



## **Santiago Canyon College Do High School Subjects Graduates from the OEC Transition into College Credit Coursework?**

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Santiago Canyon College (SCC) has a large non-credit program which many consider to be an obvious pool from which we should draw students into our credit college program. Because the Orange Education Center (OEC) offers a variety of programs to serve the needs of our community, students who have completed the High School Subjects (HSS) program might be expected to transition to credit program. Have they matriculated? How many have bridged over?

The RSCCD Research Department tracked students who obtained a high school diploma to see if they indeed transitioned to the college program. This study summarizes the findings of transcript analysis of 100 HSS students who graduated from the OEC at the end of Spring 2011 to see if they made the transition, when they transitioned, what college credit coursework they are taking, and how are they performing compared to the general student body.

### **Enrollment Patterns:**

Of the 100 Spring 2011 HSS graduates from the OEC, 43% (43 of 100) matriculated to Santiago Canyon College or Santa Ana College credit programs.

- Twenty-eight graduates enrolled at SCC/SAC college programs prior to their June 2011 graduation. Many have already earned more than 12 transferrable college units.
  - Nine graduates have continuously enrolled in the college program.
  - Three graduates enrolled in the college programs prior to graduation and Fall 2011 semesters only.
  - Sixteen enrolled in the college program prior to Fall 2011, but have not returned since.
- Eleven graduates enrolled in Fall 2011 for the first time at SCC/SAC college credit programs.
  - Nine graduates have continuously enrolled in the college credit programs since Fall 2011.
  - Only two enrolled in the Fall 2011 semester and have since left.
- Four graduates enrolled in Spring 2012 for the first time at SCC/SAC college credit programs.
- Twenty-two graduates were enrolled in Spring 2012.

### **Course Performance:**

Of the 43 HSS graduates with records in the college credit program, there were 228 enrollments in a wide variety of courses and subject areas (English, math, political science, biology, exercise science, etc.).

- Graduates enrolled in 81 different courses (ranging from ACES 093 to Real Estate 102 to Earth Science 110 to Marketing 135 to Psychology 100, etc.)
- The overall success rate (grade of A, B, C, or Pass) in college coursework was 60% (137 of 228) as compared to 70% success rate for the SCC student body at large. Other characteristics include:
  - 149 transferable level (100+) enrollments with a 59% success rate
  - 79 non-transferable level (below 100) enrollments with a 62% success rate
  - 54 math enrollments (including 13 in math lab enrollments) with a success rate of 46% as compared to 56% for SCC's entire student body.
  - 37 ACE/English enrollments (including 11 enrollments in English 101) with a success rate of 70% as compared to 68% for the total student body.

This study tracked 100 students who recently graduated from the OEC's High School Subjects Program and tracked them to the college credit programs at Santiago Canyon College and Santa Ana College for a period of one year. It is recommended that study continue to compile additional matriculation rates for comparison, as well as to assess their progress as they further their studies in credit coursework.