

Outcomes for 100 New College Students at Oakton

On December 1, 2011, more than 90 Oakton employees and students participated in a Data Summit to examine data depicting students' progress and success at Oakton. One component of the Summit was to look at outcomes for every 100 new students who enter Oakton in a fall term. We define 'new' students as students who have not attended any college or university before coming to Oakton, and we include both full-time and part-time students. The specific data were derived from the 1,323 new full- and part-time students who entered Oakton in Fall 2006. This group is very similar to cohorts who entered Oakton in other Fall semesters. Here is what we found.

For every 100 new students who entered Oakton (full and part-time)...



- 72 return the following spring
- 54 come back the next fall
- 32 enroll two years later
- 10 earn an Oakton degree or certificate within three years
- 18 earn an Oakton degree or certificate within five years
- 48 transfer to another college or university (whether or not they earned an Oakton degree or certificate)
- 10 earn a bachelor's degree or higher within five years
- 63 earn an Oakton degree or certificate, transfer, or are enrolled at Oakton five years after entering the College; this means 37 of the 100 students do not earn a degree or certificate, transfer, or remain enrolled at Oakton in five years

For many years community colleges have focused on student access. Recently the narrative has shifted, with much more attention to student success. There are many measures of student success, and at the Data Summit information about term-to-term persistence, successful completion of developmental courses, successful completion of college-level gateway courses in English and math as well as all courses, transfer and completion of Oakton degrees and certificates was provided.

For more information please contact the Office of Research.