

Northwest Arkansas Community College conducted a survey of students who participated in Early College Experience as high school seniors during academic year 2009-2010. The purpose of the survey was to determine how students benefited from participating in the Early College Experience program. The survey consisted of 24 questions and was mailed to 667 students in November, 2013. A follow up survey was sent via email to 459 students in March, 2014. As of March 2014, 56 surveys were received by mail and 26 by email for total of 82, representing a 12% return rate.

Summary of responses:

1. Please provide the following information about your high school:

82 responses

Ambassadors for Christ	1%
Bentonville	11%
Farmington	5%
Fayetteville	6%
Gentry	5%
Gravette	4%
Greenland	2%
Har-Ber	12%
Heritage	12%
Prairie Grove	1%
Rogers	21%
Shiloh Christian	2%
Springdale	1%

2. How many total NWACC college credits did you earn through Early College Experience?

82 responses

3 credits	13%
4 credits	5%
6 credits	24%
7 credits	17%
8 credits	1%
9 credits	4%
10 credits	7%
12 credits	9%
13 credits	6%
15 credits	2%
16 credits	4%
19 credits	2%
20 credits	1%
21 credits	1%
22 credits	2%

3. How would you rate your experience with Early College Experience?

82 responses

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Excellent	65%
<input type="radio"/> Good	33%
<input type="radio"/> Neutral	1%
<input type="radio"/> Poor	1%
<input type="radio"/> Very poor	1%

4. I would recommend Early College Experience courses to current high school students 82 Responses

Yes 99% No 1%

5. Please tell us which courses you took through Early College Experience (*Check all that apply*)

English and Humanities

English Composition **95% of respondents** **60/63**
 World Civilizations 7% of respondents 3/63

Math and Science

College Algebra **41% of respondents** **35/86**
 Finite Math **40% of respondents** **34/86**
 Trigonometry 14% of respondents 12/86
 Statistics 2% of respondents 3/86
 Chemistry 1% of respondents 2/86

Career and Technical

Accounting 25% of respondents 1/4
 CNA – PCA+ 25% of respondents 1/4
 Cosmetology 25% of respondents 1/4
 Criminal Justice 25% of respondents 1/4

6. By taking ECE course I:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Was better prepared academically for college	46%	41%	11%	1%	
b. Developed realistic expectations about college	32%	29%	29%	9%	1%
c. More confident about ability to succeed in college	29%	45%	22%	4%	
d. Considered for the first time enrolling in college	10%		30%	20%	40%
e. Improved my study skills	17%	37%	30%	15%	1%
f. Improved my time management skills	24%	28%	37%	10%	1%

7. I continued my education within a year of high school graduation in a (*select only one option*)

Public 2-year Community College or Technical College 17% 12/82
 Public 4-year College or University **63%** **52/82**
 Private 4-year College or University 20% 16/82

8. I am **currently continuing** my education in a: (*select only one option*)

Public 2-year Community College or Technical College 6% 5/82
 Public 4-year College or University **65%** **53/82**
 Private 4-year College or University 23% 19/82

I am currently **not continuing** my education. I am:

Employed Part-time, Full-time, or Self-employed 4% 3/82
 Caring for Home or Family 1% 1/82
 Unemployed 1% 1/82

9. The highest degree or certificate I have earned or I am currently pursuing is a:

High School Diploma or Equivalent 4% 3/82
 Associate’s Degree 9% 7/82
 Bachelor’s Degree **83%** **68/82**
 Graduate Degree 4% 4/82

10. The highest degree or certificate I eventually plan to obtain is a:		
Associate's Degree	6%	5/82
Bachelor's Degree	37%	30/82
Graduate Degree	57%	47/82

If you have not continued your education beyond high school, please skip Questions 11-19 and go to Question 20.

11. I completed my Associate's Degree in:	less than 3 years	10%	8/82
I completed my Associate's Degree in:	2-3 years	10%	8/82
I anticipate completing my Associate's Degree in:	3 or more years	23%	10/82
I completed my Bachelor's Degree in:	less than 4 years	46%	38/82
I anticipate completing my Bachelor's Degree in:	5 – 6 years	9%	7/82

12. My current cumulative or final undergraduate GPA on a 4-point scale is:		
3.75 to 4.0	28%	21/74
3.00 to 3.74	54%	40/74
2.00 to 2.9	18%	13/74

13. I am currently or was most recently enrolled in postsecondary coursework at:

University of Arkansas – Fayetteville	48%	37/77
NWACC	13%	10/77
University of Central Arkansas	9%	7/77
John Brown University	4%	3/77
Union University – Jackson, TN	3%	2/77
American Public University		
Arkansas State University		
Arkansas Tech University		
Benedictine College – Atchison, KS		
Brigham Young University		
Florida State – Tallahassee, FL		
Lyon College		
NOVA Southwestern University		
Oklahoma Baptist University		
Oral Roberts University- Tulsa		
Samford University		
St. Katherine College – Encinitas, CA		
UAMS – Little Rock		
University of Arkansas, Fort Smith		
University of the Ozarks		
Williams Baptist College – Walnut Ridge, AR		

	Yes	No
14. I qualified for a Pell Grant	67%	33%
15. The ECE courses were at least as challenging as the courses I took at my current college or university	74%	26%
16. I attempted to transfer some or all of my NWACC ECE credits to my current college or university	94%	6%
17. I was able to successfully transfer some/all of my NWACC ECE credits to my current college or university	94%	6%

If YES on #17, the ECE credits (*check ALL that apply*)

<input type="radio"/> Enabled to enroll in a more advanced course	28%	47/166 responses
<input type="radio"/> Exempted from a required course	25%	42/166 responses
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Counted as credit toward college degree completion	46%	77/166 responses

The next few questions may seem personal. We ask these questions because governmental and education-related agencies often want to know who is served by Early College Experience.

	Yes	No
18. The ECE credits I earned in high school reduced the amount of my student loans and/or my tuition	60%	40%

19. The following describes my undergraduate education experience (Check all that apply)

<input checked="" type="radio"/> I completed or anticipate completing an Internship	58%	42/72 responses
<input type="radio"/> I participated or anticipate participating in Study Abroad	24%	17/72 responses
<input type="radio"/> I completed or anticipate completing a Double Major	18%	13/72 responses

20. Female **71%** 58/82
 Male 29% 24/82

21. I consider myself Hispanic or Latino **NO= 89%** 73/82 YES = 11% 9/82

22. I consider my race to be (check **all that apply**)

White	86%
American Indian/White	4%
Asian	1%
Decline response	9%

23. While in high school, I was eligible for the Free/Reduced price lunch program	YES	17%	14/82
	NO	83%	68/82

24. The highest level of education achieved by at least one my parents is:

<input type="radio"/> High school not completed	6%	5/82
<input type="radio"/> High school diploma or equivalent	6%	5/82
<input type="radio"/> Some college work completed	9%	7/82
<input type="radio"/> Technical Certificate or Diploma	9%	7/82
<input type="radio"/> Associate's Degree	9%	7/82
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Bachelor's Degree	28%	23/82
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Graduate Degree	34%	28/82

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