

Care Program Study

During spring 2006, the college Research Office looked at certain student performance indicators of students who identified themselves as being a Care Program student. The college Research Office looked at course success rates, average units attempted/completed/GPA, semester persistence rates, average number of semesters of enrollment, Degree and/or Certificate completion as well as the demographic profiles for these students compared to the overall student population. During the three-plus academic years that were analyzed, Care Program students comprise less than 1% of the overall student population.

Average Course Success Rate (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

Care Program students:	53.9%
Rest of college:	65.3%

Average Units Attempted (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

Care Program students:	9.08 (for the semester)
Rest of college:	5.96 (for the semester)
Care Program students:	38.24 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	33.74 (cumulative)

Average Units Completed (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

Care Program students:	7.70 (for the semester)
Rest of college:	5.28 (for the semester)
Care Program students:	34.75 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	31.62 (cumulative)

Average GPA (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

Care Program students:	2.08 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	2.61 (cumulative)

Average Number of Semesters of Enrollment (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

Care Program students:	4.69
Rest of college:	3.72

Semester-to-Semester Persistence

Fall 2002 to Spring 2003	
Care Program students:	55%
Rest of college:	68%
Fall 2003 to Spring 2004	
Care Program students:	71%
Rest of college:	67%
Fall 2004 to Spring 2005	
Care Program students:	61%
Rest of college:	68%

Demographic Profile

Average Age

Care Program students:	30.7
Rest of college:	27.7

Gender

Care Program students:	91.4% Female, 7.5% Male, 1.1% Undeclared
Rest of college:	57.8% Female, 41.6% Male, 0.6% Undeclared

Ethnicity

Care Program students:	19.4% White, 80.6% Minority
Rest of college:	34.3% White, 65.7% Minority

Summary

Care Program student have a demographic profile that is very different from the demographic profile of the rest of the college. Care Program students are far more likely to be female (no doubt as a result of the program entrance requirements) than male. Care Program students are far more ethnically diverse compared to the rest of the college.

In terms of academic performance, Care Program students:

Are slightly lower than the rest of the college in terms of average course success rate (53.9% for Care Program students compared to 65.3% for the rest of the college).

Take a slightly higher semester unit load compared to the rest of the college (9.08 units for Care Program students compared to 5.96 units for the rest of the college).

Have attempted more cumulative college units (38.2 units attempted for Care Program students compared to 33.7 units completed for the rest of the college).

Have completed more cumulative college units (34.8 units attempted for Care Program students compared to 31.6 units completed for the rest of the college).

Have lower cumulative GPA's compared to the rest of the college (2.08 cumulative GPA for Care Program students compared to 2.61 cumulative GPA for the rest of the college).

Have lower Fall-to-Spring Persistence compared to the rest of the college (for Fall 2004-Spring 2005, Care Program students persisted at 61% compared to 68% for the rest of the college; however, the prior academic year, Care Program students persisted at a higher rate compared to the rest of the college).

Are enrolled at the college longer compared to the rest of the college (Care Program student average number of semesters of enrollment is 4.69 semesters compared to 3.72 semesters for the rest of the college).