

Did You Know...

How many of Palomar's Fall'08 Credit Students Took Basic Skills Courses that term?

Palomar's Research Office identified all students who received a grade of A, B, C, CR, D, F, FW, NC or W in a Credit course that term. Regional Occupational Program and Apprenticeship courses (except AP WE) were excluded from the analysis.

Each Credit student's course enrollments were then explored to determine whether the student had or had not taken "target" Basic Skills courses from any of Palomar's assessment/placement sequences: ENG10, ESL1-3, ESL34-36, MATH10, MATH15 and/or READ30.

Here is what was found:

In Any Target BSkill	Head Count	Pct
Yes	2,170	8.7%
No	22,639	91.3%
Total	24,809	100.0%

One of every 12 Credit students (8.7%) took at least one Basic Skills course.

		In Any Target BSkill	Yes	
Nbr BSkill Subjects	BSkill Combo	Head Count	Pct	
1	MATH	915	42.2%	
	ENG	534	24.6%	
	ESL	292	13.5%	
	READ	73	3.4%	
	Sub Total	1,814	83.6%	
2	ENG MATH	289	13.3%	
	ESL MATH	25	1.2%	
	ENG READ	18	0.8%	
	MATH READ	8	0.4%	
	ESL READ	6	0.3%	
	Sub Total	346	15.9%	
3	ENG MATH READ	10	0.5%	
	Sub Total	10	0.5%	
Grand Total		2,170	100.0%	

83.6% of those who took a Basic Skills course took it in only one subject.

Almost 16% took courses in two Basic Skills subjects.

Half a percent took courses in three Basic Skills subjects.

In Any Target BSkill	Yes		No	
	Head Count	Pct	Head Count	Pct
Full-Time 12+Units	886	40.8%	6,553	28.9%
Part-Time Under 12Units	1,284	59.2%	16,086	71.1%
Total	2,170	100.0%	22,639	100.0%

Those who took a Basic Skills course were about 12 percentage points MORE likely to be Full-Time students versus those who did not take a Basic Skills course (40.8% vs 28.9%).

In Any Target BSkill	Y		N	
	Head Count	Pct	Head Count	Pct
Female	1,226	56.5%	11,130	49.2%
Male	936	43.1%	11,392	50.3%
Unknown	8	0.4%	117	0.5%
Total	2,170	100.0%	22,639	100.0%

Basic Skills students were 7 percentage points MORE likely to be female than were their Non Basic Skills counterparts (56.5% vs 49.2%).

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	Head Count	Pct	Head Count	Pct
17 & Under	202	9.3%	1,682	7.4%
18-20	1,277	58.8%	8,296	36.6%
21-24	226	10.4%	4,942	21.8%
25-29	143	6.6%	2,594	11.5%
30-34	85	3.9%	1,188	5.2%
35-39	67	3.1%	873	3.9%
40-44	70	3.2%	763	3.4%
45-54	86	4.0%	1,429	6.3%
55-64	12	0.6%	655	2.9%
65 & Over	2	0.1%	214	0.9%
Unknown			3	0.0%
Total	2,170	100.0%	22,639	100.0%

Basic Skills students were 22 percentage points MORE likely to be in the 18-20 age group versus their Non Basic Skills counterparts (58.9% vs 36.7%).

In Any Target BSkill	Yes		No	
	Head Count	Pct	Head Count	Pct
Asian/PI	160	7.4%	1,556	6.9%
Black	101	4.7%	837	3.7%
Filipino	61	2.8%	838	3.7%
Hispanic	1,027	47.3%	5,467	24.1%
Nat.Am.	29	1.3%	266	1.2%
Unknown	139	6.4%	1,703	7.5%
White	653	30.1%	11,972	52.9%
Total	2,170	100.0%	22,639	100.0%

Basic Skills students were almost TWICE as likely to be Hispanic than were their Non Basic Skills counterparts (47.3% vs 24.1%).

In Any Target BSkill	Yes		No	
	Head Count	Pct	Head Count	Pct
Citizenship Status				
U.S. Citizen	1,655	76.3%	20,303	89.7%
Permanent Resident	93	4.3%	560	2.5%
Refugee / Asylee	7	0.3%	34	0.2%
Student Visa (F-1 / M-1)	26	1.2%	231	1.0%
Temporary Resident	101	4.7%	598	2.6%
Other Status	223	10.3%	577	2.5%
Unknown	65	3.0%	336	1.5%
Total	2,170	100.0%	22,639	100.0%

Basic Skills students were over 13 percentage points LESS likely to be U.S. citizens than were their Non Basic Skills counterparts (76.3% vs 89.7%).