

Did You Know?

This issue's topic: Increase in Associate Degree Transfer (ADT) Awards, 2011-12 through 2014-15

Overview. The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (SB1440) was signed into legislation in September 2010. This Senate Bill enables California Community Colleges and the California State University (CSU) system to collaborate on the creation of Associate Degree Transfer (ADT) programs. Per California Education Code 66746(b), California Community Colleges are required by law to develop a minimum number of ADT programs based upon the types of instructional programs offered at the institution. Students who complete ADTs are guaranteed admission into the CSU system and are given priority consideration when applying to a program that is similar to the student's community college major. SB1440 went into effect in the 2011-12 academic year.

At the request of the Associate Superintendent of Instructional and Institutional Effectiveness, the Office of Institutional Research (OIR) recently examined: 1) the number of ADT awards that have been conferred to students since Chaffey College began offering this type of award in the 2011-12 academic year; 2) Chaffey's 2014-15 statewide rank in ADTs conferred relative to all other California community college and contiguous districts; and 3) Chaffey's statewide rank in number of ADT programs offered relative to all other California community colleges.

Methodology. Utilizing California Community College Chancellor's Office Management Information System (MIS) data posted to DataMart (an online resource developed by the Chancellor's Office that provides information about students, courses, student services, outcomes, and faculty and staff for the entire California Community College system: <http://datamart.cccco.edu/>), the OIR downloaded program award data for Chaffey College for the 2011-12 through 2014-15 academic years and program award data for all 113 California Community Colleges for the 2014-15 academic year.

Findings: Figure 1 indicates the number of ADT awards conferred annually to Chaffey College students from the 2011-12 through 2014-15 academic years. As figure 1 illustrates, the number of ADT awards conferred over the past four academic years have significantly increased as Chaffey College has increased ADT program offerings. In 2011-12, eight ADTs were awarded; by 2014-15, the number of ADTs awarded increased to 407.

Fig. 1

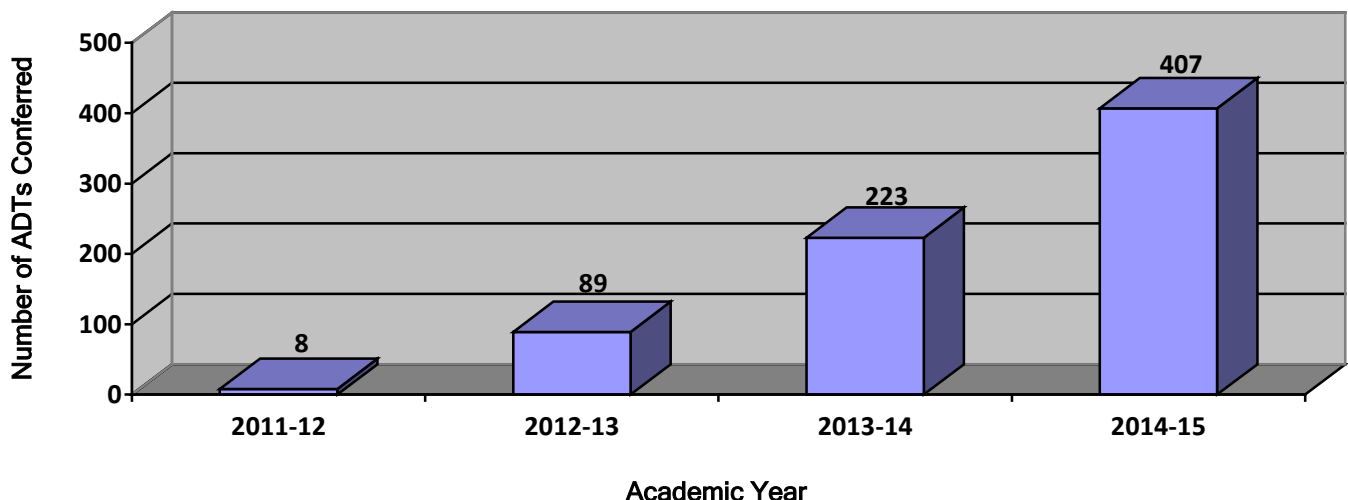


Table 1 identifies the California Community Colleges that conferred 300 or more ADTs in the 2014-15 academic year. As table 1 indicates, in 2014-15 Chaffey ranked 14th out the 113 California Community Colleges in number of ADT awards conferred to students.

Table 1: Statewide Ranking of ADT Awards Conferred by College

Rank	College	Number of ADT Programs Offered	Number of ADT Awards Conferred
1	San Diego Mesa	21	691
2	Orange Coast	24	597
3	Moorpark	27	585
4	Diablo Valley	25	566
5	Pasadena	19	557
6	Fullerton	24	552
7	Citrus	18	500
8	Sierra	28	498
9	Grossmont	19	473
10	Long Beach	19	463
11	Santa Rosa	21	430
12	Saddleback	23	414
13	Ventura	18	410
14	Chaffey	25	407
15	Southwestern	23	404
16	Santiago Canyon	19	355
17	Golden West	21	350
18	Cerritos	25	347
19	Mt. San Antonio	12	330
20	Cuesta	24	321
21	Cypress	19	317
22	Compton	n/a	316
23	American River	23	310
24	Desert	20	304

Examining regional data, table 2 provides information on the number of ADTs awarded to students in 2014-15 by colleges/districts that are contiguous to Chaffey College.

Table 2: Statewide Ranking of ADT Awards Conferred by College

College	Number of ADT Programs Offered	Number of ADT Awards Conferred
Citrus College	18	500
Mt. San Antonio College	12	330
Riverside City College	20	103
Norco	14	58
Moreno Valley	15	22
Riverside CC District (Combined)	49	183
Crafton Hills	24	149
San Bernardino Valley	15	156
San Bernardino CC District (Combined)	39	305
Victor Valley	10	43

Chaffey College's commitment to not only meet but exceed the number of mandated ADT programs that are required by SB1440 has played a significant role in increasing the number of ADTs conferred to students. While the conditions of SB1440 required Chaffey College to develop and offer a minimum of three (3) ADT programs by the 2015-16 academic year, Chaffey College faculty and staff have worked diligently since SB1440 was adopted to develop 25 ADT programs, with three additional ADT programs currently in development. The 25 active ADT programs offered by Chaffey College place the institution in a tie for third most among the 113 California Community Colleges, trailing only Sierra (28 active ADT programs) and Moorpark (27 active ADT programs) as of December 31, 2015.