



At Home in College Overview



At Home in College is a Robin Hood Foundation funded CUNY college transition program that works with students from New York City public high schools and CUNY GED programs who are on-track to graduate but who have not met traditional benchmarks of college readiness (via Regents or SAT scores.) The immediate goal of the project is to increase the college enrollment and third semester retention rates of these student populations, with the long-term goal being increased college graduation rates.

In February 2009, At Home in College (AHC) began working with over three hundred high school seniors and GED students from seven New York City public high schools and two CUNY GED programs. Students received a transition English course, a transition math course, and a College Access and Success Workshop. In June, students took the CUNY Placement Exam in cohorts, and every student has since received an individualized score report and registration information.

CUNY Application and Placement Exam Rates

Eighty-seven percent of students enrolled in At Home in College applied to CUNY, and, of these, 88% completed the CUNY Placement Exam. These results can be attributed to a variety of factors, including providing fee waivers for the CUNY application and developing a cohort testing model that allowed students to take the CUNY Placement Exam with their classmates during the school day.

Overview of *At Home in College* Demographics and First Semester Outcomes

- **193 students enrolled in CUNY** for the first time in spring 09, fall 09, or spring 10.
- **88.4% of first-time freshman in fall 09 re-enrolled** the following semester.
- **89.7% of students enrolled full-time.**
- **Demographics:** 29.5% of AHC students are African-American, 50.7% are Latino, 15.5% Asian/Pacific Islander, and 4% are white.
- **47% of the students who enrolled in CUNY are male.**
- **The average first-semester GPA for AHC students is 2.07.**
- On average, At Home in College students **attempted 10.18 credits and earned 7.45 credits in their first semester.**
- Students in Associate Degree earned an average of **6.61 credits** in their first semester, **.23 credits more** than the average credits earned by Associate Degree students CUNY-wide.
- **89.7%** of full-time Associate Degree students persisted to a second semester, **5.7%** higher than Fall 2008.