scheffel, Vice President, Lewis and Clark Community College  
President-Elect, NACEP

Kathleen Burns, Ph.D., Academic Director, University of Missouri- St. Louis

*Moderator: Kathleen Burns, Ph.D., University of Missouri – St. Louis*

This presentation will include a brief description of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) organization and mission, as well as the standards of NACEP. A brief synopsis of recent studies conducted via NACEP accredited programs and the data collected on course transfer.

## **11:10 -12:30 The Five Stages of Missouri Reverse Transfer**

**Jefferson A**

This is a **must-attend** special session for all MRT Reverse Transfer Coordinators! The pilot partner institution RTCs will be sharing their experiences with the MO Reverse Transfer initiative thus far with all other institution RTCs who will be embarking on this initiative for the first time in fall 2014. Jason Taylor of the Lumina Foundation with the “Credit When It’s Due” program will also be joining us for the discussion. Want to know the Five Stages?? Join us.

## **12:15- 1:25 Lunch and Networking Session**

**MO/CAP Ballroom**

## **1:30- 2:25 Session Three Breakouts**

### **Missouri’s Core Transfer Library: Collaboration Toward a Common Goal**

**Truman A**

Presenter: Angelette Prichett, Research Associate, MDHE

*Moderator: Jenn Plemons, MDHE*

