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Community Colleges**

Supplementary Tables

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Characteristics of Sample Members at Baseline, by College

Characteristic	Full Sample	Cincinnati State	Lorain	Tri-C
Program status (%)				
Program group	53.8	54.7	56.9	50.0
Control group	46.2	45.3	43.1	50.0
Nontraditional student ^a (%)	46.8	58.6	39.4	43.6
Intention to enroll (%)				
Full time	90.6	87.7	91.6	92.1
Part time	9.4	12.3	8.4	7.9
Gender (%)				
Male	36.1	37.5	34.1	36.9
Female	63.9	62.5	65.9	63.1
Age (%)				
19 years or younger	47.6	29.5	57.5	54.0
20 to 23 years	21.7	26.3	17.3	21.9
24 years or older	30.7	44.2	25.1	24.1
Average age (years)	23.1	24.8	22.2	22.4
Marital status (%)				
Married and living with spouse	6.8	7.1	7.3	5.9
Married and living apart from spouse	1.8	2.8	1.2	1.4
Unmarried and living with partner	15.2	18.7	14.2	13.2
Unmarried and not living with partner	76.3	71.4	77.3	79.5
Lives with parents (%)	57.8	42.4	63.1	66.4
Parents pay more than half of expenses (%)	27.2	16.2	31.2	33.2
Missing	7.4	7.3	5.5	9.5
Race/ethnicity ^b (%)				
Hispanic	9.6	3.1	16.7	8.2
White	45.9	34.3	55.5	46.4
Black	34.8	51.4	19.0	36.0
Other ^c	9.7	11.1	8.8	9.4

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Supplementary Table S.1 (continued)

Characteristic (%)	Full Sample	Cincinnati State	Lorain	Tri-C
Number of children				
0 children	73.0	64.8	73.8	79.6
1 child	11.7	15.9	11.6	7.9
2 children	7.6	9.0	7.5	6.3
3 children or more	7.8	10.3	7.1	6.2
Mode of transportation to campus				
Drives	70.7	64.7	80.2	66.8
Carpools	1.9	1.5	2.5	1.6
Public transportation	15.0	23.9	1.2	20.6
Family or friend drops off	10.7	8.2	14.5	9.0
Bikes or walks	1.8	1.7	1.6	2.0
Currently employed	60.0	62.1	59.3	58.8
<i>Among those currently employed, hours worked per week</i>				
1-34 hours	73.9	72.2	81.8	67.4
35 hours or more	26.1	27.8	18.2	32.6
Highest grade completed				
10th grade or lower	4.6	5.1	4.3	4.4
11th grade	4.8	5.5	4.2	5.0
12th grade ^d	90.6	89.5	91.5	90.7
Diplomas/degrees earned^e				
High school diploma	87.2	84.9	89.2	87.4
General Educational Development (GED) certificate	12.1	14.4	10.6	11.4
Occupational/technical certificate	11.2	10.7	10.8	12.2
Other	1.9	2.2	1.4	2.2
<i>Date of high school graduation/GED receipt</i>				
Within the past two years	58.0	39.7	67.4	64.7
More than two years ago	42.0	60.3	32.6	35.3
Highest degree student plans to attain				
Associate's	19.4	14.4	23.3	20.1
Bachelor's	41.0	41.7	42.2	39.0
Master's	26.5	28.0	25.7	26.0
Professional or doctorate	13.1	15.9	8.8	14.9

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Supplementary Table S.1 (continued)

Characteristic (%)	Full Sample	Cincinnati State	Lorain	Tri-C
First person in family to attend college	33.9	36.4	30.8	34.7
Highest degree/diploma earned by mother				
Not a high school graduate	12.0	14.7	9.7	11.6
High school diploma or GED	34.1	32.3	37.4	32.4
Some college, did not complete a degree	19.9	16.9	21.1	21.4
College degree (AA, BA, MA, PhD)	25.5	27.8	25.5	23.5
Missing	8.6	8.3	6.2	11.1
Highest degree/diploma earned by father				
Not a high school graduate	15.7	16.7	15.2	15.5
High school diploma or GED	38.7	33.5	44.8	37.4
Some college, did not complete a degree	12.6	13.9	13.5	10.7
College degree (AA, BA, MA, PhD)	13.5	16.7	11.1	13.0
Missing	19.4	19.2	15.4	23.5
Language other than English spoken regularly in home	8.6	10.2	6.5	9.2
Sample size	1,505	468	513	524

SOURCE: MDRC calculations using baseline information form data.

NOTES: Cincinnati State = Cincinnati State Technical and Community College; Lorain = Lorain County Community College; Tri-C = Cuyahoga Community College.

Italics indicate statistics calculated only for a subset of respondents.

Distributions may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

Missing values are included in variable distributions only for characteristics with more than 6 percent of the full sample missing.

^aNontraditional students are defined as those who were 24 or older, worked 35 or more hours per week, had children, or did not receive a high school diploma and were not enrolled in high school at the time of random assignment. Students are listed as nontraditional if they fit any of these characteristics. Students are considered to be missing in the nontraditional category if they were missing two or more of these variables and have no other nontraditional characteristic; however, since less than 6 percent of the study sample falls into this category, the missing category is not listed in the table.

^bRespondents who said they are Hispanic and chose a race are included only in the "Hispanic" category.

^cThe "Other" category includes Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American/Alaska Native, multiracial, and other races and ethnicities.

^dThis category includes students who were currently enrolled in high school at the time of random assignment.

^eDistributions may not add to 100 percent because categories are not mutually exclusive.

Supplementary Table S.2

Characteristics of Sample Members at Baseline, by Research Group

Characteristic	Full Sample	Program Group	Control Group
Nontraditional student ^a (%)	46.8	46.1	47.7
Intention to enroll (%)			
Full time	90.6	90.9	90.2
Part time	9.4	9.1	9.8
Gender (%)			
Male	36.1	37.9	34.2
Female	63.9	62.1	65.8
Age (%)			
19 years or younger	47.6	47.1	48.1
20 to 23 years	21.7	22.4	20.9
24 years or older	30.7	30.5	31.0
Average age (years)	23.1	23.0	23.3
Marital status (%)			
Married and living with spouse	6.8	7.0	6.5
Married and living apart from spouse	1.8	2.3	1.1 *
Unmarried and living with partner	15.2	14.2	16.4
Unmarried and not living with partner	76.3	76.5	76.0
Lives with parents (%)	57.8	58.8	56.7
Parents pay more than half of expenses (%)	27.2	29.0	25.2 *
Missing	7.4	7.6	7.2
Race/ethnicity ^b (%)			
Hispanic	9.6	8.8	10.5
White	45.9	46.8	44.7
Black	34.8	35.5	34.1
Other ^c	9.7	8.9	10.7

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Characteristic (%)	Full Sample	Program Group	Control Group
Number of children			
0 children	73.0	73.6	72.2
1 child	11.7	11.0	12.5
2 children	7.6	7.9	7.2
3 children or more	7.8	7.5	8.1
Mode of transportation to campus			
Drives	70.7	72.5	68.7
Carpools	1.9	1.9	1.8
Public transportation	15.0	14.3	15.8
Family or friend drops off	10.7	9.5	12.0
Bikes or walks	1.8	1.8	1.7
Currently employed	60.0	58.1	62.2
<i>Among those currently employed, hours worked per week</i>			
1-34 hours	73.9	73.9	73.9
35 hours or more	26.1	26.1	26.1
Highest grade completed			
10th grade or lower	4.6	4.2	5.0
11th grade	4.8	5.5	4.1
12th grade ^d	90.6	90.3	90.9
Diplomas/degrees earned ^e			
High school diploma	87.2	87.5	87.0
General Educational Development (GED) certificate	12.1	12.3	11.9
Occupational/technical certificate	11.2	9.7	13.1 **
Other	1.9	2.3	1.5
<i>Date of high school graduation/GED receipt</i>			
Within the past two years	58.0	57.5	58.6
More than two years ago	42.0	42.5	41.4
Highest degree student plans to attain			
Associate's	19.4	19.4	19.5
Bachelor's	41.0	42.1	39.6
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Professional or doctorate	13.1	12.7	13.6

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Supplementary Table S.2 (continued)

Characteristic (%)	Full Sample	Program Group	Control Group
First person in family to attend college	33.9	34.7	33.0
Highest degree/diploma earned by mother			
Not a high school graduate	12.0	12.8	11.0
High school diploma or GED	34.1	33.1	35.2
Some college, did not complete a degree	19.9	20.9	18.7
College degree (AA, BA, MA, PhD)	25.5	24.5	26.7
Missing	8.6	8.7	8.4
Highest degree/diploma earned by father			
Not a high school graduate	15.7	15.6	15.9
High school diploma or GED	38.7	39.3	38.1
Some college, did not complete a degree	12.6	12.3	13.0
College degree (AA, BA, MA, PhD)	13.5	14.0	12.9
Missing	19.4	18.7	20.3
Language other than English spoken regularly in home	8.6	8.4	8.8
Sample size	1,505	810	695

SOURCE: MDRC calculations using baseline information form data.

NOTES: Italics indicate statistics calculated only for a subset of respondents.

Distributions may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

Missing values are included in variable distributions only for characteristics with more than 6 percent of the full sample missing.

A two-tailed t-test was applied to differences between research groups. Statistical significance levels are indicated as: *** = 1 percent; ** = 5 percent; * = 10 percent.

To analyze whether program and control group survey respondents differed from each other on average, an omnibus F-test was performed, which yielded a p-value of 0.805. This finding suggests that on the baseline characteristics shown above, program and control group survey respondents do not differ from one another.

^aNontraditional students are defined as those who were 24 or older, worked 35 or more hours per week, had children, or did not receive a high school diploma and were not enrolled in high school at the time of random assignment. Students are listed as nontraditional if they fit any of these characteristics. Students are considered to be missing in the nontraditional category if they were missing two or more of these variables and have no other nontraditional characteristic; however, since less than 6 percent of the study sample falls into this category, the missing category is not listed in the table.

^bRespondents who said they are Hispanic and chose a race are included only in the "Hispanic" category.

^cThe "Other" category includes Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American/Alaska Native, multiracial, and other races and ethnicities.

^dThis category includes students who were currently enrolled in high school at the time of random assignment.

^eDistributions may not add to 100 percent because categories are not mutually exclusive.

Supplementary Table S.3
Early Impacts, Cohorts 1 and 2, Pooled

Outcome	Program Group	Control Group	Difference (Impact)	Standard Error
<u>Semester 1</u>				
Enrolled (%)	94.2	91.2	3.0 *	1.7
Enrolled full time ^a (%)	84.6	67.0	17.6 ***	2.6
Credits attempted	12.5	11.1	1.4 ***	0.3
Credits earned ^b	9.2	7.8	1.4 ***	0.3
<u>Semester 2</u>				
Enrolled (%)	81.7	69.7	12.0 ***	2.8
Enrolled full time ^a (%)	72.5	48.4	24.2 ***	3.0
Credits attempted	10.5	8.2	2.3 ***	0.4
Sample size (n = 921)	461	460		

SOURCE: MDRC calculations using transcript data from Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Lorain County Community College, and Cuyahoga Community College.

NOTES: Rounding may cause slight discrepancies in sums and differences.

Outcomes are based on courses in which students are still enrolled as of the end of the add/drop period.

A two-tailed t-test was applied to differences between research groups. Statistical significance levels are indicated as: *** = 1 percent; ** = 5 percent; * = 10 percent.

Estimates are adjusted by site, cohort, gender, intended enrollment level, parental status, marital status, weekly hours worked, dependence on parents for 50 percent or more financial support, whether student is the first family member to attend college, and whether student earned a high school diploma.

^aFull-time enrollment is defined as enrollment in 12 or more credits.

^bMeasures of credits earned do not exclude courses passed more than once.

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- Raising Academic Achievement and Persistence in College
- Supporting Low-Wage Workers and Communities
- Overcoming Barriers to Employment

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