# VENTURA COLLEGE Office of Research and Evaluation 

## - SUMMARY

## - Introduction

All students at Ventura College are provided the opportunity to receive no-cost tutoring in a wide variety of subject areas. To access tutoring services, a student must be enrolled at VC during the term in which tutoring is requested and he/she must also enroll in IDS N100, a non-credit, no-fee lab class.
The objective of this study is to calculate the success rates of students who have received tutoring in credit basic-skills courses and to compare them to the success rates of non-tutored students in the same sections. Additionally, this report presents (a) summary data related to all Subject Areas (Disciplines) in which tutoring services were provided and (b) success rate comparisons in those nonbasic skills courses which experienced a high demand for tutoring services.
The study period consists of the spring 2014 term. Data for the study were extracted from SARSGRID (tutoring sessions) on June19, 2014 and the VCCCD Banner System (final grades) on June 19, 2014.

## - Overview

Summary data for spring 2014 and spring 2013 are presented in the table below.

| Tutoring Category | Spring 2014 | Spring 2013 | Change |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| A. Number of Disciplines in which Tutoring was Provided | 24 | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | -13 | $-35 \%$ |
| B. Unduplicated Number of Tutored Students | $\mathbf{7 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{8 8 4}$ | -136 | $-15 \%$ |
| C. Unduplicated Number of Basic-Skills Students | $\mathbf{4 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{8 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ |
| D. Number of Student-Tutoring Sessions | $\mathbf{7 , 2 3 5}$ | 6,777 | 458 | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ |
| E. Number of Student-Discipline Sessions | $\mathbf{7 , 0 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 7 9 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ |

Explanations of Tutoring Categories:
SARS-GRID creates multiple records for each tutoring session. For example, a student who received tutoring in ENGL V03 would have a "History Code" record for that date plus a "Reason Code" record of ENGL V03 and possibly another record with a "Reason Code" of AABSKSKL (basic skills student).
(A) "Number of Disciplines in which Tutoring was Provided": Count of the Disciplines (Subject Codes) in which tutoring services were rendered.
(B) "Unduplicated Number of Tutored Students": Count of individual students who received tutoring services (note that many students received tutoring in more than one discipline).
(C) "Unduplicated Number of Individual Basic-Skills Students": Count of students who were coded AABSKSKL one/more times; even if there were no associated records with "Reason Codes" identifying specific basic skills.
(D) "Number of Student-Tutoring Sessions": Count of individual "History ID" numbers. A "History ID" number is created for every student-tutoring session. The "History ID" number may have more than one "Reason Code" associated with it, e.g., ENGL V03, AABSKSKL, and AAWEEKLY.
(E) "Number of Student-Discipline Sessions": Count of "Reason Codes" that are either a discipline (e.g., ENGL) or a Course ID (e.g., ENGL V03).

## - Success Rates in Basic Skills Courses

In spring 2014, the overall success rate for students who received tutoring in basic skills courses was higher than the corresponding rate for non-tutored students in the same sections. (Basic skills courses in which tutoring was provided: ENGL V02 / V03 / V07, and MATH V01 / V11A / V11B / V10.)

| Basic Skills | Spring 2014 <br> Success Rates |
| :--- | :---: |
| Tutoring Category | $47.9 \%$ |
| Tutored Students | $45.6 \%$ |
| Non-Tutored Student | 2.3 pp |
| Difference in Rates |  |

Success Rate Formula
(Number of A, B, C or P grades divided by (Number of A through W grades) times 100

Note: pp = percentage points

## - Demographics of Tutored Students

In the table below, students who received tutoring in spring 2014 are categorized by ethnicity and gender. Ethnicity and gender information are obtained from final grades records in the VCCCD Banner System. Demographic data are not presented for students whose tutoring records could not be matched to a final grade record in Banner. Students are counted for each course in which they received tutoring (i.e., for each tutoring/course record in SARS that was matched to a Banner record).

| Demographic <br> Characteristic | Students |  | Successful |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Number |  | Percent | Number |
| Rate |  |  |  |  |
| Asian / Pacific Islander | 35 | $5.2 \%$ |  |  |
| Black or African American | 24 | $3.6 \%$ | 29 | $82.9 \%$ |
| Hispanic | 400 | $59.4 \%$ | 12 | $50.0 \%$ |
| Native American | 4 | $0.6 \%$ | 270 | $67.5 \%$ |
| Pacific Islander | 3 | $0.5 \%$ | 3 | $75.0 \%$ |
| Two or More Ethnicities | 27 | $4.0 \%$ | 3 | $100.0 \%$ |
| White | 171 | $25.4 \%$ | 18 | $66.7 \%$ |
| Unreported or Not Available | 9 | $1.3 \%$ | 127 | $74.3 \%$ |
| Totals | 673 | $100.0 \%$ | 7 | $77.8 \%$ |
| Gender |  |  | 469 | $69.7 \%$ |
| Female | 402 | $59.7 \%$ |  |  |
| Male | 264 | $39.2 \%$ | 282 | $70.1 \%$ |
| Unreported or Not Available | 7 | $1.1 \%$ | 183 | $69.3 \%$ |
| Totals | 673 | $100.0 \%$ | 4 | $57.1 \%$ |

- Ethnicity: Hispanic students account for the greatest percentage of tutored students: $\underline{\mathbf{5 9} \%}$.
- Gender: The majority of students are female: $\underline{\mathbf{6 0} \%}$.


## - FINAL GRADES

To obtain a final grade for a course in which a student was tutored, the Student ID (900 Number) and the Course ID are required. The SARS "Reason Code" is the data element in which the Course ID can be entered. In many cases, however, only the Subject Area (e.g., ENGL) was entered and therefore a definitive match could not be attempted. Most of the Tutoring Records which were not matched to grade records are probably related to courses that students dropped during the first four weeks of the term.

| Category | Spring 2014 |
| :--- | :---: |
| A. Total Individual Students who Received Tutoring | 748 |
| B. Number of Students with only an AA* "Reason Code" | 8 |
| C. Number of Tutoring Records by Subject Area (Discipline) | 881 |
| D. Number of Tutoring Records matched to a Banner Final Grade Record | 673 |
| E. Percentage of Tutoring Records with a Final Grade [(D $\div$ C) x 100] | $\mathbf{7 6 . 4 \%}$ |

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## - SUCCESS RATES BY SUBJECT AREA

This table indicates the Subject Areas (Disciplines) in which students received tutoring. "Students with Grades" indicates the numbers of students for whom it was possible to match their Student IDs to final grades records in Banner. Highlighted disciplines are those in which more than $\underline{10}$ students received a final grade.

| Spring 2014 <br> Subject Area <br> (Discipline) | Number of Student-Tutoring Sessions | Number of Students by Discipline | Students with Grades |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Number of Students | Successful (A, B, C, or P) | Success Rate |
| ANAT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| ANTH | 55 | 6 | -- | -- | -- |
| ART | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| BIOL | 44 | 17 | 14 | 10 | 71.4\% |
| BUS | 29 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 92.9\% |
| CD | 37 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| CHEM | 747 | 96 | 88 | 67 | 76.1\% |
| COMM | 33 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 100.0\% |
| ECON | 4 | 4 | -- | -- | -- |
| ENGL | 367 | 113 | 70 | 64 | 91.4\% |
| GEOG | 101 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 100.0\% |
| HIST | 2 | 2 | -- | -- | -- |
| LS | 21 | 5 | -- | -- | -- |
| MATH | 5,345 | 550 | 443 | 277 | 62.5\% |
| MT | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| MUS | 24 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 33.3\% |
| NS | 9 | 3 | -- | -- | -- |
| PHIL | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| PHSO | 35 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 100.0\% |
| PHYS | 19 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| POLS | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100.0\% |
| PSY | 22 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 100.0\% |
| SL | 56 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 100.0\% |
| SPAN | 65 | 19 | 17 | 14 | 82.4\% |
| Totals / Av. \% | 7,037 | 881 | 673 | 469 | 69.7\% |

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## - SUCCESS RATES BY COURSE

This table displays spring 2014 success rates for tutored and non-tutored students by selected courses in the BIOL, BUS, CHEM, ENGL, MATH, and SPAN disciplines.

Comparisons are between tutored and non-tutored students who were enrolled in the same course sections (CRNs). Additionally, for a section to be included in the comparison, there had to be at least three tutored students in the section.

| Spring 2014 <br> Course ID | Total Enrollments | Non-Tutored Students |  |  | Tutored Students |  |  | Diff. in Succ. Rates (B) minus (A) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Count | Success |  | Count | Success |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Num. | Rate (A) |  | Num. | Rate (B) | Points | Percent |
| BIOL V01 | 74 | 69 | 25 | 36.2\% | 5 | 3 | 60.0\% | 23.8 | 65.6\% |
| BUS V03 | 80 | 67 | 41 | 61.2\% | 13 | 13 | 100.0\% | 38.8 | 63.4\% |
| CHEM V01A | 169 | 146 | 80 | 54.8\% | 23 | 18 | 78.3\% | 23.5 | 42.8\% |
| CHEM V01B | 122 | 109 | 88 | 80.7\% | 13 | 9 | 69.2\% | -11.5 | -14.2\% |
| CHEM V20 | 221 | 184 | 116 | 63.0\% | 37 | 26 | 70.3\% | 7.2 | 11.5\% |
| CHEM V21 | 42 | 39 | 29 | 74.4\% | 3 | 3 | 100.0\% | 25.6 | 34.5\% |
| CHEM V30 | 79 | 70 | 51 | 72.9\% | 9 | 9 | 100.0\% | 27.1 | 37.3\% |
| ENGL V01A | 56 | 43 | 28 | 65.1\% | 13 | 13 | 100.0\% | 34.9 | 53.6\% |
| ENGL V02 * | 29 | 24 | 16 | 66.7\% | 5 | 5 | 100.0\% | 33.3 | 50.0\% |
| ENGL V03 * | 88 | 79 | 37 | 46.8\% | 9 | 8 | 88.9\% | 42.1 | 89.8\% |
| MATH V01 * | 473 | 407 | 163 | 40.0\% | 66 | 28 | 42.4\% | 2.4 | 5.9\% |
| MATH V03 | 693 | 571 | 280 | 49.0\% | 122 | 97 | 79.5\% | 30.5 | 62.1\% |
| MATH V04 | 149 | 130 | 71 | 54.6\% | 19 | 17 | 89.5\% | 34.9 | 63.8\% |
| MATH V05 | 127 | 106 | 56 | 52.8\% | 21 | 14 | 66.7\% | 13.8 | 26.2\% |
| MATH V10 * | 319 | 282 | 139 | 49.3\% | 37 | 15 | 40.5\% | -8.8 | -17.8\% |
| MATH V11B * | 30 | 24 | 17 | 70.8\% | 6 | 3 | 50.0\% | -20.8 | -29.4\% |
| MATH V20 | 37 | 32 | 8 | 25.0\% | 5 | 2 | 40.0\% | 15.0 | 60.0\% |
| MATH V21A | 134 | 104 | 57 | 54.8\% | 30 | 16 | 53.3\% | -1.5 | -2.7\% |
| MATH V21B | 119 | 101 | 49 | 48.5\% | 18 | 8 | 44.4\% | -4.1 | -8.4\% |
| MATH V35 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 88.9\% | 3 | 2 | 66.7\% | -22.2 | -25.0\% |
| MATH V38 | 31 | 28 | 19 | 67.9\% | 3 | 2 | 66.7\% | -1.2 | -1.8\% |
| MATH V40 | 32 | 29 | 15 | 51.7\% | 3 | 2 | 66.7\% | 14.9 | 28.9\% |
| MATH V44 | 478 | 422 | 252 | 59.7\% | 56 | 40 | 71.4\% | 11.7 | 19.6\% |
| MATH V46 | 74 | 64 | 32 | 50.0\% | 10 | 8 | 80.0\% | 30.0 | 60.0\% |
| SPAN V01 | 61 | 53 | 37 | 69.8\% | 8 | 8 | 100.0\% | 30.2 | 43.2\% |

Percent Diff. in Succ. Rates $=($ Points $\div(\mathrm{A})) \times 100$

## * Basic Skills Classes

Data related to Basic Skills Classes are aggregated below.
Category All Students Successful Students Success Rate

Tutored
Non-Tutored

123
816

59
372
47.9\%
45.6\%
2.3 percentage points

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## - SUCCESS RATES BY NUMBER OF TUTORING SESSSIONS

This table displays spring 2014 success rates for tutored students by number of tutoring sessions attended. Unfortunately, success rates do not necessarily increase with the number of tutoring sessions. In fall 2013, course success among SI students increased with the number of SI sessions attended.

| Spring 2014 Course ID | Tutored Students |  | Success Rates by Number of Tutoring Sessions Attended |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Successful | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 | 21-30 | 31 / More |
| ANAT V01 | 1 | 0 | 0\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| ART V01 | 1 | 1 | 100\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| BIOL V01 | 14 | 10 | 67\% |  | 100\% |  |  |  |
| BUS V03 | 14 | 13 | 92\% | 100\% |  |  |  |  |
| CD V61 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 100\% |  |
| CHEM V01A | 23 | 18 | 78\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 0\% |  |
| CHEM V01B | 13 | 9 | 88\% | 50\% | 50\% |  |  | 0\% |
| CHEM V20 | 37 | 26 | 73\% | 50\% | 50\% | 100\% | 50\% | 75\% |
| CHEM V21 | 3 | 3 | 100\% |  |  |  | 100\% |  |
| CHEM V30 | 11 | 10 | 86\% | 100\% |  |  | 100\% | 100\% |
| CHEM V30L | 1 | 1 | 100\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| COMM V01 | 2 | 2 | 100\% |  | 100\% |  |  |  |
| ENGL V01A | 30 | 26 | 91\% | 50\% | 100\% |  | 100\% |  |
| ENGL V01B | 9 | 9 | 100\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL V02 | 18 | 17 | 92\% | 100\% |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL V03 | 13 | 12 | 90\% |  | 100\% |  | 100\% |  |
| GEOG V01 | 5 | 5 | 100\% |  | 100\% |  | 100\% |  |
| MATH V01 | 77 | 35 | 44\% | 33\% | 50\% | 100\% | 63\% | 43\% |
| MATH V02 | 2 | 0 | 0\% | 0\% |  |  |  |  |
| MATH V03 | 133 | 102 | 75\% | 83\% | 67\% | 75\% | 89\% | 77\% |
| MATH V04 | 25 | 18 | 64\% | 100\% | 60\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| MATH V05 | 25 | 16 | 50\% | 100\% | 50\% | 0\% | 50\% | 100\% |
| MATH V10 | 39 | 16 | 40\% | 40\% | 100\% | 100\% | 33\% | 0\% |
| MATH V11B | 6 | 3 | 50\% |  | 100\% | 0\% |  |  |
| MATH V20 | 8 | 4 | 20\% |  | 100\% |  | 100\% |  |
| MATH V21A | 31 | 17 | 45\% | 100\% | 50\% | 0\% | 67\% | 100\% |
| MATH V21B | 18 | 8 | 46\% | 100\% | 50\% | 0\% | 0\% |  |
| MATH V21C | 2 | 2 | 100\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| MATH V35 | 5 | 4 | 75\% |  |  |  | 100\% |  |
| MATH V38 | 3 | 2 | 50\% | 100\% |  |  |  |  |
| MATH V40 | 3 | 2 | 67\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| MATH V44 | 56 | 40 | 73\% | 80\% | 57\% | 50\% | 100\% |  |
| MATH V46 | 10 | 8 | 71\% | 100\% |  |  | 100\% |  |
| MT V04 | 1 | 1 |  | 100\% |  |  |  |  |
| MUS V01 | 2 | 1 | 50\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| MUS V24C | 1 | 0 |  |  |  | 0\% |  |  |
| PHIL V01 | 1 | 1 | 100\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| PHSO V01 | 4 | 4 | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |  |  |  |
| PHYS V01 | 1 | 1 | 100\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| POLS V01 | 1 | 1 | 100\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| PSY V01 | 3 | 3 | 100\% | 100\% |  |  |  |  |
| PSY V05 | 1 | 1 | 100\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| SL V10A | 1 | 1 |  |  | 100\% |  |  |  |
| SL V10B | 1 | 1 |  |  | 100\% |  |  |  |
| SPAN V01 | 12 | 11 | 91\% | 100\% |  |  |  |  |
| SPAN V02 | 4 | 2 | 33\% |  | 100\% |  |  |  |
| SPAN V04 | 1 | 1 |  | 100\% |  |  |  |  |
| Total/Av Rates | 673 | 469 | 69\% | 75\% | 68\% | 64\% | 73\% | 69\% |

