



College Student Priorities in Credit Transfer

# Who are we?

## College Student Alliance

- Non-profit, non-partisan organization
- We work collaboratively with PSE stakeholders and government on behalf of Ontario college students

### CSA Advocacy Pillars

- Affordability
- Accessibility
- Accountability
- Transferability
- Quality



# Some Numbers

**53%** of students completed some sort of post-secondary education before attending college

**19%** of students' main goal for entering college is to prepare for further education

**35%** of international students have completed a university degree before coming to Canada

# Student Voices

- CSA Advocacy Pillar: Transferability
- Continuous priority for college students
- ONCAT Student Advisory Board (3 CSA members)
- ONCAT Rebranding Committee
- ONCAT presence at CSA membership meetings

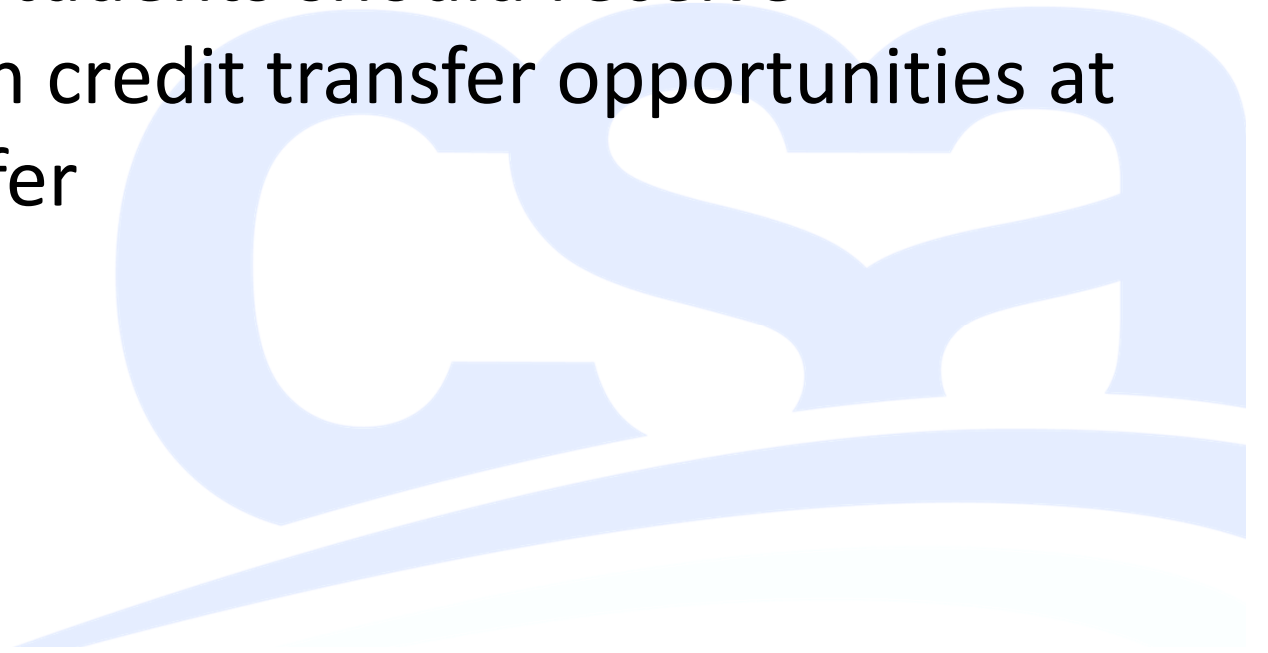


# Transparency For Students

- All institutions should include a reason for credit being denied in their communications practices
- Credit transfer opportunities should be communicated at the time of application and again at the time of offer
- Costs of credit transfer need to be communicated clearly at the beginning of the process
- Colleges should be required to continually report on collaboration and credit transfer activities through SMA's

# Supporting International Students

- International recruiters should have an understanding of credit transfer processes and costs to support international applicants
- International students should receive information on credit transfer opportunities at the time of offer



# Early Identification

- Automatic identification of potential credit transfer students via. OCAS applications
- Automatic recognition of credits given to students at time of offer

## Making Credit Transfer Affordable

- Institutions should start a per-credit billing practice where students can be refunded for the courses they do not take

# Let's Connect

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