Transfer Mission

Comprehensive community colleges have a dual mission—to provide career and technical certificates and degrees leading to employment and to provide academic preparation for students transferring to a university. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s Automated Student and Adult Learner Follow-Up System (ASALFS) tracks graduates, completers, and non-returners from an academic year for employment and/or additional education. The system generates a series of reports by which colleges can monitor the success of their graduates. One of the reports specifically addresses the community colleges’ transfer mission. This report, titled ASALFS Students Pursuing Additional Education, tracks students (graduates, completers, and non-returners) who were enrolled in a Texas public community, state or technical college during a given academic year and were enrolled in a Texas public institution the following fall.

Through this report, colleges can see the matriculation patterns of former students to universities, health science centers, and other two-year colleges. This information can be helpful for college staff in determining how to ease the transition of students from one higher education institution to another or in establishing priorities for specific articulation agreements. The report lists the specific public schools where former Temple College students transferred. This year, for the second time, Texas A&M—Central Texas took the number 1 position (120 students). Texas State University—San Marcos took the number 2 position (97 students) beating out Texas A&M in College Station by 1 student. The University of Texas at Austin took the fourth position (39) with Tarleton State University and Texas Tech (37) tying for the 5th/6th slots.

The report also indicates that many Temple College students return to Temple College for additional education after they have completed a degree or certificate. Temple College led the 2-year college list with 125 graduates returning. Rounding out the top five list of community colleges to which Temple College students transferred were Central Texas College, Austin Community College, McLennan Community College, and Blinn College.

Altogether, 1,139 former Temple College students continued their education in a public higher education institution in Texas in the Fall 2014. Of that number, 611 transferred to Texas public universities, 11 transferred to public health science institutions, and 392 transferred to community colleges excluding the 125 that returned to Temple College.

Source: texashighereddata.org (Student Follow-up)
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**Transfer Success**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board tracks the graduation rate of 2-year college transfer students. The report, which is available by institution, follows the transfer student four years after they transfer to the university. The graduation rate is based on whether the transfer student graduated within the four years at the same or another public university in the state of Texas. The chart below shows the graduation rate for Temple College transfers with a comparison to the statewide average for community colleges and the 6-year graduation rate of students who began their higher education careers at a Texas public university.

Source: texashighereddata.org (Transfer Success, University Accountability)