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Introduction

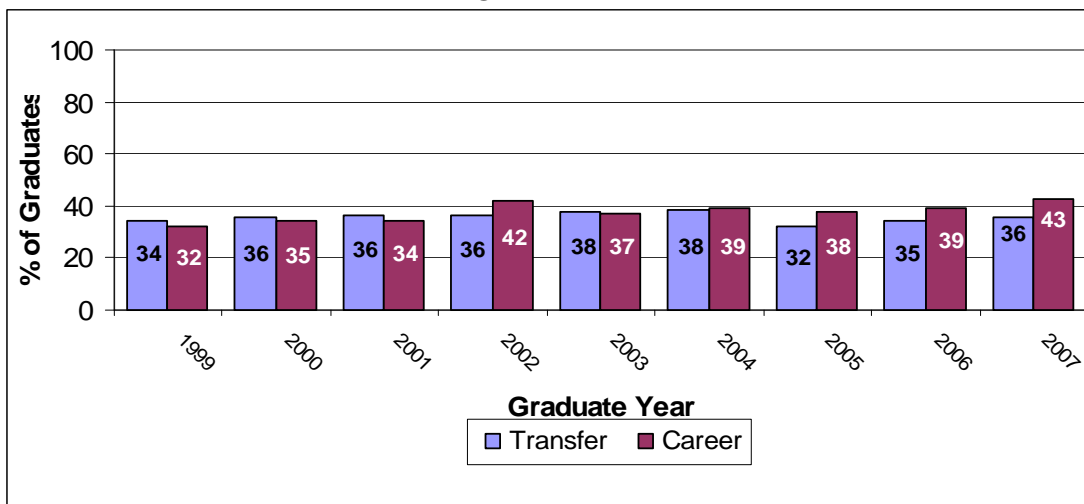
A survey of Community College of Philadelphia's (CCP) 2007 graduates was undertaken starting during the late winter of 2008 and extending into the fall term.¹ The survey questionnaire contained a variety of items related specifically to transfer experiences and this report provides a summary of these outcomes. As a point of comparison for the 2007 information, the experiences of CCP graduates from eight previous years are also presented in several of the subsequent graphs.

Prior to data analysis, respondents were divided into two curricular clusters (career and transfer) based on their program of study at the College. In 2007, the College awarded a total of 1,517 associate degrees along with 238 certificates. Of the total associate degrees awarded in 2007, 43% were awarded in career- programs and 57% were awarded in transfer- programs.

Prior College Attendance

Career program graduates were more likely to have attended another institution prior to enrolling at CCP (Figure 1). Forty-three percent (43%) of career

Figure 1
Graduates Who Attended Another
College Prior to CCP



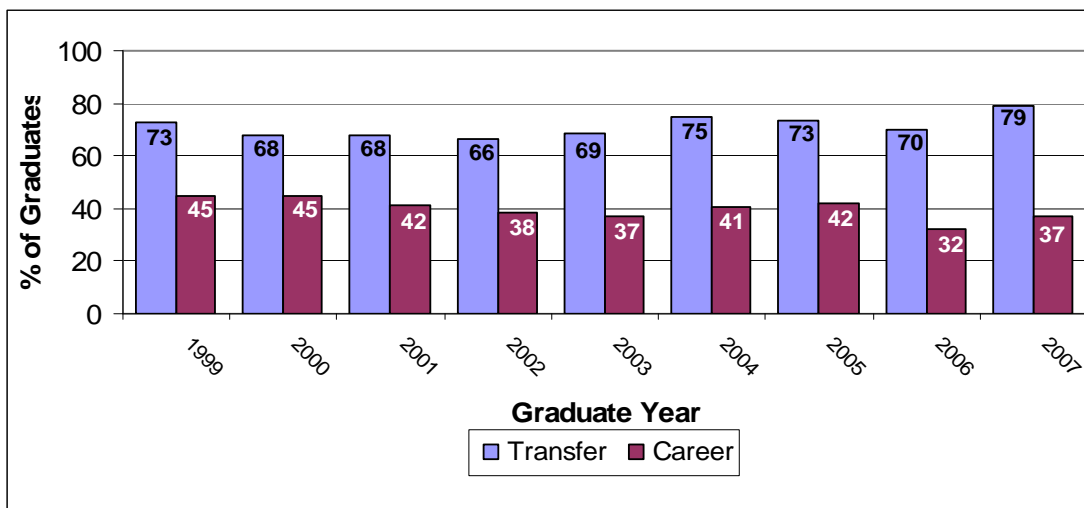
¹ There were four separate attempts to contact graduates in the survey process.

program graduates and 36% of transfer program graduates who responded to the survey indicated they were reverse-transfers. Temple University was the institution graduates were most likely to have attended prior to CCP.

Subsequent College Experiences

The transfer rate shortly after graduating from CCP continues to be relatively high. As expected, the transfer rate for 2007 transfer program graduates (79%) was higher than the rate for career program graduates (37%) (Figure 2). The transfer rate for transfer program graduates in 2007 was at its highest level in the past nine years.

Figure 2
Graduates Who Transferred After CCP



As in years past, more CCP graduates continued their education at Temple University than at any other institution (Figure 3). Drexel University, Chestnut Hill College, and La Salle University were other receiving institutions that attracted a number of 2007 CCP graduates.

Figure 3
Colleges Attended After CCP as Reported by
Respondents to 2007 Graduate Survey

Alvernia College	9
Arcadia University	3
Bucknell University	1
Community College of Philadelphia	4
Charter Oak State College	1
Chestnut Hill College	13
Cheyney University	1
Delaware County Community College	1
Devry University	1
Drexel University	24
Eastern University	1
Geneva College	1
Holy Family University	3
Harcum College	1
Howard University	1
LaSalle University	13
Parsons College	1
Peirce College	11
Penn State University	4
Pennsylvania College of Technology	1
Philadelphia University	3
Regis College	1
Rosemont College	1
St. Joseph's University	11
Temple University	59
Thomas Jefferson University	1
University of Pennsylvania	2
University of Phoenix	1
Utica College	1
West Chester University	6
Widener University	2

CCP graduates in 2007 enrolled in a broad range of programs of study at their transfer institutions. Health sciences, such as Nursing, and behavioral and social services were fields of study for a number of 2007 CCP graduates. Many graduates continued their studies in a variety of business-related programs as well as Education and Criminal Justice (Figure 4).

Figure 4
Program of Study at Colleges Attended After CCP

Program	Frequency
Accounting	3
Advertising	1
Anthropology	1
Art History	1
Asian Studies	1
Behavior Health Studies	14
Biochemistry	1
Biology	3
Business	5
Business- Administration	3
Business- Communication	1
Chemical Engineering	1
Chemistry	1
Communications	4
Computer Forensics	1
Construction Management	1
Computer Science	1
Criminal Justice	14
Dental Hygienist	1
Economics	1
Education	4
Education- Early Childhood	3
Education- Elementary & Special	12
Education- Secondary	1
Electrical Engineer	1
English	1
Finance	9
Graphic Design	1
Healthcare Management	9
Health Science	1
History	1
Hotel Management	1
Human Services	6
Human Resource Management	1
Information Technology	4
Liberal Arts	2

Figure 4 - Continued
Programs in Colleges Attended After CCP

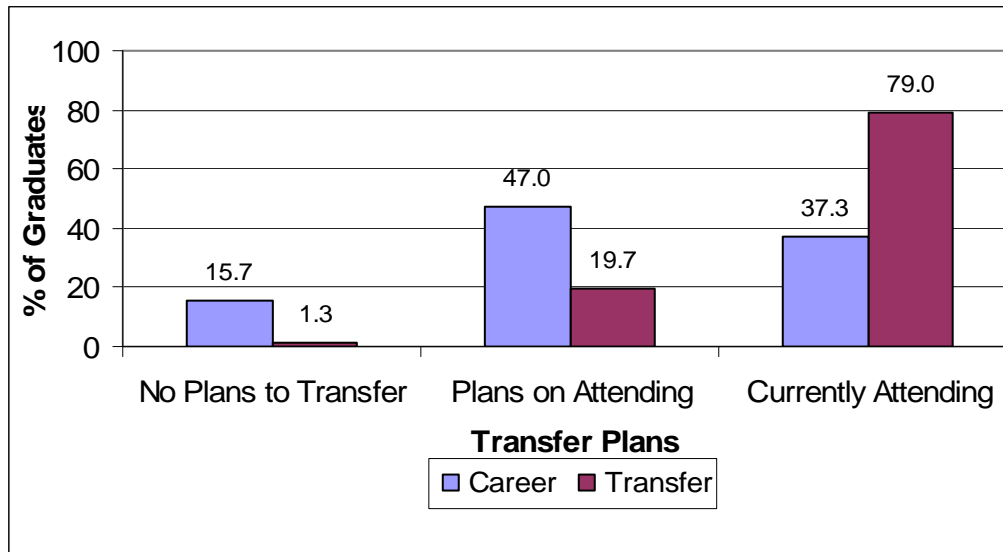
Management	2
Marketing	2
Math	2
Music	2
Nursing	18
Organizational Leadership	1
Paralegal	4
Philosophy	1
Physical Therapy	1
Political Science	4
Psychology	11
Psychology- Forensic	1
Public Health	1
Respiratory Care	1
Social Work	10
Sociology	1
Theology	1
Therapeutic Recreation	1
Urban Studies	1

The preceding transfer information is based on transfer activities shortly after graduation and therefore does not capture the longer- term transfer activities of CCP graduates. In order to better understand these activities, graduates in 2007 who were not enrolled in higher education at the time of the survey were asked about their future transfer plans. While 21% of transfer program graduates had not transferred in the short term, approximately 20% of them intended to do so at some point in the future (Figure 5). A large percentage of career program graduates (47%) also expressed future transfer plans.

Preparation for Transfer

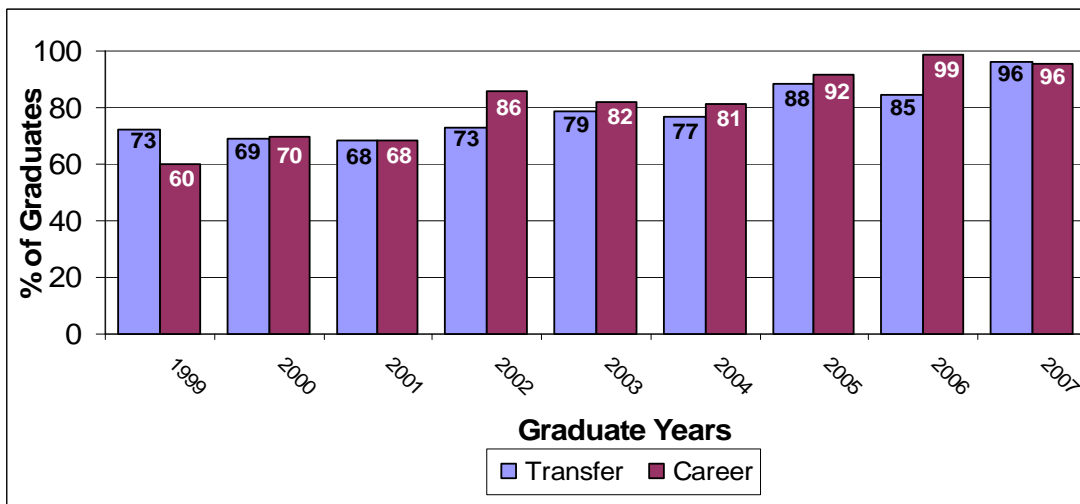
Most graduates who transferred were very satisfied with the preparation for transfer they received while at the College. Mostly all 2007 graduates who transferred, regardless of their program of study at CCP, felt the College did an excellent

Figure 5
2007 Graduates Who Intend to Transfer



or good job of preparing them for transfer. There was an increase in the level of satisfaction among 2007 transfer graduates and a small decrease in level of satisfaction among career program graduates (Figure 6).

Figure 6
Graduates Who Felt Preparation for Transfer was Excellent or Good



Summary

The transfer function at the Community College of Philadelphia continues to be successful. Nearly 80% of transfer program graduates and 37% of those enrolled in career programs continued their education at another institution. Temple University remained the most frequent recipient of transfers from the College. Health related studies and human services fields were the most common areas of study after transfer. Students who responded to the graduate survey continue to rate the preparation for transfer they received at the Community College of Philadelphia very positively.