



# RESEARCH FINDINGS

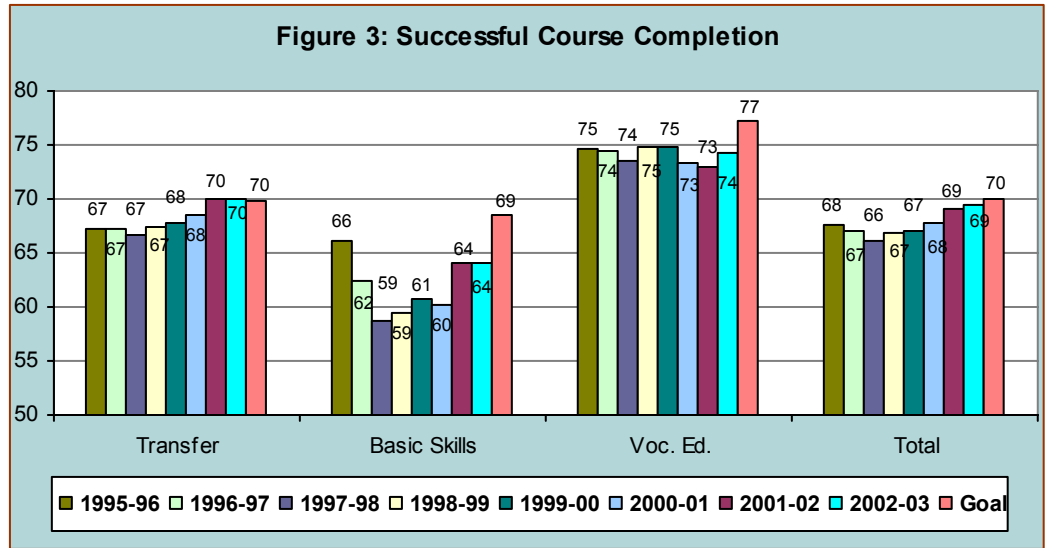
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**Goal 3 - Successful Course Completion:** To increase the overall successful course completion rate by **3.7%** from PCC's baseline of **67.57%** in 1995-96 to **70.07%** in 2005-06. Note: Successful course completion rate is defined as the percentage of students who received an A, B, C, or Credit out of the total number of students enrolled in a class at Census.

From PCC's 1995-96 baseline year to 2002-03, the **overall successful course completion rate** in:

- Total transferable courses **increased** by **4.0%** to **69.99**.
- Total basic skills courses **decreased** by **3.3%** to **64.03**.
- Total vocational courses **decreased** by **.3%** to **74.34**.
- Total courses **increased** by **2.8%** to **69.43**.



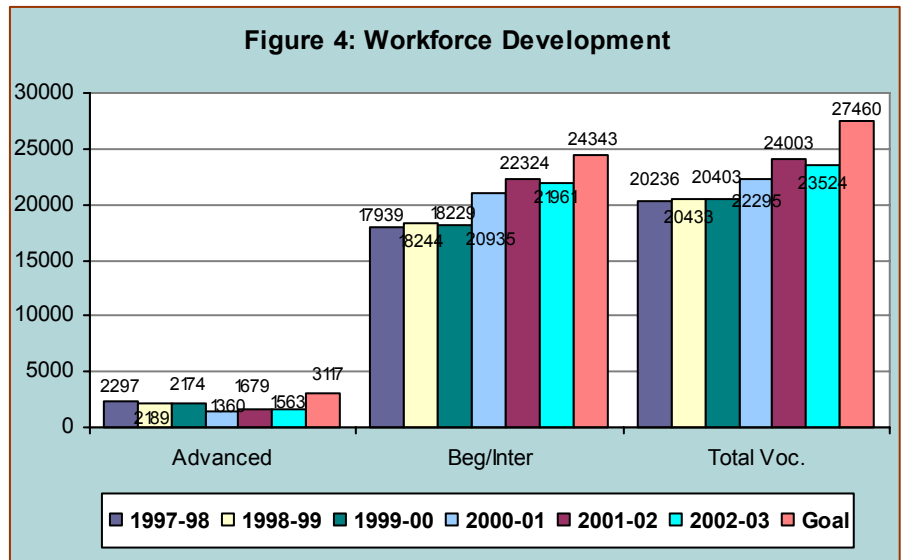
**Goal 4 - Workforce Development:**

To increase the total number of successful course completions in advanced and beginning/intermediate vocational courses by **35.7%** from PCC's baseline of **20236** in 1997-98 to **27460** in 2005-06. Note: Workforce development is defined as successful completions (defined by a grade of A, B, C, or Credit) in advanced vocational and beginning/intermediate vocational courses.

From PCC's 1997-98 baseline year to 2002-03, the **successful course completions** in:

- Total advanced vocational courses **decreased** by **32.0%** to **1563**.
- Total beginning/intermediate vocational courses **increased** by **22.4%** to **21961**.
- Total vocational courses **increased** by **16.2%** to **23524**.

Note: In 2000, many advanced vocational courses were recorded to be intermediate, thus decreasing advanced enrollments and increasing intermediate.



**Goal 5 - Basic Skills Improvement:** To increase the total number of students who improve in basic skills courses by **38.9%** from PCC's baseline of **2843** in 1997-98 to **3948** in 2005-06. Note: Basic skills improvement is defined as the number of students who successfully completed coursework (defined by a grade of A, B, C or Credit) at least one level above their prior basic skills enrollment within 3 academic years.

The most recent data for 2002-03 are not available. Since Fall 2001, PCC had been incorrectly coding a few courses as basic skills courses. As a result, the Chancellor's Office MIS incorrectly recorded a significant number of students as completing coursework at least one level above their prior basic skills enrollment. Thus, PCC will need to resubmit the data to the Chancellor's MIS Unit to have the data reanalyzed.

