

## Cosmetology Degree Attainment (Spring 11)

### Introduction

In order to better understand the proportion of Cosmetology students who successfully complete the program, a study was designed.

Below are the findings from this examination:

#### **Cosmetology student completion**

- Of those students who were enrolled in COS 200 in the 07/08 academic year (48), 60.5% (29) of those students completed the program with either a degree or certificate by the end of the 09/10 academic year.
- Of those students who successfully completed COS 200 in the 07/08 academic year (40), 72.5% (29) of those students completed the program with either a degree or certificate by the end of the 09/10 academic year.
- Of the 29 who completed a degree or certificate, only 6.8% obtained a degree. The remaining students obtained a certificate.

### Summary

Prior to the analysis of findings, it must be acknowledged that the sample examined above is very small. Small samples are more likely to be affected by confounding factors. Moreover, many students may take longer to complete the degree/certificate than the time allotted for this examination. Recognizing these weaknesses, some findings seem to have emerged.

Most students who successfully complete COS 200 end up completing either a degree or certificate within the expected timeframe. Only a small minority of those students who complete, obtain a degree in Cosmetology, most obtain a certificate.