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Valley colleges approve transfer deal

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Westminster College has signed a transfer-student agreement with the Maricopa Community Colleges, among them Chandler-Gilbert Community College, making it easier for students to continue their higher education at Westminster.

All applicable associate degrees from the Maricopa Community College system will transfer to Westminster, which is establishing a campus in downtown Mesa, at 245 W. Second St., in a 53,000-square-foot facility that was the Mesa City Court building. It opens in fall 2013.

The program also applies to Westminster's main campus in Fulton, Mo., effective spring semester of this academic year.

Maricopa-system transfer students may choose from more than 40 majors, 34 minors and 12 pre-professional programs at Westminster.

"We are happy to work with Westminster College ... to provide another way to help our students reach their goals," Maricopa Chancellor Rufus Glasper said in a news release.

George Wolf, Westminster vice president and dean of enrollment services, said that the respective faculties would work together to assist Maricopa transfer students.

"We want a seamless transfer process so no student has to repeat competencies already achieved or face unnecessary paperwork in the transfer process," Wolf said.

Westminster College is nationally ranked among the top four-year liberal-arts programs in the country by U.S. News & World Report and Forbes magazine.

Westminster's Mesa regional director for enrollment will hold at least one advising session at each of the 10 Maricopa colleges per term for prospective transfer students.

Information: www.westminster-mo.edu.

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