

Spring 2003 Entering Student Survey

**Which statement below reflects YOUR CURRENT GOALS?**

Response	Count	Percent
To take a few courses but NOT earn a Degree, Diploma or Certificate	7	1.4%
To complete an Associate Degree, Diploma or Certificate	286	57.5%
To complete an Associate Degree AND go on to earn a four-year Bachelor's Degree	126	25.4%
To take a few courses then TRANSFER to a University	43	8.7%
I am uncertain about completing a Degree, or Certificate	33	6.6%
No Response	2	0.4%

**I plan to (select one):**

Response	Count	Percent
Enroll for only this semester	16	3.2%
Enroll for this semester AND the next semester	37	7.4%
Enroll every semester until I reach my goal	393	79.1%
Unsure about future enrollment	50	10.1%
No Response	1	0.2%

**Do you have access to a personal computer, either at home or at work, that you can use for school work?**

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	433	87.1%
No	63	12.7%
No Response	1	0.2%

**If yes, do you have access to the Internet from the computer with e-mail access?**

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	381	76.7%
No	82	16.5%
No Response	34	6.8%

**While attending college, I plan to work:**

Response	Count	Percent
Not at all	103	20.7%
1 - 20 hours per week	153	30.8%
21 - 39 hours per week	147	29.6%
40 hours per week	82	16.5%
More than 40 hours per week	10	2.0%
No Response	2	0.4%

**To increase my general knowledge and understanding of the world.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	392	78.9%
Somewhat Important	100	20.1%
Not important	3	0.6%
No Response	2	0.4%

**To decide on a career goal.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	446	89.7%
Somewhat Important	43	8.7%
Not important	6	1.2%
No Response	2	0.4%

**To develop or improve skills required in my current job.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	232	46.7%
Somewhat Important	107	21.5%
Not important	151	30.4%
No Response	7	1.4%

**To help me obtain a raise or promotion.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	239	48.1%
Somewhat Important	141	28.4%
Not important	111	22.3%
No Response	6	1.2%

**To help me prepare for a new career.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	449	90.3%
Somewhat Important	31	6.2%
Not important	14	2.8%
No Response	3	0.6%

**To be with others who want to learn.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	261	52.5%
Somewhat Important	195	39.2%
Not important	35	7.0%
No Response	6	1.2%

**To increase my self confidence.**

Response	Count	Percent
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Very Important	339	68.2%
Somewhat Important	132	26.6%
Not important	20	4.0%
No Response	6	1.2%

**To become more self reliant.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	395	79.5%
Somewhat Important	78	15.7%
Not important	17	3.4%
No Response	7	1.4%

**To improve my academic skills before going to a large university.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	234	47.1%
Somewhat Important	132	26.6%
Not important	122	24.5%
No Response	9	1.8%

**Costs less than other colleges.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	244	49.1%
Somewhat Important	165	33.2%
Not important	82	16.5%
No Response	6	1.2%

**I could not leave the area due to family obligations.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	227	45.7%
Somewhat Important	144	29.0%

Not important	121	24.3%
No Response	5	1.0%

**I can keep my job and still go to college.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	216	43.5%
Somewhat Important	144	29.0%
Not important	124	24.9%
No Response	13	2.6%

**My grades were too low to get into another college or university.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	34	6.8%
Somewhat Important	113	22.7%
Not important	337	67.8%
No Response	13	2.6%

**The college offers the courses I want.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	390	78.5%
Somewhat Important	86	17.3%
Not important	16	3.2%
No Response	5	1.0%

**The college has a reputation for good teaching/training.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	357	71.8%
Somewhat Important	118	23.7%
Not important	13	2.6%
No Response	9	1.8%

**Classes are small and more personal.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	334	67.2%
Somewhat Important	135	27.2%
Not important	24	4.8%
No Response	4	0.8%

**The college is close to my home.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	382	76.9%
Somewhat Important	85	17.1%
Not important	27	5.4%
No Response	3	0.6%

**My family wanted me to come here.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	70	14.1%
Somewhat Important	166	33.4%
Not important	248	49.9%
No Response	13	2.6%

**I can take courses at night.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	145	29.2%
Somewhat Important	199	40.0%
Not important	143	28.8%
No Response	10	2.0%

**I can take courses on weekends.**

Response	Count	Percent
Very Important	103	20.7%
Somewhat Important	187	37.6%
Not important	198	39.8%
No Response	9	1.8%

**If there had not been a Community or Technical College in the area, I probably would (mark one):**

Response	Count	Percent
Not attend college at all	180	36.2%
Go to one of the state Universities	213	42.9%
Go to a private college	38	7.6%
Go to a private technical college	43	8.7%
Go to an out-of-state college or university.	20	4.0%
No Response	3	0.6%

**Check any statement which is true for your family or parents.**

Response	Count	Percent
I am the first person in my immediate family to go to college.	292	58.8%
One or both of my parents or guardians went to college but did not earn a degree.	80	16.1%
One or both of my parents or guardians earned an associate degree from a community college or junior college.	45	9.1%
One or both of my parents or guardians earned a Bachelor's degree from a college or university.	59	11.9%
No Response	40	8.0%

**What is your total annual income?**

Response	Count	Percent
less than \$10,000	330	66.4%
\$10,000-\$14,999	67	13.5%
\$15,000-\$19,999	42	8.5%
\$20,000-\$24,999	23	4.6%
more than \$25,000	20	4.0%
No Response	15	3.0%

**What is your total family household income?**

Response	Count	Percent
less than \$10,000	111	22.3%
\$10,000-\$14,999	78	15.7%
\$15,000-\$19,999	78	15.7%
\$20,000-\$24,999	56	11.3%
more than \$25,000	156	31.4%
No Response	18	3.6%

**Which of the following best describes the household in which you currently reside? Are you living...**

Response	Count	Percent
with parents or grandparents	228	45.9%
with spouse	39	7.8%
with spouse and children	104	20.9%
with children	45	9.1%
other (Skip to Question 32)	80	16.1%
No Response	1	0.2%

**OTHER THAN YOURSELF, how many people rely on you for ALL or MOST of their financial support?**

Response	Count	Percent
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0	275	55.3%
1	83	16.7%
2	62	12.5%
3	34	6.8%
4 or more	20	4.0%
No Response	23	4.6%

**How many people live in your household?**

Response	Count	Percent
0	10	2.0%
1	31	6.2%
2	101	20.3%
3	156	31.4%
4 or more	193	38.8%
No Response	6	1.2%

**Which of the following media:**

Response	Count	Percent
Internet	73	14.7%
Television	20	4.0%
Radio	41	8.2%
Newspaper	78	15.7%
Brochure	246	49.5%
No Response	39	7.8%

**Which of the following people:**

Response	Count	Percent
Faculty or staff member	0	0.0%
High school counselor or instructor	0	0.0%
Parents	0	0.0%
Friend or other relative	0	0.0%

Coworker or supervisor	0	0.0%
No Response	497	100.0%