

Background:

In an effort to help all admitted students to be successful, a review was undertaken of the admission standards for transfer students that come to Iowa State University without an associate's degree. It was observed that transfer students without an associate degree with a GPA of less than 2.25 were less likely to successfully complete their degrees than students entering with slightly higher GPA's (Table 1).

Table 1: Summary of Student Success for Transfer Students without an Associate's Degree

GPA upon Admission	One-Year Retention Rate	Six-Year Graduation Rates
Less than 2.25	65%	43%
2.25 to 2.49	73%	55%
All Transfer w/o Associates	81%	68%

Therefore, these students might be more successful if they worked to improve their GPA or completed an associate's degree before coming to Iowa State University.

Motion

The GPA admission requirement for transfer students without an associate's degree will be increased from 2.00 to 2.25 effective Fall 2019.