Adult Learner Data

Commission for Adult Learners

June 9, 2010
Agenda

• Data Definition Used for Analysis
• Adult Learner Profile
• Undergraduate Adult Learner Trends
• Undergraduate Credit Delivery Method Distribution
Data based on the following Definition of Adult Learner

Prior to BAY 08/09
• anyone 24 years of age or older;
• those who are active-duty military or are a veteran

Beginning BAY 08/09 & Forward
• Based on the University's Adult Indicator
  – may be 24 years of age or older;
  – a veteran of the armed services (includes active-duty);
  – returning to school after four or more years of employment, homemaking, or other activity;
  – a person who assumes multiple adult roles such as parent, spouse/partner, employee, and student
Undergraduate 48%
Graduate 48%
First Professional, 4%
BAY 09/10 Adult Learner Credit Breakout
09/10 Profile
Credit UG Adult Learners

Credit Undergraduate Adult Learners
5 Largest Colleges of Major

Not Included:
19% Undergraduate Nondegree Colleges under 4%

Degree Sought

Spring Semester 2010
# of Courses / Student
UG vs. GR
College of Major Comparison

Credit Undergraduate Adult Learners
5 Largest Colleges of Major

- THE LIBERAL ARTS: 14%
- SCHOOL OF NURSING: 7%
- ENGINEERING: 5%
- INFORMATION SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY: 5%
- HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: 7%

Not Included:
- 19% Undergraduate Nondegree
- Colleges under 4%

Credit Graduate Adult Learners
5 Largest Colleges of Major

- EDUCATION: 11%
- ENGINEERING: 10%
- THE LIBERAL ARTS: 8%
- SCIENCE: 5%
- EARTH AND MINERAL SCIENCES: 4%

Not Included:
- 22% Graduate Nondegree
- 8% School of Graduate Professional Studies
- 6% Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs
- Colleges under 4%
Penn State Undergraduate Adult* Student Headcount Five-Year Trend
BAY 05/06 through 09/10***
As of May 31, 2010

Note: 09/10 BAY data will change until completion of Sorine
Questions?

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