

## **Associate Degree Recipients and Transfer**

One of the oft-used indicators of community college effectiveness is the “transfer rate,” which is frequently defined as the percentage of associate degree recipients who transfer. To learn more about whether and where Oakton’s associate degree recipients transfer, we used data from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). The NSC collects data from more than 2800 colleges and universities that enroll approximately 91 percent of United States college students. Students’ names and birthdates are used to match records from a college with records in the NSC database (see endnote on reverse side for more information).\*

We submitted data about all 993 Oakton students who had earned an Oakton associate degree in a transfer field from fall 2000 through spring 2004 (degrees were the A.A., A.S., A.F.A., and A.S.E). Of these students, 797 (80%) had enrolled in another college or university after Oakton; nearly all (775) enrolled in a four-year institution, though some attended another two-year college. A number of students attended more than one school after Oakton. Where did they go? The lists below and on the reverse side provide these data, using duplicate headcounts; for example, a student who enrolled in both Northeastern Illinois University and DePaul University is counted twice, once for each of these institutions.

What are some key findings?

- Schools that attract the largest number of Oakton transfers are in the Chicago area.
- Students transfer to other community colleges as well as to four-year colleges and universities.
- Many students transfer to schools that are not part of the Illinois Shared Enrollment Files (these files include data from Illinois public institutions, DePaul and Bradley Universities).

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<i><b>Institution</b></i>	<i><b>Number Transfers</b></i>	<i><b>Institution</b></i>	<i><b>Number Transfers</b></i>
Northeastern Illinois University	295	Dominican University	8
DePaul University	103	City of Chicago, Harold Washington	7
University of Illinois at Chicago	89	College of DuPage	6
Roosevelt University	54	Eastern Illinois University	6
Northern Illinois University	41	North Park University	5
Loyola University Chicago	29	University of Phoenix -	5
Columbia College	24	Governors State University	4
University of Illinois - Urbana	24	Kendall College	4
William Rainey Harper College	24	Western Illinois University	4
Elmhurst College	23	Arizona State University	3
National Louis University	21	City of Chicago, Wright College	3
Illinois State University	16	DeVry University - DuPage	3
Southern Illinois University -Carbondale	13	Lake Forest College	3
Northwestern University	12	Parkland College	3
Triton College	9	University of Iowa	3
College of Lake County	8	Wayne State University	3
DeVry University - Chicago	8		

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Two each: Argosy University - Chicago NW, Benedictine University, Bradley University, City Of Chicago, Kennedy-King College, Elgin Community College, Kishwaukee College, Southern Illinois Univ – Edwardsville, Trinity Christian College, University of Wisconsin – Madison

One each: American University, Argosy University, Argosy University – Sarasota, Argosy University - Twin Cities, Aurora University, Baylor University, Birmingham-Southern College, Brigham Young University – Hawaii, California State University – Fullerton, California State University - Los Angeles, California State University - San Marcos, Carthage College, Chicago State University, City of Chicago, Harry S. Truman College, City of Chicago, Richard J. Daley College, College of Charleston, Columbia College-Eve Session, Concordia University, Concordia University at St Paul, CUNY Queens College, Danville Area Community College, DeVry University - Chicago O'Hare, DeVry University – Irving, DeVry University Center, Drexel University, Florida International University, Hillsborough Community College, Illinois Institute of Technology, John Marshall Law School, Judson College, Lebanon Valley College, Lewis University, Marquette University, North Central College, Northern Arizona University, Ohio State University, Oregon State University, Palomar College, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University - West Lafayette, Rush University Medical Center, Southern Utah University, Southwest Missouri State University, Spoon River College, St Cloud State University, St Francis College, St Louis Community College, St Petersburg College, St Xavier University, Trinity International University, Trinity International University-Seminar, Trinity International-Adult Education, Truman State University, University of California-Los Angeles, University of Chicago, University of Illinois –Springfield, University of Maryland- College Park, University of Nevada – Las Vegas, University of North Florida, University of Northern Colorado, University of West Florida, University of Wisconsin – Platteville, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, Webster University, Webster University Graduate School

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\* We actually asked the Clearinghouse to tell us whether the Oakton students enrolled in another college or university in any term beginning with the first term before they earned their Oakton degree. We did this because the official term in which a degree is awarded is sometimes later than the term in which they transferred. Recall that the Clearinghouse data includes most, but not all, United States colleges and universities. The data in this *In the Abstract* may, therefore, slightly undercount the actual number of transfers.