

## Planning Successful STEM Transfer and Articulation Summits



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#### Welcome and Introductions

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#### Welcome and Introductions

- Name
- Institution
- Role in the transfer process
- Attending this session because...





#### **Purpose and Goals**

Learn the steps and benefits involved in planning a successful STEM Transfer & Articulation Summit and how you can adopt the strategy at your institution/region/state.





## What is unique about STEM?

- National focus on increasing number of graduates
- Workforce demands in STEM fields
- Math and Science requirements
- Progression and sequence of courses
- CS: newer field, curriculum changes more often





## Challenges

STEM students transferring from 2-year to 4-year degree programs often face several obstacles

- Lack of advice on preparing for transfer
- Lack of program alignment
- Lack of identified course equivalencies
- Lack of credits that count towards a degree program







## Articulation and Transfer Summits

- Planning and steps
- Impacts
- Group work









## **Planning and Steps**

- Important background data to gather beforehand
  - Inventory STEM degree programs by institution and type of degree
  - Identify feeder schools
  - Data on volume of STEM transfer students and which institutions they transfer between
  - Existing statewide, regional and institutional transfer policies
  - Inventory existing STEM articulation and transfer agreements





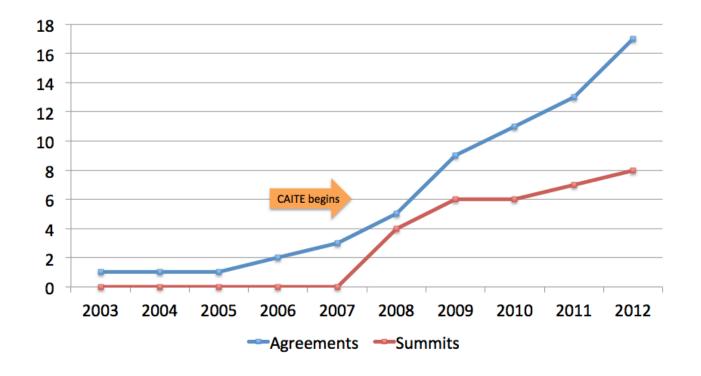
## **Planning and Steps**

- Identify key participants in the transfer decision making process
- Develop agenda tailored to mix of institutions and general goals
- Meeting and teamwork strategies
- Present various strategies for transfer pathways
- Report back on group discussions
- Identify next steps, develop a plan





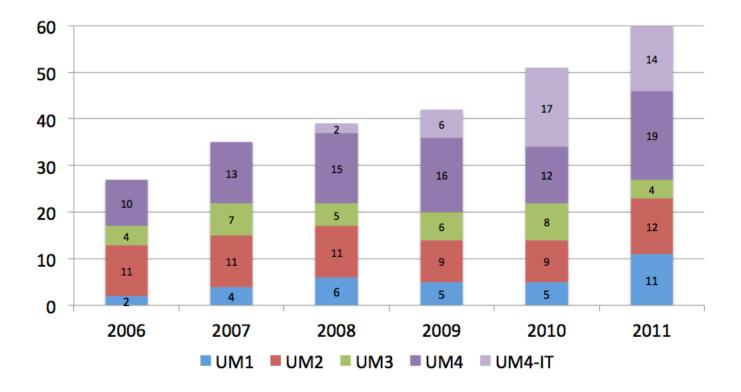
#### **Cumulative Transfer Agreements and Articulation Summits**







#### Community College Transfers to the 4 UMass Campuses







## Impacts

## What was the most important outcome of your attendance?

- Meeting with other schools to better align transfer requirements
- Connections with people who I need to work with and setting aside time to meet
- Networking and information availability
- Working together so courses will transfer as requirements instead of electives





**Implementation Examples** 

- Statewide – CAITE, BATEC
- Regional
  - Central MA, State Univ. and Community Colleges
  - ECEP, Atlanta, GA
- Institution
  - UMass Campus and local Community College
  - Private College and local Community Colleges





## Group work

- Identify goals and desired outcomes
- Identify scope (institution, region, statewide and which majors)
- Identify who should attend and roles







#### **Group work discussion**

- Report back on how to implement at your institution, region, state
  - Discuss ideas
  - Strategies
  - Challenges







#### Wrap-up

- Strategies for sustaining working relationships
- Resources and best practices
- Questions
- Contact information







Strategies for sustaining working relationships and disseminating information

- Summits and transfer meetings
- Community College Day



- On Campus outreach and recruiting
- Research opportunities for community college faculty and students



## **Resources and best practices**

- CAITE and ECEP websites
- Community College Day
- Roadmaps to Transfer
- Reverse Transfer



#### FOR EDUCATORS

- SEd Week 2013
- Articulation Map
- Professional Development
- Video List
- Computing Diversity Resources
- Computing Degree Transfer
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- Coding Competitions

Resources, Research, and Best Practices for Computing Degree Transfer from Community College to 4-Year College/University

Making Transfer Happen: Seamless IT Education for Students

Lessons learned from a National Science Foundation-funded CPATH Community-Building Project.

PIPELEINE-IN-A-BOX: Promoting Advancement of CS/IT Students from Two-Year to Four Year Institutions

A complete set of resources for strengthening the relationship between community colleges and 4-year institutions in order to increase the number of women and underrepresented minorities graduating with computer science (CS) or information technology (IT) baccalaureate degrees.

Learning Outcomes





# ECEP

#### EXPANDING COMPUTING EDUCATION PATHWAYS

#### **Questions**







#### **Contact information**

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