

Back to Success Student Survey: Summary of Responses

Summer 2016

645 Total Students Attended BTS Session

Average of 6.5 students per session and not all students completed the entire survey

Prior to Summer 2016, the previous survey had been conducted in Winter 2007 with similar results.

Directions to students: Please answer each question based on your experience today. Your answers are anonymous. We are using the responses from these questions to help improve future workshops.

Question 1a. What was the most valuable information you learned today from the counselor?

Total number of Responses: 345

Response Categories

Ways to get off of probation/course repetition policy/probation policies:	125	36%
Time Management strategies/Balancing work and school is important:	54	16%
Participate in clubs/internships/tutoring/get involved on campus:	39	11%
Academic/Progress Renewal policy:	27	8%
Important to speak with a counselor:	24	7%
Don't give up on your goals:	19	6%
Use the Career Center:	14	4%
Information on Campus Resources:	11	3%
Study Strategies:	9	3%
Everything:	7	2%
Take Counseling 20:	6	2%
How to calculate GPA:	6	2%
Financial Aid policy (SAP):	3	1%
Degree Requirements:	1	.3%

Question 1b. What was the most valuable information you learned today from the other students?

Total number of Responses: 240

Response Categories

Other students are going through the same thing/ have the same problems or struggles as I do:	97	40%
Time management strategies:	56	23%
Participate in study groups/go to tutoring:	19	8%
Join clubs/STEM program/take Counseling 20:	16	7%
Specific study strategies:	15	6%
Nothing:	12	5%
Ask for help early/see a counselor:	10	4%
Speak with your professor:	4	2%

Don't take English and math together/during intersessions:	4	2%
Internship/career information:	3	1%
Not too late to change:	3	1%
Rate My Professors website:	1	.4%

Question 2a. If you had to design a BTS counseling session like the one today, which part would you keep? Why?

Total number of Responses: 298

Response Categories

Everything:	93	31%
Ice Breaker Activity:	52	17%
1. It no longer felt like a group of strangers, rather students who were all on the same path to success		
2. It felt more 'real' to write it out on paper		
3. Makes you take a 'good look' at your actions last semester		
Course repetition discussion/definition of probation:	34	11%
Career Services Presentation:	29	10%
Time Management discussion:	26	9%
Student Success Video:	22	7%
1. gets to the core of the students problems		
Educational Plan/getting transcripts:	20	7%
Explanation of student services/Financial Aid:	6	2%
The counselor:	6	2%
How to calculate a GPA:	6	2%
Study Skills Strategies:	2	.7%
Importance of Counseling 20:	1	.3%
Review of SMC website/resources:	1	.3%

Question 2b. If you had to design a BTS counseling session like the one today, which part would you change? Why?

Number of Responses: 234

Response categories:

Would not change anything:	174	74%
Videos:	28	12%
1. want more time for discussion		
2. video needs to be shorter		
3. felt like an ad		
4. I didn't relate to the students		
More time to discuss individual transcripts/individ. time with counselor:	9	4%
Shorten length of workshop:	6	3%
Career Center Presentation:	4	2%
Students being able to freely discuss their situation:	3	1%

Add more interaction between students/keep group small (5-7):	3	1%
Don't talk about Financial Aid:	2	.8%
1. Only some students need it:		
More Time Management discussion:	1	
Discuss amount of study time for STEM classes:	1	
Want hardcopies of packet:	1	
More information on Academic/Progress Renewal:	1	
No GPA calculation:	1	
1. students should know how to do this		

Question 3: As a result of the BTS session, my confidence in my ability to succeed in the next semester has increased. Please circle one:

Total Number of Responses: 249

Strongly Agree:	148	59%
Agree:	88	35%
Neutral:	13	5%
Disagree:	0	
Strongly Disagree:	0	