

Price Scholarship Program Executive Summary



The Price Scholars Program (PSP) is an 18-year program that assists San Diego City College students with unique social, emotional, academic, financial, and skill-development supports for two years with the goal of transferring students to a four-year university and/or gainful employment. This 2017 study of four cohorts from PSP revealed that the 105 PSP Scholars followed had *statistically significant* positive educational and employment trajectories and outcomes compared to students without PSP support. Follow-up interviews with 34 Scholars further revealed the deep positive impact PSP has had on these young people’s lives and futures.

The report had three sections:

1. San Diego City College Outcomes
2. Transfer to Four-year Institution Outcomes
3. Gainful Employment Outcomes

The points we want to emphasize are in **dark red**.

Educational Outcomes

PSP students earned 30 more credits (community college) than comparable students in no-enrolled college support program

PSP students earned 24 more transferrable credits (in community college) than comparable SDCC students in no-enrolled college support program. (These are both statistically significant findings — not due to chance)

PSP students had more consistent enrollment semester to semester and year to year equating to higher retention, success and persistence rates than their comparable peers not enrolled in any program.

Figure 1: Means of Cumulative Credits (All) Among Groups

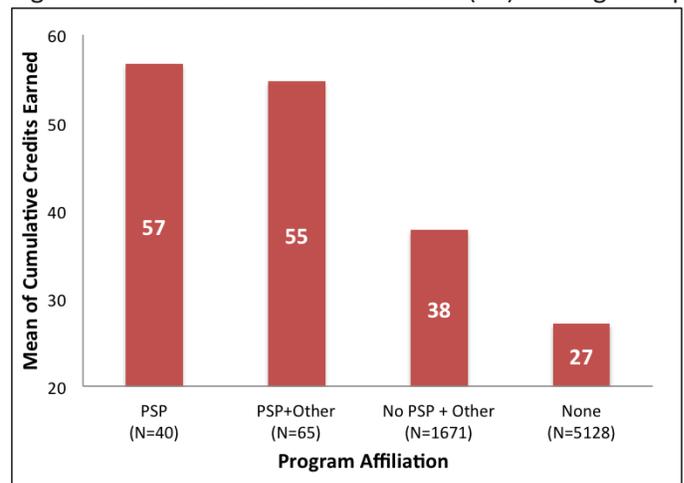
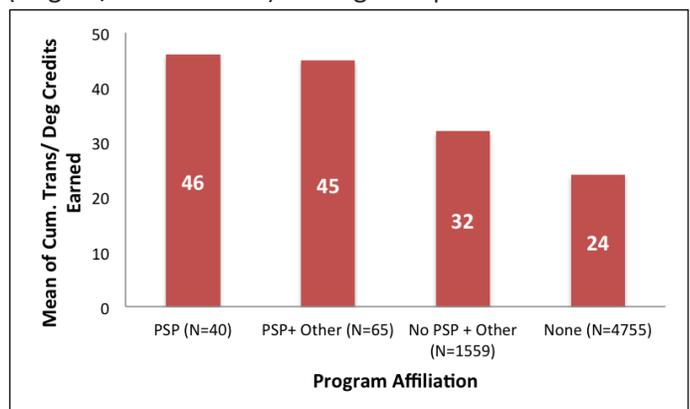


Figure 2: Means of Cumulative Credits (Degree/Transferrable) Among Groups



Forty percent of PSP students transferred to a four-year college — the national average is 33 percent for all students, not just low-income students.

Sixteen percent of PSP students had completed their bachelor's degree, compared to 14% nationally (among all students, not just low-income students, or racial minorities) who complete it in six years. Note: the PSP numbers will likely rise as the 2013 entering cohort moves along.

Employment Outcomes

- 94 percent were employed**
- 68 percent were working full time in "good" jobs**
- 76 percent had health insurance**
- 62 percent worked in their desired field**

Which PSP programs were most helpful? (programs with more than one response; N =34)

	Frequency	Percentage
Interviewing	15	44%
Emotional/psych support	10	29%
Résumé	10	29%
Personal growth class	6	18%
Work etiquette/dressing	6	18%
Community experience	6	18%
Financial aid support	6	18%
Retreat	5	15%
Life skills	3	9%
Time management	3	9%
Confidence	3	9%
Study techniques	2	6%
Speaking/communicating	2	6%
College information	2	6%
Help selecting classes	2	6%

Intangibles:

- Psychological support critical
- Building leadership and confidence
- Concrete skill development — resume building/writing, job interview coaching, speaking skills
- Orientation towards helping others

"PSP helped us experience the world because you learn how to interact with people, which is important for school, life and jobs."

"It gave us pride."

"You feel like you belong."

"Once a scholar always a scholar."

"You always felt you have a community no matter where you are in the world. Even now."

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