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ONCAT OVERVIEW & UPDATE ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES

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Strategic Priorities of ONCAT

Students will experience ease of mobility among publicly funded post-secondary institutions

- Students will enjoy reduced barriers to transferring leading to graduation
- There will be increased and improved collaboration among institutions (Colleges and Universities) regarding transfer opportunities and articulation
- Stakeholders will have improved awareness and knowledge of transfer opportunities, outcomes and progress

Overall Approach of ONCAT

Work with Institutions

- no regulatory authority
- work to help institutions achieve their strategic goals

Student Focus

- provide good information / need for transparency

Better Communications

- recognize what has already been accomplished
- give credit to those who have accomplished so much

Course-to-Course Transfer Guide Launch

- Website fully functional Monday, January 20th at 9:00 am
- 24 members in the initial launch
 - 13 colleges and 11 universities
 - 18 with live data, 6 institutions building data using the on-line tool
- 14 institutions to join shortly
- 80,000 course specific equivalencies

ONTransfer.ca Website Traffic

- Almost 200,000 unique visitors in 2013
 - average of 6,100 unique visitors per week since September
- 8,000 visitors the week prior to the announcement
 - On campus advertising
- 11,000 visitors the week of the Ministry announcement
- 10,000 visitors the week of the official launch
- 9,000 unique visitors since that time.
- Course search – 4th most visited page – home page, college page options, course-to-course.

Next Steps in Development

- Expand participation with 14 identified institutions
- Continued outreach to 6 non-participating institutions
- Ongoing collaboration with institutions
 - Steering Committee
 - Reports Committee
 - Data Committee
- Expand scope of equivalencies
 - Other provinces
 - International

New Programming - What Currently Exists?

- 650+ Block Transfer agreements
 - Broad coverage - about 60% of diploma programs
- Almost 100 additional programs in key areas
 - Still developing
 - Implementation issues
- When implemented we will have programs
 - Multi-lateral & bilateral diploma to degree
 - Diploma to Diploma
 - Apprenticeship to Diploma

New Programming - What's Missing?

- Diploma to Degree
 - Half of the gap is pre-health & one year GAS
 - Engineering leading to a PEng
 - Health programs leading to a BSc
 - Social and Community Service Programs to a cognate BA
- Degree to Degree
 - Ministry Priority
- Degree to Diploma / Diploma to Apprenticeship
 - Emerging issues
- Breadth is also a key issue – not all programs in all geographic or linguistic areas

Building the Culture of Credit Transfer

- Beginning to build momentum with **Student Pathways Conference** and **ONTransfer.ca**
- Workshops on Key Issues – Learning Outcomes & OEN
- Working Groups are helpful as well
 - Some mixed results in that members have felt that they are not full partners in all areas
- Need to build on the Working Groups – looking for new models
 - Learning Outcomes
 - Articulation Committees (like BCCAT)

Current Priority Projects

- Implementation of Existing Projects
- Ensuring Best Practices in Credit Transfer
- New Pathways – Degree to Degree
- Learning Outcomes
- Data Collection and Accountability

Best Practices on Credit Transfer

- Developed a list of Institutional Policies on key questions
 - Do students have to apply for credit?
 - Is credit awarded specific to the degree?
 - What are residency requirements?
- Posted institutional responses to ONTransfer.ca website
- Struck committees (colleges, universities, students) to establish Best Practice and align to current Standard Operating Procedures
- Will report out before the end of the Summer 2014

Diploma to Diploma & Degree to Degree Transfer

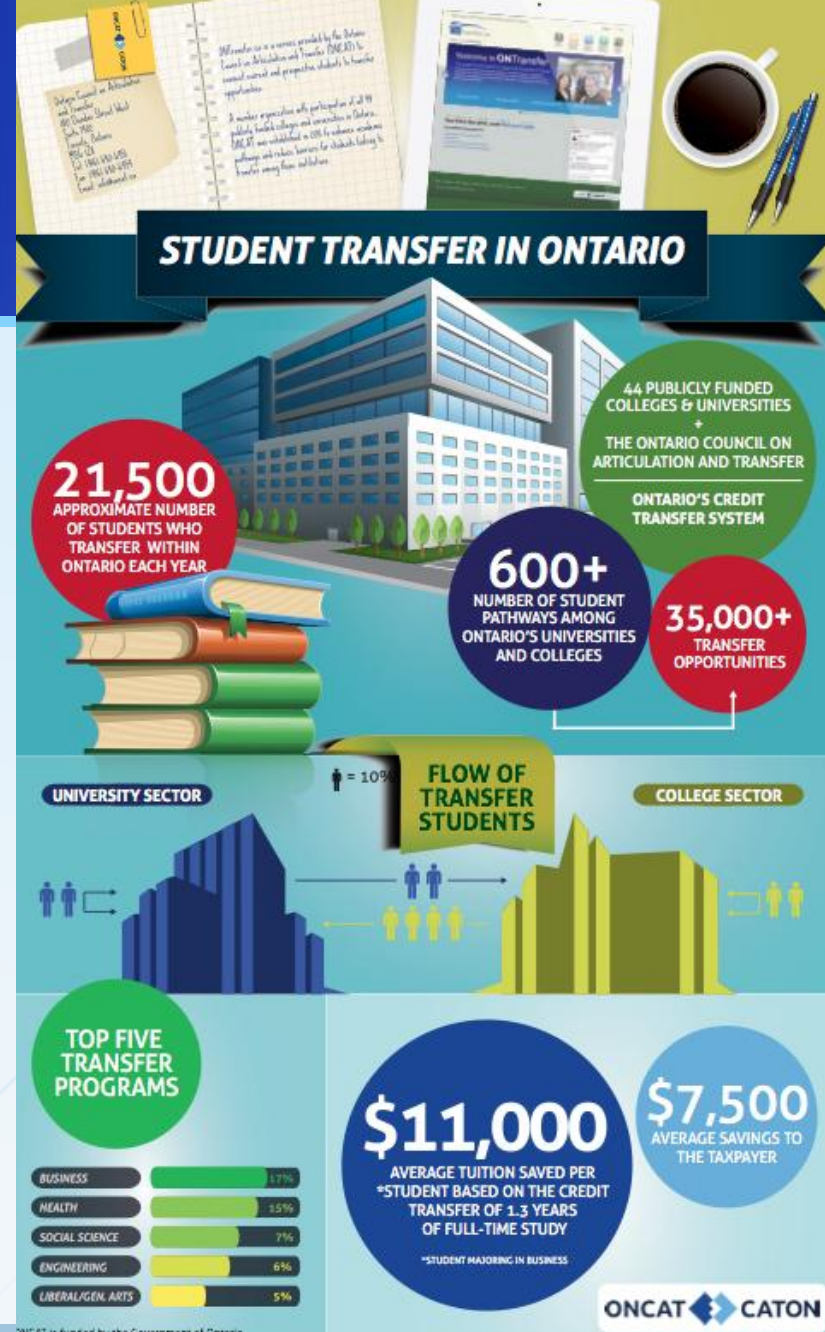
- ONCAT has funded 14 projects that maps college diplomas across institutions
 - Business, computer science, pre-health, engineering,
 - 13 projects – moving to the implementation stage
- Pilot Committee struck with 8 Universities to review degree to degree transfer
 - Follow BCCAT Flexible Pre-majors process (maps programs to help transfer)
 - Results expected March 2015

Learning Outcomes

- ONCAT sponsored a successful Learning Outcomes Workshop in December 2013.
 - Experts from Colleges, Universities, Government and other postsecondary groups
- Discuss the best way to develop a Learning Outcomes Framework to support student mobility
- Build on work that has already been done with a focus to support students who transfer.
- Struck LO Steering Committee to guide development
 - Looking to fund two pilot groups (Biotech/Envirotech & Game Design)

Data Collection & Accountability

- September collected information related credit transfer
- Good results!
- No comprehensive data out there – still manual collection
- Next steps
 - pilot group to review results
 - implications for MTCU Data Collection/Accountability





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