

# Effectiveness Update

## Academic Programs Transfer Effectiveness Measures Report for Academic Year 2001-02



### PURPOSE

To prepare students for successful college or university transfer.

### INTENDED OUTCOME

**1A.** First-time-in-College (FTIC) students who have earned at least 15 semester credit hours (SCH) in baccalaureate transfer courses will transfer to a four-year college or university within four years of their initial enrollment at ACC.

### CRITERION

ACC's transfer rate will be higher than the statewide transfer rate for FTIC students majoring in a transfer program who have earned at least 15 SCH in two semesters .

### RESULTS

Based on data from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, ACC students who attended college for the first time in Fall 1996, did not achieve this criterion. This cohort's transfer rate is almost one percent below the statewide average transfer rate for students majoring in academic programs who entered college for the first time in fall of 1996 and who completed at least 15 semester credit hours in at least two semesters.

### DATA

Comparison of ACC and Statewide Transfer Rates  
Students Majoring in Academic Programs  
First Time in College (FTIC) Fall 1996 Cohort

	Total FTIC Fall 1996 Cohort Students in Academic Majors 15 Semester Credit Hours and Two Semesters	Still Enrolled Fall 2001	Cohort Less Still Enrolled Fall 2001	Transferred	Transfer Rate
ACC	1,774	614	1,160	393	33.9%
Statewide	38,648	12,591	26,057	9,012	34.6%
Difference					-0.7%

Source: THECB *Transfer Rate Study*, September 2001

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**INTENDED OUTCOME**

**1B.** Minority FTIC students who have earned at least 15 SCH in baccalaureate transfer courses will transfer to a four-year college or university within four years of their initial enrollment at ACC.

**CRITERION**

The THECB Community College Transfer Rate Study will indicate ACC's transfer rate for minority FTIC students with a declared major in a transfer program will be higher than the statewide rate.

**RESULTS**

Based on data from the THECB, ACC's transfer rate for the 1996 FTIC Cohort of Hispanic students is above the statewide average rate. For all other ethnic groups, including Black, White, and Other Students, ACC's transfer rate for the 1996 FTIC Cohort is below the statewide average rate.

**DATA**

Comparison of ACC and Statewide Four Year Transfer Rates by Ethnicity  
Students Majoring in Academic Programs  
Fall FTIC 1996 Cohort

Fall 1996 FTIC Cohort			
Cohort Students by Ethnicity	Cohort Less Still Enrolled	Transferred by 2001	Transfer Rate
ACC White Students	842	298	35.4%
<i>Statewide White Students</i>	<i>15,951</i>	<i>6,395</i>	<i>40.1%</i>
<i>Difference</i>			<i>-4.7%</i>
ACC Black Students	55	9	16.4%
<i>Statewide Black Students</i>	<i>2220</i>	<i>495</i>	<i>22.3%</i>
<i>Difference</i>			<i>-5.9%</i>
ACC Hispanic Students	198	62	31.3%
<i>Statewide Hispanic Students</i>	<i>6,693</i>	<i>1,646</i>	<i>24.6%</i>
<i>Difference</i>			<i>+6.7%</i>
ACC Other Minority* Students (includes Asian, American Indian, and International Students)	65	24	36.9%
<i>Statewide Other Students</i>	<i>1,193</i>	<i>476</i>	<i>39.9%</i>
<i>Difference</i>			<i>-3.0%</i>

Source: THECB Transfer Rate Study, September 2001

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**INTENDED OUTCOME**

3A. ACC students who transfer will be in good academic standing\* at the transfer institution.

**CRITERION**

Based on data provided by principal transfer institutions, seventy percent or more of transfer students will be in good academic standing at the transfer institution.

**RESULTS**

ACC must rely on universities to provide these data. Southwest Texas State University is one institution to which a high percentage of ACC students transfer. SWTSU provides ACC with transfer student performance data on an annual basis. Of 655 ACC transfers to SWTSU in the fall of 2000, 509 or 77.7 percent were in good standing (defined as a GPA of 2.0 or better) at the end of their first semester, and 512 or 78.2 percent were in good standing at the end of the last semester of their first academic year.

\*Good academic standing is defined as a GPA of 2.0 or better.

**DATA**

Academic Year 2000-01 ACC Transfer Students "in Good Standing"  
at Southwest Texas University

	First Semester at SWTSU	Last Semester of First Academic Year at SWTSU
ACC Transfer Students Enrolled at SWTSU on Census Date (12th Class Day)	655	655
ACC Students "in Good Standing"	509	512
Percent of ACC Students "in Good Standing"	77.7%	78.2%

Source: Data provided by SWTSU September 2001

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**INTENDED OUTCOME**

**3B.** ACC students who transfer will earn GPAs comparable to other transfer students at the transfer institution.

**CRITERION**

Based on data provided by the transfer institution, the average GPA of ACC transfer students and other transfer students at principal transfer institutions will not be significantly different.

**RESULTS**

Cumulative GPA data from transfer institutions indicate, for the most part, ACC students who transfer achieve very similar GPAs as all students who transfer. At the two institutions to which most ACC students transfer, Southwest Texas State University and the University of Texas at Austin, the cumulative grade point average of ACC students is the same as all transfer students to those institutions. The University of Texas at Tyler sent information on only eight students. The GPA for these ACC transfer students was below that of other transfer students to UT Tyler.

**DATA**

Comparison of Cumulative GPAs  
ACC Transfer Students and All Transfer Students  
Academic Year 2000

School	ACC Students Entering Transfer School in Academic Year 2000		All Transfer Students Entering Transfer School in Academic Year 2000		Difference
	Number	GPA	Number	GPA	
Southwest Texas State University	655	2.5	1,921	2.5	0
University of Texas at Austin	445	2.9	1,583	2.9	0
University of North Texas	179	2.7	12,851	2.8	-.1
University of Texas at Arlington	88	2.7	7,401	2.7	0
University of Texas at Tyler	8	2.2	2,249	2.9	-.7

Data provided by Transfer institutions