

Community College Survey of Student Engagement - College of the Desert

2012 Frequency Distributions - 2012 Promising Practices (6-20)

Comparison Group: Large Colleges*

Breakout by Enrollment Status: Less than full-time students

[Unweighted]

Item	Variable	Responses	Your College		Large Colleges		2012 Promising Practices Participants	
			Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
6. At this college, I participated in one or more accelerated courses/fast-track programs to help me move through developmental/basic skills/college prep requirements more quickly.	COLLQ2608	Yes, in my first term at this college	16	5.4	542	8.4	2,409	9.1
		Yes, in my first AND in at least one other term at this college	10	3.4	290	4.5	1,194	4.5
		Yes, but NOT in my first term at this college	16	5.4	390	6.1	1,630	6.2
		No, I did not	252	85.7	5,195	81.0	21,165	80.2
		Total	294	100.0	6,417	100.0	26,398	100.0
7. During the current term at this college, my instructors clearly explained a class attendance policy that specified how many classes I could miss without penalty.	COLLQ2609	ALL of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	247	81.5	5,156	78.1	21,151	77.9
		MOST of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	32	10.6	739	11.2	3,098	11.4
		SOME of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	19	6.3	487	7.4	1,956	7.2
		NONE of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	5	1.7	221	3.3	956	3.5
		Total	303	100.0	6,603	100.0	27,161	100.0
8. Before I could register for my first term at this college, I was REQUIRED to take a placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) to assess my academic skills in reading, writing, and/or math.	COLLQ2610	Yes, and I took it	244	81.6	4,267	67.3	18,158	69.6
		Yes, it was required, but I did NOT take it	20	6.7	315	5.0	1,244	4.8
		No, it was not required	35	11.7	1,759	27.7	6,670	25.6
		Total	299	100.0	6,341	100.0	26,072	100.0
9. I became aware that I was required to take a placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) at this college:	COLLQ2611	More than a month before taking the test	171	57.2	2,576	39.7	10,960	41.2
		About 1 to 4 weeks before taking the test	44	14.7	945	14.6	4,182	15.7
		About 1 to 6 days before taking the test	21	7.0	484	7.5	2,107	7.9
		The same day I took the test	16	5.4	643	9.9	2,457	9.2
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	47	15.7	1,838	28.3	6,927	26.0
		Total	299	100.0	6,486	100.0	26,633	100.0

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10. While I was in high school, besides taking the SAT or ACT, I completed this college's placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) to assess my academic skills in reading, writing, and/or math.	COLLQ2612	Yes	93	31.6	1,471	23.3	6,449	24.8
		No	128	43.5	3,311	52.4	13,270	51.1
		I don't remember	73	24.8	1,536	24.3	6,266	24.1
		Total	294	100.0	6,318	100.0	25,985	100.0
11. Before enrolling at this college, I prepared for this college's placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) in the following way:	COLLQ2613	On my own using online or printed materials provided by the college	52	17.3	1,094	16.9	4,849	18.2
		Participating in a brief (8 hours or less), intensive brush-up/refreshers workshop	17	5.7	266	4.1	1,185	4.5
		Participating in a multi-day or multi-week brush-up/refreshers program (often held during the summer before fall enrollment)	13	4.3	207	3.2	896	3.4
		I did not do anything to prepare for this college's placement test	175	58.3	2,961	45.7	12,439	46.8
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	43	14.3	1,958	30.2	7,203	27.1
Total	300	100.0	6,486	100.0	26,572	100.0		
12. If I used resources from this college or one of the college's brush-up/refreshers experiences to prepare for the placement test, I found it:	COLLQ2614	Very helpful	29	9.7	574	8.9	2,612	9.9
		Helpful	46	15.4	727	11.3	2,925	11.0
		Somewhat helpful	34	11.4	527	8.2	2,376	9.0
		Not helpful	14	4.7	283	4.4	1,096	4.1
		Not applicable; I did not use this college's test prep resources	175	58.7	4,330	67.2	17,470	66.0
Total	298	100.0	6,441	100.0	26,479	100.0		
13. The results of the placement test I took at this college indicated that I needed to take a developmental/basic skills/college prep course...	COLLQ2615	In MORE THAN ONE academic skills area (reading, writing, and/or math)	114	40.1	1,461	24.5	5,944	24.1
		In ONE academic skill area (reading, writing, or math)	86	30.3	1,883	31.6	8,299	33.7
		None of the academic skill areas (reading, writing, or math)	40	14.1	1,023	17.2	4,459	18.1
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	44	15.5	1,589	26.7	5,930	24.1
Total	284	100.0	5,956	100.0	24,632	100.0		

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14. Because my placement test results indicated that I needed to take at least one developmental/basic skills/college prep course, I was...	COLLQ2616	TOLD that I was REQUIRED to take MORE THAN one of these courses in my first term	96	33.2	1,137	17.7	4,664	17.6
		TOLD that I was REQUIRED to take ONE of these courses in my first term	52	18.0	1,178	18.3	5,502	20.8
		TOLD that I should or could take one of these courses, but I was NOT required to in my first term	63	21.8	1,154	17.9	4,660	17.6
		Not applicable; my placement test results did not indicate that I needed to take any of these courses	39	13.5	1,029	16.0	4,447	16.8
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	39	13.5	1,934	30.1	7,220	27.3
Total			289	100.0	6,432	100.0	26,493	100.0
15. I was TOLD that I was REQUIRED to take a developmental/basic skills/college prep course in my first term, and I...	COLLQ2617	DID enroll in MORE THAN ONE of these courses	89	31.9	1,243	20.2	5,061	19.9
		DID enroll in ONE of these courses	74	26.5	1,441	23.4	6,604	25.9
		DID NOT enroll in any of these courses	26	9.3	551	8.9	2,286	9.0
		Not applicable	90	32.3	2,932	47.5	11,511	45.2
Total			279	100.0	6,167	100.0	25,462	100.0
16. Before the end of my first term at this college, an advisor helped me develop an academic plan (a personalized plan with a defined sequence of courses for completing a college certificate or degree and/or for transferring to a 4-year college or university).	COLLQ2618	Yes	113	39.1	2,418	38.3	10,804	41.5
		No	138	47.8	2,890	45.8	11,345	43.6
		I'm still in my first term; I have NOT YET developed an academic plan	38	13.1	1,001	15.9	3,893	14.9
Total			289	100.0	6,309	100.0	26,042	100.0
17. Someone at this college contacts me if I am struggling with my studies to help me get the assistance I need.	COLLQ2619	Yes	40	13.8	747	11.9	3,647	14.0
		No	175	60.6	3,186	50.6	12,870	49.6
		Not applicable; I have not experienced academic difficulties at this college	74	25.6	2,368	37.6	9,455	36.4
Total			289	100.0	6,301	100.0	25,972	100.0

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18. During the current academic year at this college, I participated in required group learning (experiences such as interacting with a specific group of students inside or outside the classroom, studying together, and/or doing group assignments or projects).	COLLQ2620	Never	151	51.9	3,767	58.7	15,322	57.8
		Less than 1 time a week	66	22.7	1,299	20.2	5,390	20.3
		1 to 2 times a week	60	20.6	1,048	16.3	4,574	17.3
		3 to 4 times a week	10	3.4	217	3.4	853	3.2
		More than 4 times a week	4	1.4	90	1.4	364	1.4
		Total	291	100.0	6,421	100.0	26,503	100.0
19. During the current academic year, I participated in tutoring provided by this college.	COLLQ2621	Never	205	70.0	4,900	76.1	20,092	75.7
		Less than 1 time a week	43	14.7	761	11.8	3,147	11.8
		1 to 2 times a week	29	9.9	519	8.1	2,244	8.4
		3 to 4 times a week	10	3.4	171	2.7	706	2.7
		More than 4 times a week	6	2.0	89	1.4	370	1.4
		Total	293	100.0	6,440	100.0	26,559	100.0
20. During the current academic year at this college, I participated in supplemental instruction/supplemental learning (extra class sessions with the instructor or an experienced student).	COLLQ2622	Never	231	78.8	5,293	82.1	21,722	81.8
		Less than 1 time a week	42	14.3	602	9.3	2,629	9.9
		1 to 2 times a week	9	3.1	363	5.6	1,469	5.5
		3 to 4 times a week	7	2.4	120	1.9	493	1.9
		More than 4 times a week	4	1.4	71	1.1	236	0.9
		Total	293	100.0	6,449	100.0	26,549	100.0

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6. At this college, I participated in one or more accelerated courses/fast-track programs to help me move through developmental/basic skills/college prep requirements more quickly.	COLLQ2608	Yes, in my first term at this college	48	8.2	1,780	12.4	8,646	12.5
		Yes, in my first AND in at least one other term at this college	25	4.3	859	6.0	4,152	6.0
		Yes, but NOT in my first term at this college	42	7.2	946	6.6	4,583	6.6
		No, I did not	467	80.2	10,803	75.1	52,062	75.0
		Total	582	100.0	14,388	100.0	69,443	100.0
7. During the current term at this college, my instructors clearly explained a class attendance policy that specified how many classes I could miss without penalty.	COLLQ2609	ALL of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	402	67.8	10,675	72.1	52,282	73.2
		MOST of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	102	17.2	2,450	16.5	11,306	15.8
		SOME of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	68	11.5	1,305	8.8	6,066	8.5
		NONE of my instructors explained a class attendance policy	21	3.5	374	2.5	1,776	2.5
		Total	593	100.0	14,804	100.0	71,430	100.0
8. Before I could register for my first term at this college, I was REQUIRED to take a placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) to assess my academic skills in reading, writing, and/or math.	COLLQ2610	Yes, and I took it	511	87.8	10,745	74.9	51,282	74.7
		Yes, it was required, but I did NOT take it	22	3.8	718	5.0	3,464	5.0
		No, it was not required	49	8.4	2,891	20.1	13,865	20.2
		Total	582	100.0	14,354	100.0	68,611	100.0
9. I became aware that I was required to take a placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) at this college:	COLLQ2611	More than a month before taking the test	370	63.4	6,766	46.4	32,156	45.9
		About 1 to 4 weeks before taking the test	102	17.5	2,217	15.2	11,159	15.9
		About 1 to 6 days before taking the test	36	6.2	1,184	8.1	5,716	8.2
		The same day I took the test	24	4.1	1,439	9.9	6,727	9.6
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	52	8.9	2,987	20.5	14,268	20.4
		Total	584	100.0	14,593	100.0	70,026	100.0

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10. While I was in high school, besides taking the SAT or ACT, I completed this college's placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) to assess my academic skills in reading, writing, and/or math.	COLLQ2612	Yes	248	43.7	4,183	29.3	20,248	29.6
		No	198	34.9	7,165	50.2	34,212	50.0
		I don't remember	122	21.5	2,938	20.6	13,995	20.4
		Total	568	100.0	14,286	100.0	68,455	100.0
11. Before enrolling at this college, I prepared for this college's placement test (ACCUPLACER, ASSET, COMPASS, etc.) in the following way:	COLLQ2613	On my own using online or printed materials provided by the college	108	18.4	2,923	20.1	13,917	19.9
		Participating in a brief (8 hours or less), intensive brush-up/refresher workshop	34	5.8	747	5.1	3,564	5.1
		Participating in a multi-day or multi-week brush-up/refresher program (often held during the summer before fall enrollment)	29	4.9	620	4.3	2,986	4.3
		I did not do anything to prepare for this college's placement test	357	60.9	7,072	48.5	34,106	48.8
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	58	9.9	3,209	22.0	15,346	21.9
		Total	586	100.0	14,571	100.0	69,919	100.0
12. If I used resources from this college or one of the college's brush-up/refresher experiences to prepare for the placement test, I found it:	COLLQ2614	Very helpful	71	12.2	1,649	11.4	7,954	11.4
		Helpful	78	13.4	1,867	12.9	8,845	12.7
		Somewhat helpful	60	10.3	1,448	10.0	6,814	9.8
		Not helpful	30	5.1	621	4.3	3,069	4.4
		Not applicable; I did not use this college's test prep resources	345	59.1	8,921	61.5	43,042	61.7
		Total	584	100.0	14,506	100.0	69,724	100.0
13. The results of the placement test I took at this college indicated that I needed to take a developmental/basic skills/college prep course...	COLLQ2615	In MORE THAN ONE academic skills area (reading, writing, and/or math)	236	41.4	3,413	25.3	16,055	24.7
		In ONE academic skill area (reading, writing, or math)	148	26.0	4,644	34.4	22,525	34.6
		None of the academic skill areas (reading, writing, or math)	130	22.8	2,923	21.6	14,312	22.0
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	56	9.8	2,534	18.8	12,196	18.7
		Total	570	100.0	13,514	100.0	65,088	100.0

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		TOLD that I was REQUIRED to take ONE of these courses in my first term	107	18.5	3,099	21.4	16,101	23.0
		TOLD that I should or could take one of these courses, but I was NOT required to in my first term	129	22.3	2,337	16.1	10,788	15.4
		Not applicable; my placement test results did not indicate that I needed to take any of these courses	119	20.6	2,876	19.9	14,052	20.0
		Not applicable; I did not take a placement test	60	10.4	3,227	22.3	15,485	22.1
Total			578	100.0	14,480	100.0	70,124	100.0
15. I was TOLD that I was REQUIRED to take a developmental/basic skills/college prep course in my first term, and I...	COLLQ2617	DID enroll in MORE THAN ONE of these courses	172	30.4	3,278	23.6	15,437	22.9
		DID enroll in ONE of these courses	125	22.1	3,736	26.9	19,331	28.6
		DID NOT enroll in any of these courses	60	10.6	1,190	8.6	5,893	8.7
		Not applicable	208	36.8	5,694	41.0	26,891	39.8
Total			565	100.0	13,898	100.0	67,552	100.0
16. Before the end of my first term at this college, an advisor helped me develop an academic plan (a personalized plan with a defined sequence of courses for completing a college certificate or degree and/or for transferring to a 4-year college or university).	COLLQ2618	Yes	282	49.6	6,645	46.6	35,537	51.5
		No	235	41.3	5,907	41.4	25,362	36.8
		I'm still in my first term; I have NOT YET developed an academic plan	52	9.1	1,713	12.0	8,048	11.7
Total			569	100.0	14,265	100.0	68,947	100.0
17. Someone at this college contacts me if I am struggling with my studies to help me get the assistance I need.	COLLQ2619	Yes	101	17.8	2,246	15.8	13,006	18.9
		No	329	58.1	7,375	51.8	33,179	48.2
		Not applicable; I have not experienced academic difficulties at this college	136	24.0	4,621	32.4	22,653	32.9
Total			566	100.0	14,242	100.0	68,838	100.0

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18. During the current academic year at this college, I participated in required group learning (experiences such as interacting with a specific group of students inside or outside the classroom, studying together, and/or doing group assignments or projects).	COLLQ2620	Never	281	48.7	7,299	50.4	34,786	49.6
		Less than 1 time a week	130	22.5	3,542	24.5	16,804	24.0
		1 to 2 times a week	112	19.4	2,711	18.7	13,673	19.5
		3 to 4 times a week	39	6.8	653	4.5	3,349	4.8
		More than 4 times a week	15	2.6	281	1.9	1,488	2.1
		Total	577	100.0	14,486	100.0	70,100	100.0
19. During the current academic year, I participated in tutoring provided by this college.	COLLQ2621	Never	354	61.2	10,175	70.0	49,183	70.0
		Less than 1 time a week	98	17.0	2,189	15.1	10,127	14.4
		1 to 2 times a week	78	13.5	1,500	10.3	7,476	10.6
		3 to 4 times a week	25	4.3	435	3.0	2,228	3.2
		More than 4 times a week	23	4.0	234	1.6	1,232	1.8
		Total	578	100.0	14,533	100.0	70,246	100.0
20. During the current academic year at this college, I participated in supplemental instruction/supplemental learning (extra class sessions with the instructor or an experienced student).	COLLQ2622	Never	428	73.9	11,340	78.1	54,281	77.3
		Less than 1 time a week	75	13.0	1,835	12.6	9,022	12.8
		1 to 2 times a week	52	9.0	894	6.2	4,672	6.7
		3 to 4 times a week	14	2.4	272	1.9	1,471	2.1
		More than 4 times a week	10	1.7	172	1.2	776	1.1
		Total	579	100.0	14,513	100.0	70,222	100.0

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Arapahoe Community College	CO
Arizona Western College	AZ
Brookhaven College	TX
Bucks County Community College	PA
Calhoun Community College	AL
College of Southern Idaho	ID
College of Southern Maryland	MD
Cuyamaca College	CA
Douglas College	BC
Eastfield College	TX
Fayetteville Technical Community College	NC
Harrisburg Area Community College - Harrisburg Campus	PA
Howard Community College	MD
Laredo Community College	TX
Moorpark College	CA
Mountain View College	TX
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	WI
Northwest Vista College	TX
Onondaga Community College	NY
Ozarks Technical Community College	MO
Pikes Peak Community College	CO
Pitt Community College	NC
Pulaski Technical College	AR
Skyline College	CA
St. Louis Community College - Meramec	MO
St. Louis Community College at Forest Park	MO
State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota	FL
Truman College	IL
Tyler Junior College	TX
Volunteer State Community College	TN