

## **Student Portrait Fall Semester 2005 Executive Summary**

The Student Portrait provides answers to the most frequently asked questions about our student body and allows college decision makers to anticipate student needs and expectations. It contains a section on regional/state level comparative data, a second section that contains demographic and selected other tables for our total headcount, and a third section devoted to credit enrollment only.

### **Highlights:**

- College of DuPage began in 1967 with **2,619** students. The enrollment reached its peak in 1991 with **36,322** students, and now under the semester system it stands at **30,092**.
- Total headcount decreased by 10.8% from the previous Fall Quarter. Credit headcount decreased by 9.2%. Full-Time Equivalent Student (FTES) enrollment decreased 17.1% to 14,645 (not adjusted for the conversion to semester).
- At the state level, credit headcount and FTES decreased 2.9%.
- The average (mean) age of all students is 28 years, and the median is 22 years. The mean age of credit students is 29 years and the median is 23 years. The mode is 19 years for both groups.
- Thirty-four percent of credit students are in the traditional student age category of 18-20 years of age, 43% are 21-39 years of age, and 21% are 40 years of age or older, with 3% over 64 years of age, and 1% are 17 years or less.
- The proportion of minority students at the college continues to increase and now stands at 30%. Minority population of credit students increased to 32%.
- Thirty-two percent of credit students are full-time—8,784. There are 18,333 (68%) part-time credit students.
- Over 13,000 credit students (49%) indicate they plan to graduate from the college. Likewise over 13,000 students (49%) indicate they plan to transfer to a four-year institution.
- The top five occupational programs by declared major are: 1) Nursing ADN, 982 students; 2) Fire Science Technology, 364 students; 3) Radiologic Technology, 356 students; 4) Accounting, 302 students; and 5) Management, 300 students. These are self-declared majors and may not reflect actual enrollment in limited admission programs.
- Over 4,900 (18%) of our credit students have an Associate's or higher degree. One hundred and sixteen have a Doctorate; 1,027 have a Master's Degree; 2,716 have a Bachelor's Degree; and 1,090 have an Associate's Degree.