# ASSIST Transfer Channel

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## From the Director

Welcome to the fourth edition of the ASSIST Transfer Channel, a semi-annual newsletter for counselors, advisors, faculty, evaluators, articulation officers, and everyone else who is interested in the latest information about ASSIST.

We're sending this edition via the ASSIST-Channel-L@uci.edu email listserv and we would appreciate your forwarding it on to any others at your campus who you think might be interested. We've also posted a copy on the ASSIST Information Center at http://info.assist.org/transferchannel.html. If anyone would like to have future editions of the ASSIST Transfer Channel automatically delivered to their email, please check out the Subscribe section of this edition for instructions.

This edition includes another special section for students titled "Help Yourself" that explains all of the different types of help that are available in ASSIST. Feel free to print copies of this article and hand them out in transfer centers and other key places on campus.

The ASSIST Exploring Majors feature continues to be a very popular. ASSIST Coordination Staff demonstrated this feature at the fall 2005 CSU and UC community college counselor conferences and received a lot of very positive feedback. Dale, in our office, recently posted a number of new videos on the main ASSIST site that show (and talk about) using the site. You can access these videos from most of the pages under the "Help Topics" category on the left sidebar of the ASSIST home page. Dale is now working on a video that shows how to use the ASSIST Exploring Majors feature and will announce its availability via the ASSIST-L email listserv once it is ready.

In the September 2005 edition of this newsletter, I mentioned that a professional research company had been hired to conduct the ASSIST User Needs Assessment. They were to collect information from students, counselors, and other ASSIST users to help guide future improvements to ASSIST. That work has been temporarily suspended, but I hope it will resume soon and that we will be able to share the findings with all of you.

We are continuing to work with CSU on their new Lower Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) initiative. All of the LDTP course articulation will be stored in and presented via ASSIST. Once LDTP information is available through ASSIST, we will announce it broadly so that you can start using this important information with students.

In case you aren't aware, my office, the ASSIST Coordination Site, includes more people than Cathy, Dale, and me who you may see in your travels. We are a staff of eleven people who work hard to keep ASSIST running. We have support staff who work with campus ASSIST managers and their staff, data gurus who keep all the data nice and clean, technicians who keep our computers happy, and programmers who make all the magic happen. As you know, most of the data in ASSIST is entered by articulation staff at each of the CSU and UC campuses and each of the community colleges. It's this extensive network of people that collaborate to make ASSIST a big success.

Thanks for your continued support of ASSIST and please feel free to contact any of us at (949) 824-4385 if you have comments or questions. You can tune into the next edition of the ASSIST Transfer Channel in fall 2006 - until then …

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