# Santa Ana College <br> Impact of Reading Proficiency on Transfer-Level "Gateway" Course Success, Fall 2009 

## Background

To further assess the impact of students' reading proficiency on their successful completion of coursework at Santa Ana College (SAC), transcripts for Fall 2008 students for whom current CTEP reading test scores (tests taken within the prior two years) are on file were evaluated ( $n=4563$ ). In addition (based upon reading course advisements by EMLS and Reading Department faculty after course placement), transcripts for non-native English speaking students who placed into remedial EMLS coursework by the TELD were also evaluated ( $\mathrm{n}=1376$ ).

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| Reading Course Placement Levels of Transfer-Level Students, Fall 2008 |  |  |  |
| Reading Course Placement | Placement Test |  |  |
|  | CTEP | TELD | Total |
|  | $0 \%$ | $30 \%$ |  |
| N80 | $19 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| N90 | $9 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| 102 | $12 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| 100 | $60 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Total (headcount) | 4563 | 1376 | 5939 |

## Summary of Findings

$>$ Overall, higher course success rates correlate with higher level reading course advisement.
$>$ Course non-completion rates (course grades of W or I) decrease as reading course level increases.

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| Summary of Course Success in All Transfer-Level Coursework |  |  |  |  |  |
| test | Read. <br> Advise. | Fall 2008 Course Success |  | Total <br> A,B,C,CR | D,F,NC |
|  | N80 | $54 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $26 \%$ | 1995 |
|  | N90 | $56 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $24 \%$ | 1017 |
|  | 102 | $58 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $24 \%$ | 1397 |
|  | 100 | $65 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $21 \%$ | 7164 |
|  | Total | $62 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $23 \%$ | 11573 |
| TELD | N49/50 | $72 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ | 882 |
|  | N80 | $80 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ | 1885 |
|  | N90 | $82 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | 828 |
|  | Total | $78 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | 3595 |


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| Reading Proficiency by Fall 2008 Course Success in High Enrollment Gateway Transfer-Level Coursework |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subject <br> Area | TransferLevel Course | Reading Course Placement | Course Success |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | CTEP Test-Takers |  |  | TELD Test-Takers |  |  |
|  |  |  | A,B,C,CR | D,F,NC | W,I | A,B,C,CR | D,F,NC | W,I |
| accounting | 101 | N49/50 |  |  |  | 75\% |  | 25\% |
|  |  | N80 | 27\% | 36\% | 36\% | 87\% | 3\% | 11\% |
|  |  | N90 |  | 57\% | 43\% | 95\% | 5\% |  |
|  |  | 102 | 47\% | 33\% | 20\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 59\% | 15\% | 26\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 49\% | 23\% | 28\% | 83\% | 7\% | 10\% |
| biology | 109 | N49/50 |  |  |  | 69\% | 8\% | 23\% |
|  |  | N80 | 45\% | 28\% | 28\% | 83\% | 9\% | 8\% |
|  |  | N90 | 50\% | 23\% | 28\% | 93\% | 3\% | 5\% |
|  |  | 102 | 53\% | 28\% | 20\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 63\% | 16\% | 22\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 57\% | 20\% | 23\% | 83\% | 7\% | 10\% |
| computer science | 100 | N49/50 |  |  |  | 59\% | 11\% | 30\% |
|  |  | N80 | 44\% | 26\% | 30\% | 79\% | 17\% | 5\% |
|  |  | N90 | 52\% | 23\% | 26\% | 100\% |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 54\% | 23\% | 23\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 69\% | 11\% | 20\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 59\% | 17\% | 24\% | 76\% | 12\% | 12\% |
| counseling | 116 | N49/50 |  |  |  | 89\% |  | 11\% |
|  |  | N80 | 64\% | 18\% | 19\% | 93\% | 4\% | 3\% |
|  |  | N90 | 52\% | 13\% | 36\% | 95\% |  | 5\% |
|  |  | 102 | 44\% | 28\% | 28\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 58\% | 19\% | 23\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 57\% | 19\% | 24\% | 92\% | 3\% | 5\% |
| criminal justice | 101 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 47\% | 28\% | 25\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 | 57\% | 35\% | 9\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 39\% | 25\% | 36\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 55\% | 26\% | 20\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 51\% | 27\% | 22\% |  |  |  |
| earth science | 110 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 41\% | 32\% | 27\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 | 62\% |  | 39\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 53\% | 23\% | 23\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 69\% | 19\% | 11\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 59\% | 22\% | 20\% |  |  |  |
| fire techy | 101 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 69\% | 8\% | 23\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 | 88\% |  | 13\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 90\% |  | 10\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 79\% | 6\% | 16\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 79\% | 5\% | 16\% |  |  |  |
|  | 102 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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| Subject Area | Transfer- <br> Level Course | Reading Course Placement | Course Success |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | CTEP Test-Takers |  |  | TELD Test-Takers |  |  |
|  |  |  | A,B,C,CR | D,F,NC | W,I | A,B,C,CR | D,F,NC | W,I |
|  |  | N90 | 69\% | 23\% | 8\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 78\% | 11\% | 11\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 78\% |  | 22\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 80\% | 7\% | 13\% |  |  |  |
| geography | 100 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 30\% | 35\% | 35\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 | 50\% | 21\% | 29\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 65\% | 18\% | 18\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 53\% | 22\% | 26\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 50\% | 23\% | 26\% |  |  |  |
| history | 120 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 11\% | 22\% | 67\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 |  | 60\% | 40\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 50\% | 25\% | 25\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 45\% | 28\% | 27\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 41\% | 29\% | 30\% |  |  |  |
| human development | 107 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 57\% | 23\% | 20\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 | 55\% | 46\% |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 58\% | 42\% |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 61\% | 19\% | 19\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 59\% | 25\% | 16\% |  |  |  |
| interdisc. studies | 155 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 20\% | 40\% | 40\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 | 30\% | 60\% | 10\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 27\% | 73\% |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 45\% | 37\% | 18\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 37\% | 44\% | 19\% |  |  |  |
| math | 105 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 62\% | 15\% | 23\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 | 86\% | 14\% |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 80\% |  | 20\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 71\% | 7\% | 22\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | TOTAL | 72\% | 8\% | 20\% |  |  |  |
|  | 140 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 29\% | 18\% | 53\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 | 43\% | 29\% | 29\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 33\% | 11\% | 56\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 33\% | 19\% | 48\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | TOTAL | 33\% | 19\% | 48\% |  |  |  |
| music | 101 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 50\% | 23\% | 27\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 | 67\% |  | 33\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 46\% | 15\% | 39\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 60\% | 12\% | 29\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 57\% | 14\% | 30\% |  |  |  |


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|  |  |  | A,B,C,CR | D,F,NC | W,I | A,B,C,CR | D,F,NC | W,I |
| philosophy | 106 | N49/50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | N80 | 33\% | 25\% | 42\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | N90 | 20\% | 40\% | 40\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 102 | 57\% | 14\% | 29\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 63\% | 14\% | 23\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 58\% | 16\% | 26\% |  |  |  |
| political science | 101 | N49/50 |  |  |  | 68\% | 16\% | 16\% |
|  |  | N80 | 47\% | 30\% | 23\% | 81\% | 7\% | 12\% |
|  |  | N90 | 50\% | 31\% | 19\% | 79\% | 4\% | 17\% |
|  |  | 102 | 63\% | 24\% | 13\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 74\% | 15\% | 12\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 67\% | 19\% | 14\% | 78\% | 8\% | 14\% |
| psychology | 100 | N49/50 |  |  |  | 50\% | 13\% | 38\% |
|  |  | N80 | 43\% | 20\% | 37\% | 60\% | 20\% | 20\% |
|  |  | N90 | 60\% | 22\% | 19\% | 92\% |  | 8\% |
|  |  | 102 | 57\% | 11\% | 32\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 54\% | 15\% | 31\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 53\% | 16\% | 31\% | 67\% | 13\% | 20\% |
| speech comm. | 101 | N49/50 |  |  |  | 86\% |  | 14\% |
|  |  | N80 | 51\% | 28\% | 22\% | 81\% | 10\% | 10\% |
|  |  | N90 | 45\% | 35\% | 21\% | 75\% | 19\% | 6\% |
|  |  | 102 | 73\% | 27\% |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 | 73\% | 15\% | 12\% |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 64\% | 22\% | 14\% | 80\% | 11\% | 9\% |

