

Attendance at Colleges and Universities after Oakton

One of Oakton's primary *raison d'être*s is to prepare students for transfer, and 43 percent of students indicate they are in a transfer curriculum. Another 22-23 percent say they are undecided, and many of them may eventually wish to transfer as well. Therefore, it is particularly important for the College to understand whether students are, indeed, moving to other institutions after leaving Oakton.

This *In the Abstract* presents key results from a new study that uses the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) EnrollmentVerify program to determine whether Oakton students are moving to other colleges and universities after leaving Oakton and, if so, where they are going. Students in the population studied met these criteria:

- Last attended Oakton from Fall 2005 through Summer 2008;
- Did not report having a bachelors degree or higher, or having attended a foreign college, when they applied to Oakton;
- Attended Oakton after high school.

The NSC has records on attendance for more than 90 percent of students enrolled in United States colleges and universities. The NSC matches students based on name and birth date. Oakton submitted data for the 15,518 students who met the criteria noted above. The NSC found matches for 15,006 of them. We then matched student records returned from the NSC with records from Oakton's student system.

Did students go elsewhere? **Forty-four percent** of students moved to another institution after Oakton. Where did they go? They went to **636** different colleges and universities; some students went to more than one. The table below lists the 26 colleges and universities that received at least 50 students from Oakton. "Receive" means an Oakton student enrolled at the institution after his or her last term at Oakton. Notably, institutions with the largest draw are in the Chicago area and mobility among community colleges is high. Eight of the 26 schools are Illinois public community colleges.

Duplicated Headcount (Student Counted Once in Each College/University Attended)

| Institution | Students | Institution | Students |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Northeastern Illinois University | 703 | Northern Illinois University | 136 |
| University Of Illinois at Chicago | 532 | City Of Chicago - Harold Washington College | 119 |
| William Rainey Harper College | 482 | University Of Phoenix | 110 |
| DePaul University | 434 | College Of DuPage | 109 |
| City Of Chicago - Wright College | 281 | Northwestern University | 99 |
| Triton College | 257 | North Park University | 93 |
| Loyola University Chicago | 223 | DeVry University - Chicago | 73 |
| College Of Lake County | 222 | Southern Illinois University Carbondale | 63 |
| Columbia College Chicago | 208 | Elmhurst College | 59 |
| National Louis University | 187 | Robert Morris College | 57 |
| City Of Chicago - Harry S. Truman College | 186 | Illinois State University | 55 |
| Roosevelt University | 165 | Illinois Institute Of Technology | 52 |
| University Of Illinois - Urbana | 143 | Parkland College | 52 |

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