

Grove City College

Highlights of the Annual Academic Research Report

- The average GCC senior scores **above 83% of students nationally** who take the relevant Major Field Test for his or her major discipline.
- GCC engineering majors consistently pass the Fundamentals of Engineering exam at a higher rate than engineering students nationally. Over past 9 years, the **average difference has been +15%**.
- The pass rate for GCC accounting majors on the CPA exam was **21% higher than the national average** in 2015 (70% v. 49%). The GCC pass rate has exceeded the national average for the past five years (2011 to 2015), with an **average +15% differential**.
- The average GCC student who takes the MCAT (for medical school), LSAT (for law school), or the GRE (for a variety of graduate programs) scores **above 70% of students nationally**.
- GCC education majors (PK-4, PK-8 Special Education, 7-12 certification, and PK-12 certification) pass the relevant state certification exams at rates far above students from other institutions. **Most GCC pass rates for the past 3 years are at 100%**. In the few cases where the GCC pass rate is less than 100%, the GCC pass rates exceed the overall state pass rate by an average of 12%.
- The Exercise Science program supports two certification exams. 61% of our students who took the National Strength and Conditioning Association: Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist exam earned passing marks (compared to a national pass rate of 63%). 73% of our students who took the American College of Sports Medicine: Health Fitness Specialist exam earned passing marks (compared to a national pass rate of 59%).
- **93% of GCC seniors** rate their entire educational experience at GCC as excellent or good. (This compares to a national figure of 86%.) NSSE, 2016.
- **90% of GCC seniors** would choose to attend GCC if they could do it all over again. (This compares to a national figure of 82%.) NSSE, 2016.

The data and conclusions referred to in this “Highlights” document are from the 2015/2016 Annual Academic Report. Please contact Dr. Gary Welton and/or Dr. Ken Carson with questions, comments, and/or suggestions.