What Works in Student Retention?

Fourth National Survey

Four-Year Colleges & Universities with Twenty Percent or More Hispanic Students Enrolled

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ACT's What Works in Student Retention 2010 Study

Four-Year Colleges and Universities with Twenty Percent or More Hispanic Students Enrolled

This report presents the findings for colleges and universities with twenty percent or more Hispanic students enrolled that participated in ACT's 2010 *What Works in Student Retention* survey. The report contains information pertinent to only these institutions. For more information concerning the history of ACT's involvement in retention research; various aspects of the study's methodology (e.g., database, administration, etc.); response rates by type of institution; findings for background information; and retention and degree-completion rates for other types of institutions, the reader is directed to the *Report for All Colleges and Universities*. In that report, the reader will find data for community colleges, private four-year colleges and universities, public four-year colleges/universities, and colleges/universities with ≥ 20 Black students enrolled. More in-depth information can be found for each of these types of institutions in their respective executive summaries.

A copy of the survey instrument to which all colleges and universities in this study responded can be found in Appendix B of this report. The survey was mailed to the Chief Academic Affairs Officers at a total of 3,360 colleges and universities. A total of 1,104 responses were received of which 33 were four-year colleges or universities with Hispanic enrollments \geq 20%. Findings for these schools are presented in this report.

Section I: Background Information

In sections I and II of this report, the full base of respondents and computed percentages were based on the number of individuals responding to each item unless otherwise noted with the inclusion of the word "blank," in which case blanks were included in the total number of respondents for the item.

- Seventy-nine percent of all four-year colleges or universities with ≥ 20% Hispanic student
 enrollment indicated a person on their campus was responsible for the coordination of retention
 programs, while 21% indicated there was no person responsible for such coordination. The
 position titles for these individuals varied widely. From among the 13 positions listed,
 Assistant/Associate Provost/ Chief Academic Affairs Officer/Dean, and Chief Enrollment Officer
 were most frequently selected by 12% each.
- Forty-nine percent of the colleges offered at least some undergraduate credit hours through online instruction. Of the total group offering online instruction, 19% offered 15% or more of their total undergraduate hours online.
- From among the three transfer enhancement programs, the largest percentage of all schools participated in articulation agreements with selected colleges (64%). Over one-third of the schools also participated in a common course numbering system statewide (36%) and in a course applicability system with a selected group or consortium of colleges (39%).

Q1. Is there a person on your campus who is responsible for the coordination of retention programs?

yes	78.8%
no	21.2%
no response	0.0%

Q2. What title most closely approximates that of the individual?

Asst/Assoc Provost	12.1%
Chief Acad Aff Off/Dean	12.1%
Chief Enrollment Officer	12.1%

Q3. Approximately what percentage of your undergraduate credit hours is offered through online instruction?

0%	18.0%
1% - 5%	27.3%
6% - 14%	12.1%
15% - 29%	0.0%
30% - 100%	9.1%
don't know/	
unavailable/	
blank	33.3%

Q4. Check all* of the transfer enhancement programs below in which your institution participates.

A. Common course numbering system...

with selected colleges	15.2%
with a selected group or	
consortium of colleges	6.1%
system-wide	12.1%
statewide	36.4%
none of the above	36.4%
* Multiple responses are possible.	
Percentages do not sum to 100%.	

B. Articulation agreements...

with selected colleges	63.6%
with selected group or	
consortium of colleges	39.4%
system-wide	24.2%
statewide	15.2%
none of the above	3.0%
*Multiple responses possible.	
Percentages do not sum to 100%.	

C. Course applicability system...

with selected group or	
consortium of colleges	39.4%
system-wide	18.2%
statewide	21.2%
multi-state system	6.1%
none of the above	21.2%
*Multiple responses possible.	
Percentages do not sum to 100%.	

Section II: Retention and Degree-Completion Rates

In sections I and II of this report, the full base of respondents and computed percentages were based on the number of individuals responding to each item unless otherwise noted with the inclusion of the word "blank," in which case blanks were included in the total number of respondents for the item.

- The median and mean first-year to second-year retention rate reported by four-year schools with ≥ 20% Hispanic enrollment was 75% and 71%, respectively. About one-fourth (27%) of the schools reported not having a specific first-year to second-year retention rate goal, while 61% reported they did. The median retention rate goal for the group was 88%. The largest percentage reported the timeframe for achieving their goal as being two years (21%). Fifteen percent reported having no specific timeframe.
- The median degree completion rate reported by these schools was 44%, and the mean was 48%.
 Forty-six percent reported not having a specific degree-completion goal. The median degree-completion rate goal was 50%, and the mean was 52%. The largest percentage of respondents having a degree completion goal reported a five-year timeframe (12%).

Q1. What is your institution's current first-year to second-year retention rate for first-time, full-time students)?

N	31
Mean	71.6
25 th percentile	63.0
Median	75.0
75 th percentile	81.0

don't know/unavailable/ blank

N 1 3.0

Q2. Does your institution have a specific goal for its first-year to second-year retention rate?

a. no	27.3%	
b. don't know/unavailal	ble/	
blank	3.0%	
c. yes	60.6%	
If yes: The goal for the student retention rate (% of		
students who will be retained – <u>not</u> percent increase) and		
the schedule for achieving that goal are:		

d. Retention rate goal

N	21
Mean	78.0
25 th percentile	74.0
Median	80.0
75 th percentile	82.0

e. Timeframe for achieving that goal

no specific timeframe	15.2%
one year	0.0%
two years	21.2%
three years	12.1%
four years	3.0%
five years	12.1%
more than five years	0.0%
no response	36.4%

Q3. Assuming a six-year timeframe for four-year institutions, what is your institution's current student degree-completion rate?

N	25
Mean	48.2
25 th percentile	37.0
Median	44.1
75 th percentile	61.0

don't know/unavailable/ blank

N 7 % 21.2

Q4. Does your institution have a specific goal for its student degree-completion rate (six-year graduation timeframe for four-year institutions)?

a. no	45.5%
b. don't know/unavailable	
blank	21.2%

c. yes 33.3%

If yes: The goal for the student degree-completion (% of students who will be retained – <u>not</u> percent increase) and the schedule for achieving that goal are:

d. Degree-completion goal

N	10
Mean	52.0
25 th percentile	38.0
Median	50.0
75 th percentile	68 0

e. Timeframe for achieving that goal

no specific timeframe	9.1%
one year	0.0%
two years	3.0%
three years	6.1%
four years	6.1%
five years	12.1%
more than five years	0.0%
no response	63.6%

Section III: Factors Affecting Student Attrition at Your School

Section III contained a list of 42 student and institutional characteristics or factors that can affect student attrition. Respondents were asked to rate the degree to which these factors affected attrition at their school on a five-point scale where 5=major effect, 3=moderate effect, and 1=little or no effect. All 42 items are listed, in numeric order, along with means for each in Appendix A, Table A1 following this report. Observation of the mean distribution was used to determine where reporting breaks were to be made.

Tables I and II contain the attrition factors with the highest and lowest means, respectively, for colleges with a Hispanic student enrollment ≥ 20%.

Table I: Attrition Factors with Highest Means (≥ 20% Hispanic four-year)

Item #	Item	Mean
20	adequacy of personal financial resources	4.19
2	level of student preparation for college-level work	4.03
10	amount of financial aid available to students	4.00
31	student study skills	3.81
9	student low socio-economic status	3.75
27	level of job demands on students	3.63

Table II: Attrition Factors with Lowest Means ((≥ 20% Hispanic four-year)

Item #	Item	Mean
40	distance from students' permanent homes	2.55
16	extracurricular programs	2.44
39	cultural activities	2.38
25	residence hall facilities	2.31
26	programs to support students' transition to residence hall living	2.13
35	rules and regulations governing student behavior	2.10
22	student physical health issues	1.97
37	campus safety and security	1.94

Section IV: On-Campus Retention Practices

A list of 94 programs, services, curricular offerings, and interventions, each of which may make a contribution to student retention, was presented in Section IV. For this report, these will be referred to as "practices." Observation of the mean distribution was used to determine where reporting breaks were to be made. The incidence rate is the percent of campuses offering or providing a given practice.

Respondents were first asked to indicate if the practice was offered at their college. If the practice was offered, they were asked to then indicate the degree of contribution the practice made to retention on their campus using a five-point scale where 5=major contribution, 3=moderate contribution, and 1=little or no contribution. All 94 items are listed, in numeric order, along with incidence rates and means for each in Appendix A, Table A2.

Tables III and IV contain results on the institution practices with the highest and lowest incidence rates reported by respondents for those schools with a Hispanic enrollment ≥ 20%.

Table III: Practices with the Highest Incidence Rates ((≥ 20% Hispanic four-year)

Item #	Item	Incidence Rates
34	internships	97%
48	tutoring	94%
64	faculty use of technology in teaching	94%
11	advising interventions with selected student populations	88%
24	mandated placement of students in courses based on test scores	88%

65	faculty use of technology in communicating with students	85%
36	individual career counseling	85%
85	college-sponsored social activities	85%
33	career exploration workshops or courses	85%
45	writing center/lab	82%
41	remedial/developmental coursework (required)	82%
49	study skills course, program, or center	82%
63	assessing student performance	82%
57	library orientation, workshop, and/or course	82%
87	student leadership development	79%
69	pre-enrollment financial aid advising	79%
92	residence hall programs	79%
14	academic advising center	76%
10	training for non-faculty academic advisors	76%
1	summer orientation	76%
26	diagnostic academic skills assessment	76%

Table IV: Practices with Lowest Incidence Rates ((≥ 20% Hispanic four-year)

		Incidence
Item #	Item	Rates
3	extended freshman orientation (credit)	18%
23	campus-wide assessment/audit of advising	18%
84	freshman interest groups (FIGS)	18%
82	programs for other student sub-populations	9%
83	degree guarantee program	9%
61	community member mentoring	6%

Listed in Tables V and VI are the retention practices with the highest and lowest means.

Table V: Practices with Highest Means (≥ 20% Hispanic four-year)

Item #	Item	Mean
46	reading center/lab	4.25
7	learning communities (non-residential)	4.09
76	programs for first-generation students	4.09
3	extended freshman orientation (credit)	4.00
23	campus-wide assessment/audit of advising	4.00
94	required on-campus housing for freshmen	4.00
14	academic advising center	3.96
50	early warning system	3.86
43	comprehensive learning assistance center/lab	3.86
11	advising interventions with selected student populations	3.82
71	short-term loans	3.80

Table VI: Practices with Lowest Means (≥ 20% Hispanic four-year)

Item #	Item	Mean
2	extended freshman orientation (non-credit)	2.75
57	library orientation, workshop, and/or course	2.73
86	diversity information/training	2.62
27	outcomes assessment	2.60
70	workshops in money management	2.58
31	vocational aptitude assessment	2.57
32	personality assessment	2.50

Tables VII-IX contain the combination of practices that were highly rated by colleges with \geq 20% enrolled Black students with the incidence rates of those practices. Table VII contains the percentages of those colleges that reported highly rated practices with incidence rates \geq 76%. Table VIII contains the percentage of colleges/universities reporting highly rated practices with incidence rates between 33% and 67%. Table IX contains the percentage of institutions reporting practices with incidence rates between 18% and 24%.

Table VII: Highly Rated Practices with High Incidence Rates (≥ 20% Hispanic four-year)

	Item	Incidence	
Item #		Rate	Mean
14	academic advising center	76%	3.96
11	advising interventions with selected student populations	88%	3.86

Table VIII: Highly Rated Practices with Moderate Incidence Rates (≥ 20% Hispanic four-year)

Item #	Item	Incidence Rate	Mean
76	programs for first-generation students	39%	4.09
7	learning communities (non-residential)	33%	4.09
94	required on-campus housing for freshmen	33%	4.00
50	early warning system	67%	3.86
43	comprehensive learning assistance center/lab	67%	3.86
71	short-term loans	64%	3.80

Table IX: Highly Rated Practices with Low Incidence Rates (≥ 20% Hispanic four-year)

	lte ve	Incidence	Maan
Item #	Item	Rate	Mean
46	reading center/lab	24%	4.25
3	extended freshman orientation (credit)	18%	4.00
23	campus-wide assessment/audit of advising	18%	4.00

Section V: Top Three Retention Practices

In Section V, colleges were asked to review the pool of 94 practices presented in Section IV and identify the three that made the greatest contribution to retention on their campus. Only nine practices were chosen by 0% or more of the institutions as among the top three; those nine practices are shown in Table X. Forty-one practices were chosen between 1% and 9% of the Hispanic institutions, and 42 practices were not chosen by any Hispanic institution.

Table X: Three Practices Making the Greatest Contribution to Retention (≥ 20% Hispanic four-yr)

Item #	Item	Percent in Top Three
5	freshman seminar/university 101 (credit)	26%
50	early warning system	22%
14	academic advising center	19%
39	supplemental instruction	19%
11	advising interventions with selected student populations	15%
24	mandated placement of students in courses based on test scores	11%
43	comprehensive learning assistance center/lab	11%
59	faculty mentoring	11%
7	learning communities (non-residential)	11%

Appendix A

Data for Four-Year Colleges/Universities with ≥ 20% Hispanic Student Enrollment

- Table A1: Means for All Attrition Factors; All Items in Item Number Order
- Table A2: Contribution Means and Percentages Using for all Programs, Services, Curricular Offerings, and Interventions; All Items in Item Number Order
- Table A3: Programs, Services, Curricular Offerings, and Interventions; Top Three Selected by Fewer than Ten Percent of Colleges; Listed by Percentage from Highest to Lowest

Table A1

Means for All Attrition Factors

All Items in Item Number Order Four-Year Colleges/Universities with ≥ 20% Hispanic Student Enrollment

Item #	Item	Mean
1	student employment opportunities	3.06
2	level of student preparation for college-level work	4.03
3	relevancy of curricula	2.77
4	student access to needed courses in the appropriate sequence	2.91
5	student first-generation status	3.38
6	accuracy of information provided by academic advisors	3.16
7	availability of academic advisors	3.19
8	level of academic advisors' concern for students	2.97
9	student low socio-economic status	3.75
10	amount of financial aid available to students	4.00
11	student access to financial aid advising and information	3.19
12	ratio of loans to other forms of financial aid	3.19
13	level of student commitment to earning a degree	3.35
14	student-institution "fit"	3.06
15	level of certainty about career goals	3.16
16	extracurricular programs	2.44
17	student educational aspirations and goals	3.13
18	commuting/living off-campus	2.84
19	level of certainty about educational major	2.84
20	adequacy of personal financial resources	4.19
21	level of student motivation to succeed	3.42
22	student physical health issues	1.97
23	adequate academic/learning support services	3.22
24	level of emotional support from family, friends, and significant others	3.39
25	residence hall facilities	2.31
26	programs to support students' transition to residence hall living	2.13
27	level of job demands on students	3.63
28	quality of interaction between faculty and students	3.47
29	consistency of instructional quality	3.19
30	out-of-class interaction between students and faculty	2.78
31	student study skills	3.81
32	student engagement opportunities in the classroom (active learning)	3.00
33	quality of interaction between staff and students	2.84
34	student mental and emotional health issues	2.68
35	rules and regulations governing student behavior	2.10
36	student family responsibilities	3.44
37	campus safety and security	1.94
38	student peer group interaction	2.66
39	cultural activities	2.38
40	distance from students' permanent homes	2.55
41	level of intellectual stimulation or challenge for students	2.94
42	student personal coping skills	3.29

Table A2

Programs, Services, Curricular Offerings, Interventions Percent Using and Contribution Mean

All Items in Item Number Order Four-Year Colleges/Universities with ≥ 20% Hispanic Student Enrollment

		Incidence	
Item #	Item	Rate	Mean
1	summer orientation	76%	3.42
2	extended freshman orientation (non-credit)	30%	2.75
3	extended freshman orientation (credit)	18%	4.00
4	freshman seminar/university 101 (non-credit)	24%	2.86
5	freshman seminar/university 101 (credit)	73%	3.61
6	living/learning communities (residential)	48%	3.27
7	learning communities (non-residential)	33%	4.09
8	parent/family orientation	70%	3.25
9	training for faculty academic advisors	70%	3.59
10	training for non-faculty academic advisors	76%	3.63
11	advising interventions with selected student populations	88%	3.82
12	increased number of academic advisors	58%	3.74
13	integration of advising with first-year transition programs	52%	3.71
14	academic advising center	76%	3.96
15	center(s) that integrates academic advising with career/life planning	30%	3.00
16	assessment of faculty academic advisors	27%	3.00
17	assessment of non-faculty academic advisors	52%	3.19
18	application of technology to advising	73%	2.83
19	recognition/rewards for faculty academic advisors	33%	2.80
20	recognition/rewards for non-faculty academic advisors	33%	2.91
21	specified student learning outcomes (syllabus) for advising	27%	2.89
22	online advising system	30%	3.70
23	campus-wide assessment/audit of advising	18%	4.00
24	mandated placement of students in courses based on test scores	88%	3.57
	recommended placement of students in courses based on test	48%	3.33
25	scores		
26	diagnostic academic skills assessment	76%	3.36
27	outcomes assessment	70%	2.60
28	learning styles assessment	45%	2.85
29	values assessment	27%	3.00
30	interest assessment	45%	2.85
31	vocational aptitude assessment	24%	2.57
32	personality assessment	33%	2.50
33	career exploration workshops or courses	85%	2.81
34	internships	97%	3.61
35	cooperative education	33%	3.27
36	individual career counseling	85%	3.35
37	computer-assisted career guidance	70%	3.00

Item #	Item	Incidence Rate	Mean
38	job shadowing	27%	3.33
39	supplemental instruction	70%	3.78
40	summer bridge program	61%	3.67
41	remedial/developmental coursework (required)	82%	3.65
42	remedial/developmental coursework (recommended)	33%	3.55
43	comprehensive learning assistance center/lab	67%	3.86
44	mathematics center/lab	64%	3.68
45	writing center/lab	82%	3.70
46	reading center/lab	24%	4.25
47	foreign language center/lab	33%	3.75
48	tutoring	94%	3.77
49	study skills course, program, or center	82%	3.35
50	early warning system	67%	3.86
51	mid-term progress reports	52%	3.56
52	performance contracts for students in academic difficulty	61%	3.53
53	organized student study groups	33%	3.55
54	service learning program	67%	2.95
55	ESL program	52%	2.88
56	online learning support	61%	2.95
57	library orientation, workshop, and/or course	82%	2.73
58	peer mentoring	73%	3.30
59	faculty mentoring	55%	3.71
60	staff mentoring	33%	3.17
61	community member mentoring	6%	3.00
62	instructional (teaching) techniques	73%	3.32
63	assessing student performance	82%	3.32
64	faculty use of technology in teaching	94%	3.21
65	faculty use of technology in communicating with students	85%	3.52
66	writing across the curriculum	64%	3.29
67	interdisciplinary courses	73%	3.22
68	enhanced/modified faculty reward system	36%	2.92
69	pre-enrollment financial aid advising	79%	3.43
70	workshops in money management	39%	2.58
71	short-term loans	64%	3.80
72	programs for adult students	36%	3.64
73	programs for commuter students	42%	3.00
74	programs for ESL students	42%	3.00
75	programs for female students	30%	3.44
76	programs for first-generation students	39%	4.09
77	programs for gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender students	45%	3.07
78	programs for honor students	61%	3.47
79	programs for international students	67%	3.68
80	programs for racial/ethnic minority students	55%	3.71
81	programs for veterans	36%	3.25
82	programs for other student sub-populations	9%	3.50
83	degree guarantee program	9%	3.33
84	freshman interest groups (FIGS)	18%	2.83
85	college-sponsored social activities	85%	2.96

		Incidence	
Item #	Item	Rate	Mean
86	diversity information/training	67%	2.62
87	student leadership development	79%	3.64
88	time management course/program	67%	3.05
89	health and wellness course/program	58%	2.88
90	personal coping skills course/program	48%	2.86
91	motivation and goal setting workshop/program	45%	3.00
92	residence hall programs	79%	3.00
93	fraternities/sororities	55%	3.00
94	required on-campus housing for freshmen	33%	4.00

Table A3

Programs, Services, Curricular Offerings, and Interventions Top Three Selected by Fewer than Ten Percent of Colleges

Listed by Percentage from Highest to Lowest Four-Year Colleges/Universities with ≥ 20% Hispanic Student Enrollment

		% Selecting as One of Top Three
Item #	Item	Practices
1	summer orientation	7%
9	training for faculty academic advisors	7%
13	integration of advising with first-year transition programs	7%
41	remedial/developmental coursework (required)	7%
44	mathematics center/lab	7%
48	tutoring	7%
58	peer mentoring	7%
62	instructional (teaching) techniques	7%
67	interdisciplinary courses	7%
69	pre-enrollment financial aid advising	7%
94	required on-campus housing for freshmen	7%
3	extended freshman orientation (credit)	4%
8	parent/family orientation	4%
10	training for non-faculty academic advisors	4%
12	increased number of academic advisors	4%
18	application of technology to advising	4%
21	specified student learning outcomes (syllabus) for advising	4%
25	recommended placement of students in courses based on test scores	4%
34	internships	4%
40	summer bridge program	4%
42	remedial/developmental coursework (recommended)	4%
49	study skills course, program, or center	4%
52	performance contracts for students in academic difficulty	4%
53	organized student study groups	4%
56	online learning support	4%
63	assessing student performance	4%
64	faculty use of technology in teaching	4%
65	faculty use of technology in communicating with students	4%
73	programs for commuter students	4%
2	extended freshman orientation (non-credit)	0%
4	freshman seminar/university 101 (non-credit)	0%
6	living/learning communities (residential)	0%
15	center(s) that integrates academic advising with career/life planning	0%
16	assessment of faculty academic advisors	0%
17	assessment of non-faculty academic advisors	0%
19	recognition/rewards for faculty academic advisors	0%
20	recognition/rewards for non-faculty academic advisors	0%
22	online advising system	0%
23	campus-wide assessment/audit of advising	0%
26	diagnostic academic skills assessment	0%

		% Selecting as One of Top Three
Item #	Item	Practices
27	outcomes assessment	0%
28	learning styles assessment	0%
29	values assessment	0%
30	interest assessment	0%
31	vocational aptitude assessment	0%
32	personality assessment	0%
33	career exploration workshops or courses	0%
35	cooperative education	0%
36	individual career counseling	0%
37	computer-assisted career guidance	0%
38	job shadowing	0%
45	writing center/lab	0%
46	reading center/lab	0%
47	foreign language center/lab	0%
51	mid-term progress reports	0%
54	service learning program	0%
55	ESL program	0%
57	library orientation, workshop, and/or course	0%
60	staff mentoring	0%
61	community member mentoring	0%
66	writing across the curriculum	0%
68	enhanced/modified faculty reward system	0%
70	, ,	
	workshops in money management	0%
71	short-term loans	0%
72	programs for adult students	0%
74	programs for ESL students	0%
75	programs for female students	0%
76	programs for first-generation students	0%
77	programs for gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender students	0%
78 79	programs for honor students	0%
80	programs for international students	0% 0%
81	programs for racial/ethnic minority students programs for veterans	0%
82	programs for other student sub-populations	0%
83	degree guarantee program	0%
84	freshman interest groups (FIGS)	0%
85	college-sponsored social activities	0%
86	diversity information/training	0%
87	student leadership development	0%
88	time management course/program	0%
89	health and wellness course/program	0%
90	personal coping skills course/program	0%
91	motivation and goal setting workshop/program	0%
92	residence hall programs	0%
93	fraternities/sororities	0%

Appendix B

What Works in Student Retention

Instrument

What Works in Student Retention?

Fourth National Survey

This study reiterates ACT's on-going commitment to help colleges and universities better understand the impact of campus practices on college student retention and persistence to degree attainment. Throughout the last three decades, ACT has conducted a number of research studies relevant to college student success. Postsecondary educators use the results from these research efforts to enhance the quality of programs leading to student success. These projects include, among others, the following.

- Three National Surveys on Retention: What Works in Student Retention?
- Six National Surveys on Academic Advising Practices
- Annual Report on National Retention and Persistence to Degree Rates

Your participation in this effort, the 4th National Survey on Retention, will make a significant contribution to a better understanding of retention practices.

Directions: Please complete each set of items on this survey, and then return your completed survey in the envelope provided or mail it to: ACT, Inc.; Survey Research Services 47; PO Box 168; Iowa City, IA 52243.



SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.	Is there a person on your car coordination of retention pro	npus who is responsible for the grams?	4.		ck all of the transfer-enh h your institution partici		programs below in
2.	(Check only one.)	No (Skip to Question 3.) oximates that of the individual?		A.	Common course numb With selected colle With selected group System-wide Statewide	ge(s)	
	☐ Chief Executive/President ☐ Provost	 ☐ Chief Enrollment Management Officer ☐ Associate/Assistant Enrollment Management Officer 		В.	☐ None of the above Articulation agreement	ts	
	 ☐ Associate/Assistant Provost ☐ Chief Academic Affairs Officer/Campus Dean ☐ Associate/Assistant Academic Affairs Officer 	☐ Director ☐ Associate/Assistant Director ☐ Coordinator			☐ With selected colle ☐ With selected group ☐ System-wide ☐ Statewide ☐ None of the above	ge(s)	ium of colleges
	☐ Chief Student Affairs Officer☐ Associate/Assistant Student Affairs Officer	☐ Specialist		C.	A course applicability s students on the applica institutions) With selected group	ability of cre	dits earned at other
3.	Approximately what percent hours is offered through onli	age of your undergraduate credit ne instruction?			☐ System-wide ☐ Statewide ☐ Multi-state		
	%	☐ Don't know/Unavailable	550		\square None of the above		
	SEC	FION II: RETENTION AND	DEG	REE	-COMPLETION R	RATES	
1.	retention rate (for first-time		3.	3-ye	uming a 6-year timefram ar timeframe for two-yea tution's <i>current</i> student	ar institution	s, what is your
2.	% (percent retained Does your institution have a second-year retention rate.	specific goal for its first-year to			% (degree-complet	ion rate)	Don't know/unavailable
	percent inc	Don't know/Unavailable (Skip to Question 3.) r the student retention rate ints who will be retained – not rease) and the schedule for nat goal are:	4.	degi four- year	s your institution have a ree-completion rate (6-year institutions or 3-ye institutions)?	year gradua	ation timeframe for on timeframe for two
	a% (percentb. Timeframe for achie\sum No specific timef			□ Y	not percent	tudents who	(Skip to Section III.) degree completion complete degrees – d the schedule for
	☐ One year ☐ Two years ☐ Three years ☐ Four years	☐ More than five years			a% (degree	ee-completion	
	□ Foul years				☐ No specific timef ☐ One year ☐ Two years ☐ Three years ☐ Four years	rame	☐ Five years ☐ More than five years

SECTION III: FACTORS AFFECTING STUDENT ATTRITION AT YOUR SCHOOL

This section contains a list of student and institutional characteristics or factors that can affect attrition.

To what degree does each factor affect attrition at your school?

Major Effect on a	attrition at your school	Major Effect on attrition at your school						
Moderate	e Effect on attrition at your school	Moderate Effect on attrition at your school						
	Little or No Effect on attrition at your school	Little or No Effect on attrition at your school						
5 4 3 2 1	Factors	5 4 3 2 1 Factors						
	student employment opportunities level of student preparation for college- level work	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 22. student physical health issues 23. adequate academic/learning support services						
	3. relevancy of curricula	24. level of emotional support from family, friends, and significant others						
4	 student access to needed courses in the appropriate sequence 	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 25. residence hall facilities						
	5. student first-generation status	□ □ □ □ □ 26. programs to support students' transition to residence hall living						
	 accuracy of information provided by academic advisors 	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 27. level of job demands on students						
	7. availability of academic advisors	□ □ □ □ □ 28. quality of interaction between faculty and students						
	level of academic advisors' concern for students	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 29. consistency of instructional quality						
	student low socio-economic status	□ □ □ □ □ 30. out-of-class interaction between students and faculty						
	amount of financial aid available to students	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 31. student study skills						
	student access to financial aid advising and information	□ □ □ □ □ 32. student engagement opportunities in the classroom (active learning)						
	ratio of loans to other forms of financial aid	□ □ □ □ □ 33. quality of interaction between staff and students						
	level of student commitment to earning a degree	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 34. student mental or emotional health issues						
1	4. student-institution "fit"	□ □ □ □ □ 35. rules and regulations governing student behavior						
	5. level of certainty about career goals	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 36. student family responsibilities						
1	6. extracurricular programs	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 37. campus safety and security						
	7. student educational aspirations and goals	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 38. student peer group interaction						
	8. commuting/living off-campus	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 39. cultural activities						
	9. level of certainty about educational major	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 40. distance from students' permanent homes						
	20. adequacy of personal financial resources	□ □ □ □ □ 41. level of intellectual stimulation or challenge for students						
	1. level of student motivation to succeed	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 42. student personal coping skills						

SECTION IV: ON-CAMPUS RETENTION PRACTICES

Listed below is a series of programs, services, curricular offerings, and interventions that may make a contribution to retention on your campus. First indicate if the practice is or is not offered at your school.

Then, if a practice is offered, indicate the degree to which you think it contributes to retention at your school.

			d at Your tution?	Major Contribution to retention			ibution to retention		
		<u>No</u>	Yes				Г	Mode	erate Contribution to retention
Progra	ms, Services, Curricular Offerings, Interventions	_	(Then, what degree of contribution to campus retention?)		+ 5	4	V 3	2	Little or no Contribution to retention
First-Y	ear Transition					•	-		
1.	summer orientation			\rightarrow					
2.	extended freshman orientation (non-credit)			\rightarrow					
3.	extended freshman orientation (credit)			\rightarrow					
4.	freshman seminar/university 101 (non-credit)			\rightarrow					
5.	freshman seminar/university 101 (credit)			\rightarrow					
6.	living/learning communities (residential)			\rightarrow					
7.	learning communities (non-residential)			\rightarrow					
8.	parent/family orientation			\rightarrow					
Acade	mic Advising								
9.	training for faculty academic advisors			\rightarrow					
10.	training for non-faculty academic advisors			\rightarrow					
11.	populations			\rightarrow					
12.	increased number of academic advisors			\rightarrow					
13.	integration of advising with first-year transition programs			\rightarrow					
14.	academic advising center			\rightarrow					
15.	-			\rightarrow					
16.	assessment of faculty academic advisors			\rightarrow					
17.	assessment of non-faculty academic advisors			\rightarrow					
18.	application of technology to advising			\rightarrow					
19.	recognition/rewards for faculty academic advisors			\rightarrow					
	recognition/rewards for non-faculty academic advisors			\rightarrow					
21.	specified student learning outcomes (syllabus) for advising			\rightarrow					
22.	online advising system			\rightarrow					
23.	campus-wide assessment/audit of advising			\rightarrow					
	sment								
	mandated placement of students in courses based on test scores			\rightarrow					
25.	on test scores			\rightarrow					
26.	<u> </u>			\rightarrow					
27.	outcomes assessment			\rightarrow		Ц	Ц	Ш	
28.	learning styles assessment			\rightarrow				Ц	
29.	values assessment			\rightarrow					
30.	interest assessment			\rightarrow					
31.	vocational aptitude assessment			\rightarrow					
32.	personality assessment			\rightarrow					

			d at Your tution?		Major Contribution to retention				
		<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>				Г	Mode	erate Contribution to retention
			(Then, what						Little or no Contribution to retention
			degree of contribution						to retention
Progra	ms, Services, Curricular Offerings, Interventions		to campus retention?)		↓ 5	4	∀ 3	2	♦
Caree	r Planning and Placement				3	4	3		
33.	career exploration workshops or courses			\rightarrow					
34.	internships			\rightarrow					
35.	cooperative education			\rightarrow					
36.	individual career counseling			\rightarrow					
37.	computer-assisted career guidance			\rightarrow					
38.	job shadowing			\rightarrow					
Learni	ng Assistance/Academic Support								
39.	supplemental instruction			\rightarrow					
40.	summer bridge program			\rightarrow					
41.	remedial/developmental coursework (required)			\rightarrow					
42.	remedial/developmental coursework (recommended)			\rightarrow					
43.	comprehensive learning assistance center/lab			\rightarrow					
44.	mathematics center/lab			\rightarrow					
45.	writing center/lab			\rightarrow					
46.	reading center/lab	П		\rightarrow	П	П	П	П	П
47.	foreign language center/lab	П		\rightarrow				П	П
48.	tutoring			\rightarrow	П				
49.	study skills course, program, or center								
50.	early warning system								
			_						
51.	mid-term progress reports	Ш		\rightarrow	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш	
52.	performance contracts for students in academic difficulty			\rightarrow					
53.	organized student study groups			\rightarrow					
54.	service learning program			\rightarrow					
55.	ESL program			\rightarrow					Ц
56.	online learning support			\rightarrow	Ц		Ц	Ц	
57.		Ш		\rightarrow	Ц	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш
Mento	peer mentoring				П	П	П	П	П
	faculty mentoring			\rightarrow					
60.	staff mentoring			\rightarrow					
61.	•			\rightarrow				П	
	y Development								
62.				\rightarrow					
63.	assessing student performance			\rightarrow					
64.	faculty use of technology in teaching			\rightarrow					
65.	faculty use of technology in communicating with students			\rightarrow					
66.	writing across the curriculum			\rightarrow					
67.	interdisciplinary courses			\rightarrow					
68.	enhanced/modified faculty reward system			\rightarrow					

		Offered at Your Institution?			Г	Major Contribution to retention			
			Yes			Mode			erate Contribution to retention
Progra	ms, Services, Curricular Offerings, Interventions	<u>No</u>	(Then, what degree of contribution to campus retention?)		V 5	4	V 3	2	TLittle or no Contribution to retention
	cial Aid				_	_			
	pre-enrollment financial aid advising			\rightarrow	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш	
	workshops in money management			\rightarrow		Ц	Ц	Ц	
	short-term loans		Ш	\rightarrow	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш	
	rricular Services/Programs for Specific Student opulations								
-	adult students			\rightarrow					
73.	commuter students			\rightarrow					
74.	ESL students			\rightarrow					
75.	female students			\rightarrow					
76.	first-generation students			\rightarrow					
77.	gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender students			\rightarrow					
78.	honor students			\rightarrow					
79.	international students			\rightarrow					
80.	racial/ethnic minority students			\rightarrow					
81.	veterans			\rightarrow					
82.	other (Specify.)								
Other Activities/Programs									
83.	degree guarantee program			\rightarrow					
84.	freshman interest groups (FIGS)			\rightarrow					
85.	college-sponsored social activities			\rightarrow					
86.	diversity information/training			\rightarrow					
87.	student leadership development			\rightarrow					
88.	time management course/program			\rightarrow					
89.	health and wellness course/program			\rightarrow					
90.	personal coping skills course/program			\rightarrow					
91.	motivation and goal setting workshop/program			\longrightarrow					
92.	residence hall programs			\rightarrow					
93.	fraternities/sororities			\rightarrow					
	required on-campus housing for freshmen			\rightarrow					
Other Programs, Services, Curricular Offerings, Interventions that contribute to retention at your school (Please specify.)									
95.		→							
96.									

From the 96 items in Section 3), write the item number items among the 96 that has impact on retention at your litem #	and text for the 1 to 3 ave the greatest positive	We will prepare a report containing the results of this survey. Would you agree to a brief follow-up survey or phone call should we identify your retention program for inclusion? Yes No						
		If yes, please provide the following information.						
		Name						
Item #	Text	Job Title						
		Mailing Address						
Item #	Text							
		Phone						
		Email						

SECTION VI

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SECTION VII: COMMENTS

If you would like to share information or comments that would enlighten our understanding of retention problems and/or solutions at your school, please write them in the space below.

Thank you!

