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Report on Transfers from Community Colleges at Virginia Public Institutions



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This report provides information regarding students from the Virginia Community College System who transferred to a Virginia public four-year institution of higher education from 2004-05 to 2008-09. The report indicates the number of students who transfer each year, and then breaks them down according to whether they graduated from the four-year institution in two, three, or four years, or whether they had not yet graduated after four years. The number of VCCS transfer students admitted to each higher education institution is not included because the State Council of Higher Education does not require the reporting of this information.

The data tables included in this report provide information about VCCS students transferring to four-year institutions with, and without, the associate degree in the fall terms of 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008. The 2008-09 cohort is the last reported because it is the last cohort to have the full range of four years to graduate (2011-12). The tables also provide numbers of students who did not complete the baccalaureate degree within four years after transfer under the designation “*still enrolled/DNG (did not graduate)*.” These students are not included in the data as of the fifth year after transferring.

The following three tables of information included in this report support the following observations:

***Table 1: Enrollment and Time to Baccalaureate Degree
VCCS Transfers with Associate Degrees, Baccalaureate Credit
2004-05—2008-09***

- The information in Table 1 indicates that from 2004-05 to 2008-09, the number of VCCS transfers with earned baccalaureate credit (transfer) associate degrees enrolling in baccalaureate degree programs increased from 1,198 to 1,678, or 40%.
- Of the total number (7,188) of VCCS transfers with the earned transfer associate degree, 70% (5,060) completed the baccalaureate degree within 2, 3, or 4 years.
- More transfer students completed the baccalaureate degree within 3 years (2,425) than within the timeframes of either 2 (1,620) or 4 years (1,015).

***Table 2: Enrollment and Time to Baccalaureate Degree
VCCS Transfers with Associate Degrees, Occ./Tech Credit
2004-05—2008-09***

- The information in Table 2 indicates that from 2004-05 to 2008-09 the number of VCCS transfer students with earned occupational-technical (applied) associate degrees enrolling in baccalaureate degree programs decreased from 204 to 183, or 10%.

- Of the total number (990) of VCCS transfers with the earned occupational/technical associate degree, 55% (542) completed the baccalaureate degree within 2, 3, or 4 years.
- More transfer students completed the baccalaureate degree within 3 years (227) than within the timeframes of either 2 (204) or 4 years (111).

It is important to note that occupational and technical associate degrees are not designed to transfer into baccalaureate programs. However, some students with this degree opt to transfer to four-year institutions. Some four-year institution programs are more conducive to receiving such transfers' credits than others. For example, someone graduating with a nursing degree from a VCCS institution is more likely to transfer smoothly to a four-year institution that offers a baccalaureate degree in nursing, than would a VCCS applied business graduate attempting to transfer to a baccalaureate program in history.

***Table 3: Enrollment and Time to Baccalaureate Degree
VCCS Transfers Without Degrees, 2004-05—2008-09***

- The information in Table 3 indicates that from 2004-05 to 2008-09 the number of VCCS transfers without earned associate degrees enrolling in baccalaureate degree programs increased from 3,387 to 3,795, or 12%.
- Of the total number (17,901) of VCCS transfers without the earned associate degree, 58% (10,436) completed the baccalaureate degree within 2, 3, or 4 years.
- More transfer students completed the baccalaureate degree within 3 years (4,929) than within the timeframes of either 2 years (2,513) or 4 years (2,994).

Summary

A majority of VCCS students who transfer do so without an earned associate degree—17,901 out of 26,079 (69%) during the period covered by this report. The second largest category of transfers have earned transfer associate degrees—7,188 (27%), followed by occupational/technical associate degrees—990 (4%). Those who have completed a transfer associate degree have the highest probability of earning a baccalaureate degree within the four year window after transferring, at 70%, as opposed to 58% for those transferring without a degree and 55% for those transferring with an applied associate degree.

**Table 1: Enrollment and Time to Baccalaureate Degree
VCCS Transfers with Associate Degrees, Baccalaureate Credit
2004-05 – 2008-09**

Institution	Time to degree at 4 year	0405	0506	0607	0708	0809	Total
Christopher Newport University	2 years	7	7	3	5	3	25
	3 years	1	3	7	7	6	24
	4 years				1	4	5
	still enrolled/DNG	2	4	2	4	1	13
Christopher Newport University Total		10	14	12	17	14	67
College of William and Mary	2 years	12	12	15	24	19	82
	3 years	3	17	11	15	15	61
	4 years	5		2	2	2	11
	still enrolled/DNG	2	4	6	6	6	24
College of William and Mary Total		22	33	34	47	42	178
George Mason University	2 years	73	71	78	84	103	409
	3 years	68	108	105	118	139	538
	4 years	32	31	34	54	58	209
	still enrolled/DNG	90	77	95	108	129	499
George Mason University Total		263	287	312	364	429	1655
James Madison University	2 years	28	37	26	33	37	161
	3 years	50	78	68	57	62	315
	4 years	13	14	23	14	20	84
	still enrolled/DNG	38	37	29	38	26	168
James Madison University Total		129	166	146	142	145	728
Longwood University	2 years	13	13	16	10	9	61
	3 years	10	25	16	22	17	90
	4 years	2	3	4	6	3	18
	still enrolled/DNG	10	12	13	9	11	55
Longwood University Total		35	53	49	47	40	224
Norfolk State University	2 years	3	4		1	3	11
	3 years	2	9	5	6	4	26
	4 years	2	2	5	2	1	12
	still enrolled/DNG	3	12	12	8	8	43
Norfolk State University Total		10	27	22	17	16	92
Old Dominion University	2 years	39	41	52	48	65	245
	3 years	90	71	93	83	105	442
	4 years	34	36	42	43	51	206
	still enrolled/DNG	88	132	126	156	124	626
Old Dominion University Total		251	280	313	330	345	1519

Institution	Time to degree at 4 year	Year					Total
		0405	0506	0607	0708	0809	
Radford University	2 years	23	22	32	27	31	135
	3 years	39	28	35	27	42	171
	4 years	5	6	7	6	5	29
	still enrolled/DNG	13	19	14	12	10	68
Radford University Total		80	75	88	72	88	403
University of Mary Washington	2 years	12	21	18	19	22	92
	3 years	15	12	17	11	15	70
	4 years	4	3	4	6	7	24
	still enrolled/DNG	11	11	12	14	16	64
University of Mary Washington Total		42	47	51	50	60	250
University of Virginia	2 years	27	23	38	50	64	202
	3 years	6	20	11	23	19	79
	4 years	7	6	10	5	5	33
	still enrolled/DNG	8	9	8	18	16	59
University of Virginia Total		48	58	67	96	104	373
University of Virginia's College at Wise	2 years	10	6	8	13	6	43
	3 years	6	6	9	8	6	35
	4 years		2	5	1	2	10
	still enrolled/DNG	4	6	6	7	10	33
University of Virginia's College at Wise Total		20	20	28	29	24	121
Virginia Commonwealth University	2 years	25	23	28	31	32	139
	3 years	60	55	36	61	69	281
	4 years	24	27	33	22	31	137
	still enrolled/DNG	73	65	65	73	80	356
Virginia Commonwealth University Total		182	170	162	187	212	913
Virginia Military Institute	3 years	1				1	2
	4 years	1	1				2
	still enrolled/DNG				1		1
Virginia Military Institute Total		2	1		1	1	5
Virginia State University	2 years	2	1	2	3	2	10
	3 years	3	3	2	2	2	12
	4 years		3				3
	still enrolled/DNG	3	4	1	8	1	17
Virginia State University Total		8	11	5	13	5	42
Virginia Tech	2 years	31	30	34	48	42	185
	3 years	48	47	55	57	72	279
	4 years	5	9	4	20	14	52
	still enrolled/DNG	12	22	22	21	25	102
Virginia Tech Total		96	108	115	146	153	618
Total across all institutions		1198	1350	1404	1558	1678	7188

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Institution	Time to degree at 4 year	Year					Total
		0405	0506	0607	0708	0809	
Christopher Newport University	2 years	1				1	2
	3 years						
	4 years		1				1
	still enrolled/DNG		1	1	1		3
Christopher Newport University Total		1	2	1	1	1	6
George Mason University	2 years	6	5	3	9	5	28
	3 years	5	8	7	9	9	38
	4 years	5	5	7	2	3	22
	still enrolled/DNG	31	8	22	13	13	87
George Mason University Total		47	26	39	33	30	175
James Madison University	2 years			1		2	3
	3 years		2	2	1	1	6
	4 years		1	1		1	3
	still enrolled/DNG	1	1	1			3
James Madison University Total		1	4	5	1	4	15
Longwood University	2 years	2	1	2		2	7
	3 years	1	1	2	3		7
	still enrolled/DNG			2	1	2	5
Longwood University Total		3	2	6	4	4	19
Norfolk State University	2 years		1	1	1	1	4
	3 years	1	2		1	1	5
	4 years		1	1	2	2	6
	still enrolled/DNG	5		3	4	4	16
Norfolk State University Total		6	4	5	8	8	31
Old Dominion University	2 years	5	8	7	8	1	29
	3 years	10	9	13	16	17	65
	4 years	3	8	15	8	9	43
	still enrolled/DNG	36	46	36	49	36	203
Old Dominion University Total		54	71	71	81	63	340
Radford University	2 years	12	8	18	7	9	54
	3 years	12	12	8	8	9	49
	4 years		1	1	1	2	5
	still enrolled/DNG	6	4	8	9	6	33
Radford University Total		30	25	35	25	26	141

Institution	Time to degree at 4 year	0405 0506 0607 0708 0809					Total
		0405	0506	0607	0708	0809	
University of Mary Washington	2 years	1	2	1		2	6
	3 years	1	1	3	2	1	8
	4 years	1		1	2		4
	still enrolled/DNG	3		5	1	1	10
University of Mary Washington Total		6	3	10	5	4	28
University of Virginia	2 years	2	1	3	4		10
	3 years		1		1		2
	4 years	1	1				2
	still enrolled/DNG					1	1
University of Virginia Total		3	3	3	5	1	15
University of Virginia's College at Wise	2 years	1	1	3			5
	3 years		2				2
	4 years	1			1		2
	still enrolled/DNG		2	1	2		5
University of Virginia's College at Wise Total		2	5	4	3		14
Virginia Commonwealth University	2 years	11	6	12	9	9	47
	3 years	8	7	7	3	11	36
	4 years	5	4	5	1	4	19
	still enrolled/DNG	16	17	11	14	14	72
Virginia Commonwealth University Total		40	34	35	27	38	174
Virginia State University	2 years	1	1	1	1	1	5
	3 years	3			1		4
	4 years				1		1
	still enrolled/DNG	1	1	2	4	1	9
Virginia State University Total		5	2	3	7	2	19
Virginia Tech	2 years	1	1		2		4
	3 years	1		1	1	2	5
	4 years	3					3
	still enrolled/DNG	1					1
Virginia Tech Total		6	1	1	3	2	13
Total across all institutions		204	182	218	203	183	990

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Institution	Time to degree at 4 year	Year					Total
		0405	0506	0607	0708	0809	
Christopher Newport University	2 years	3	8	2	5	3	21
	3 years	19	7	15	14	20	75
	4 years	5	6	7	18	13	49
	still enrolled/DNG	14	11	19	17	22	83
Christopher Newport University Total		41	32	43	54	58	228
College of William and Mary	2 years	5	7	8	8	10	38
	3 years	11	8	16	10	10	55
	4 years	3	1	6	4	1	15
	still enrolled/DNG	2	4	3	7	7	23
College of William and Mary Total		21	20	33	29	28	131
George Mason University	2 years	170	153	129	159	184	795
	3 years	210	211	230	238	284	1173
	4 years	146	116	140	136	139	677
	still enrolled/DNG	353	290	306	297	285	1531
George Mason University Total		879	770	805	830	892	4176
James Madison University	2 years	17	25	27	8	14	91
	3 years	73	71	85	71	71	371
	4 years	26	36	37	31	31	161
	still enrolled/DNG	45	52	64	50	31	242
James Madison University Total		161	184	213	160	147	865
Longwood University	2 years	5	7	12	11	10	45
	3 years	22	27	23	17	21	110
	4 years	8	14	18	22	15	77
	still enrolled/DNG	28	29	32	37	24	150
Longwood University Total		63	77	85	87	70	382
Norfolk State University	2 years	7	4	5	9	5	30
	3 years	14	14	19	15	15	77
	4 years	14	16	10	12	17	69
	still enrolled/DNG	63	79	85	94	96	417
Norfolk State University Total		98	113	119	130	133	593
Old Dominion University	2 years	51	48	49	83	57	288
	3 years	156	162	140	202	177	837
	4 years	61	80	102	107	110	460
	still enrolled/DNG	282	354	336	411	358	1741
Old Dominion University Total		550	644	627	803	702	3326

Institution	Time to degree at 4 year	Time to degree at 4 year					Total
		0405	0506	0607	0708	0809	
Radford University	2 years	33	49	40	33	33	188
	3 years	106	117	116	93	98	530
	4 years	82	77	61	62	70	352
	still enrolled/DNG	120	114	89	106	121	550
Radford University Total		341	357	306	294	322	1620
University of Mary Washington	2 years	9	16	16	13	18	72
	3 years	20	41	30	25	28	144
	4 years	8	10	8	7	10	43
	still enrolled/DNG	27	29	38	20	38	152
University of Mary Washington Total		64	96	92	65	94	411
University of Virginia	2 years	47	38	42	58	58	243
	3 years	28	41	41	48	51	209
	4 years	11	13	9	15	23	71
	still enrolled/DNG	22	23	28	30	38	141
University of Virginia Total		108	115	120	151	170	664
University of Virginia's College at Wise	2 years	7	8	11	5	3	34
	3 years	10	17	13	8	11	59
	4 years	5	9	3	6	7	30
	still enrolled/DNG	29	31	27	22	24	133
University of Virginia's College at Wise Total		51	65	54	41	45	256
Virginia Commonwealth University	2 years	70	91	87	99	113	460
	3 years	129	122	128	141	187	707
	4 years	129	111	120	108	132	600
	still enrolled/DNG	392	342	352	335	305	1726
Virginia Commonwealth University Total		720	666	687	683	737	3493
Virginia Military Institute	3 years	1		2	1	1	5
	4 years	4	9	4	5	4	26
	still enrolled/DNG	4	6	2	7	7	26
Virginia Military Institute Total		9	15	8	13	12	57
Virginia State University	2 years	4	6	4	3	3	20
	3 years	8	3	2	8	10	31
	4 years	5	9	15	9	14	52
	still enrolled/DNG	30	35	29	53	26	173
Virginia State University Total		47	53	50	73	53	276
Virginia Tech	2 years	40	33	31	49	35	188
	3 years	79	97	117	123	130	546
	4 years	58	49	70	72	63	312
	still enrolled/DNG	57	67	63	86	104	377
Virginia Tech Total		234	246	281	330	332	1423
Total across all institutions		3387	3453	3523	3743	3795	17901