COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

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Student Outcomes

The most common educational awards of students were associate degrees. Certificate programs requiring between 30 and 60 units, or more than 60 units have not awarded many certificates, largely due to the elimination of the programs, until 2009/10 when transfer certificates were awarded. For the first time in the past 14 years the college awarded more Associate of Science degrees than Associate of Arts degrees. In fact, 2011/12 recorded the highest number of Associate of Science degrees awarded in the College’s history. The highest number of degrees and certificates in the College’s history were awarded in 2010/11 (1,566). 2013/14 award data will be available in October 2014. Source: SP referential files.

Figure 50. Degrees and Certificates Awarded to 2006/07 to 2012/13
Transfers and Completion

A major component of California’s Master Plan for Higher Education is for students to be able to begin their college education at a community college and transfer to a four-year college or university. For College of the Canyons, the numbers of transfers to both CSU and UC have been growing over the past 10 years (2002-03 to 2012-13), as is depicted in Figure 51. The decrease in 2008-09 and 2009-10 is likely the result of reduced admission slots available at the UCs and CSUs due to the budget cuts. While the number of COC students who transferred to UC and CSU increased to 64 percent and 66 percent, respectively, in 2011-12, numbers decreased again in 2012-13. This decrease may be due to a variety of factors, including students opting to attend out-of-state or private institutions and budget cuts. The top three UC transfer institutions for COC in 2012/13 were UC Los Angeles (UCLA), followed by UC Santa Barbara (UCSB), and UC Davis. The top three CSU transfer institutions for COC students in 2012/13 were CSU Northridge (CSUN), followed by CSU Long Beach (CSULB), and CSU Channel Islands (CSUCI).

Figure 51. Number of Transfers to UC and CSU