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CCSSE Results Provide Insight into General Education Program Effectiveness

Chipola College evaluates numerous outcomes in the assessment of its general education program, including the extent which students attain the following college-level competencies:

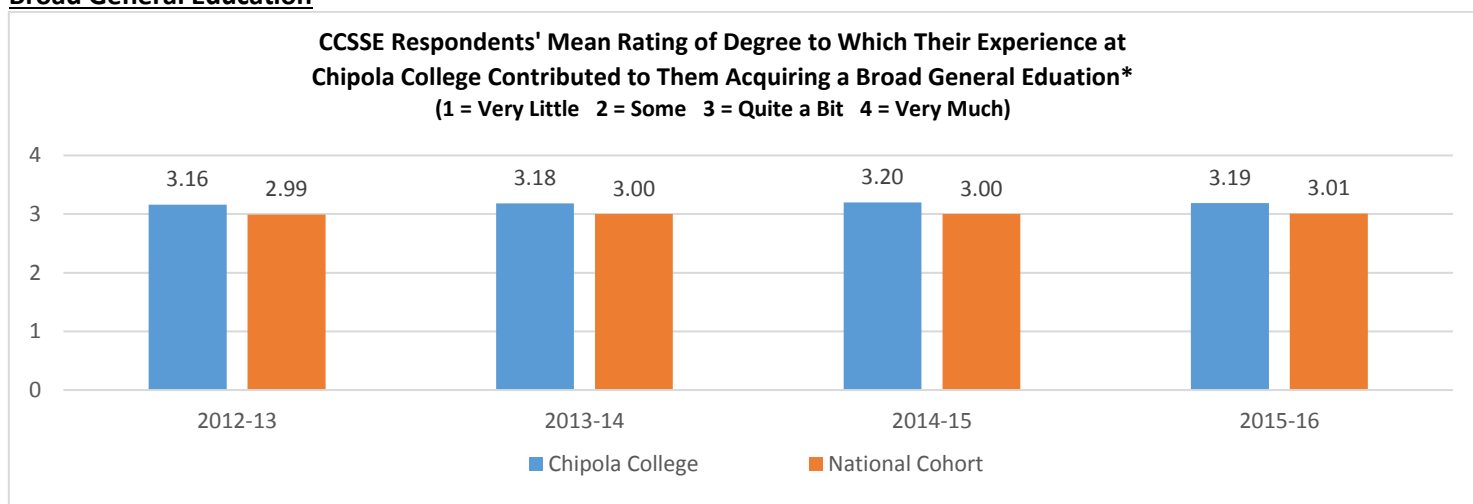
- Evaluate societal and ethical issues, problems, and values
- Explore the history, nature, methods, and limits of science
- Demonstrate basic mathematical skills and knowledge
- Comprehend and articulate effectively in English: reading, writing, oral communication
- Interpret, evaluate, and appreciate works of human culture

Assessment is necessary in determining program effectiveness and identifying areas for improvement. Chipola’s program assessment practices are aligned with SACSCOC principles of accreditation, including Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1: “The institution identifies expected outcomes, assesses the extent to which it achieves these outcomes, and provides evidence of improvement based on analysis of the results in...educational programs, to include student learning outcomes.”

SACSCOC Core Requirement 2.7.3 requires that undergraduate degree programs include a general education component that is at the collegiate level and that exposes students to a breadth of knowledge. Also required is that the courses in the general education component not be narrowly focused on skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession.

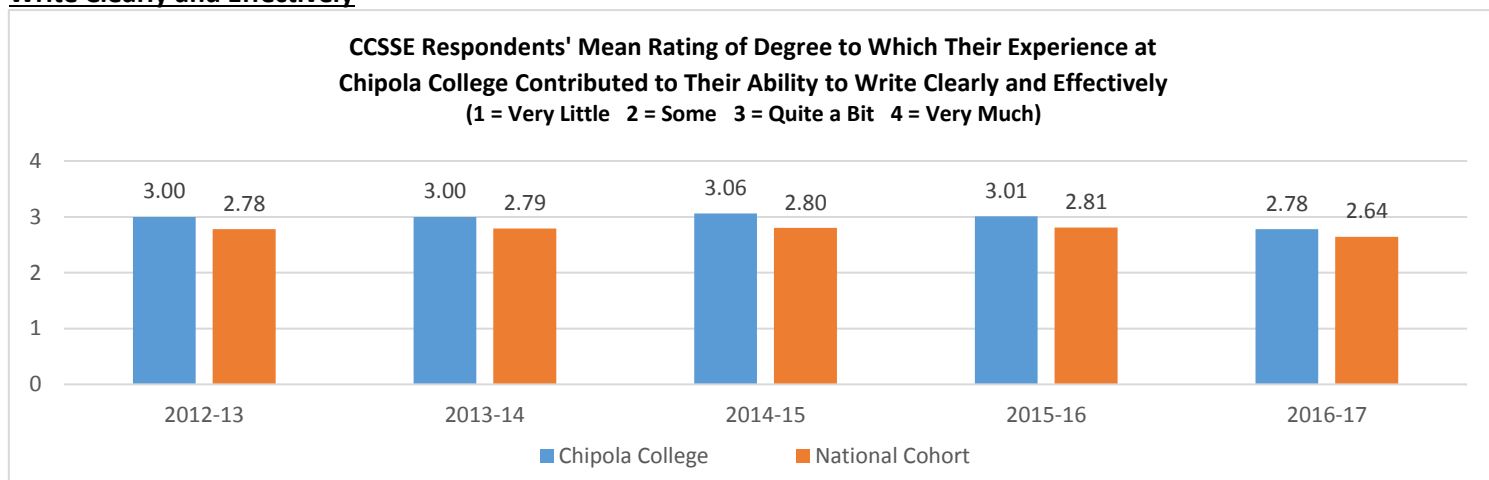
The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) is one of several tools used by Chipola in the assessment of its general education program. This month’s *Chipola College Facts!* presents students’ responses to several CCSSE survey items used in the general education program assessment. The high ratings by respondents provide insight into the degree to which the general education program provides students with a breadth of knowledge leading to college-level competencies. Results also indicate the extent to which students report attainment of college-level competencies. Although CCSSE results are just one of the measures used by Chipola College in the assessment of its general education program, the results are an important measure in maintaining program quality.

Broad General Education



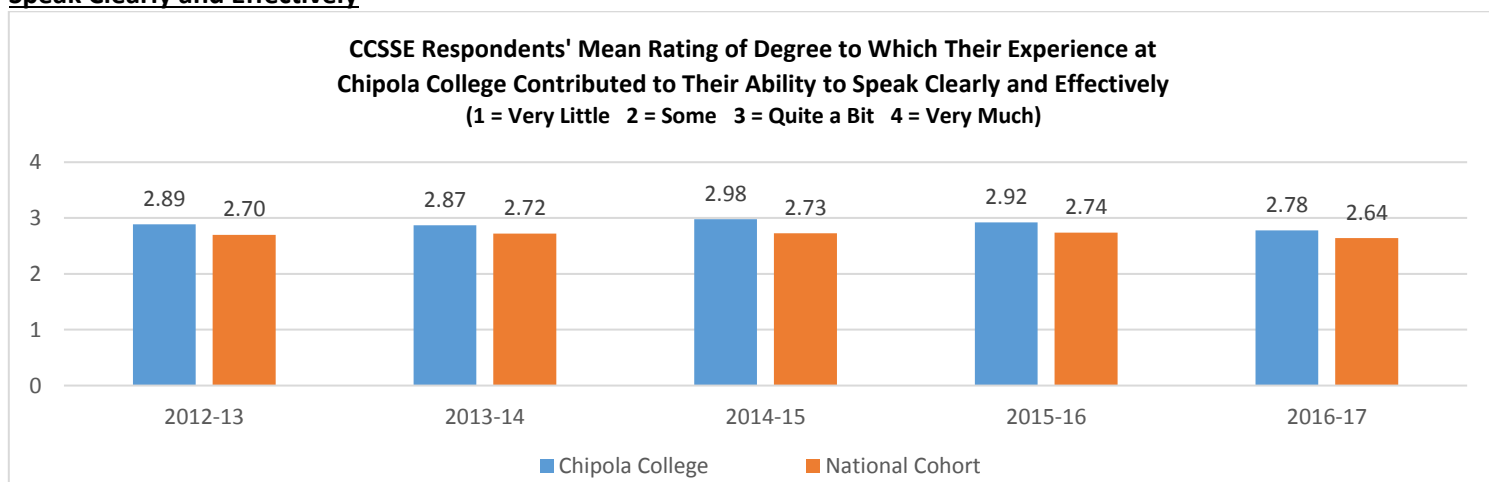
Source: CCSSE Item 12a. *This item deleted from the CCSSE after 2015-16.

Write Clearly and Effectively



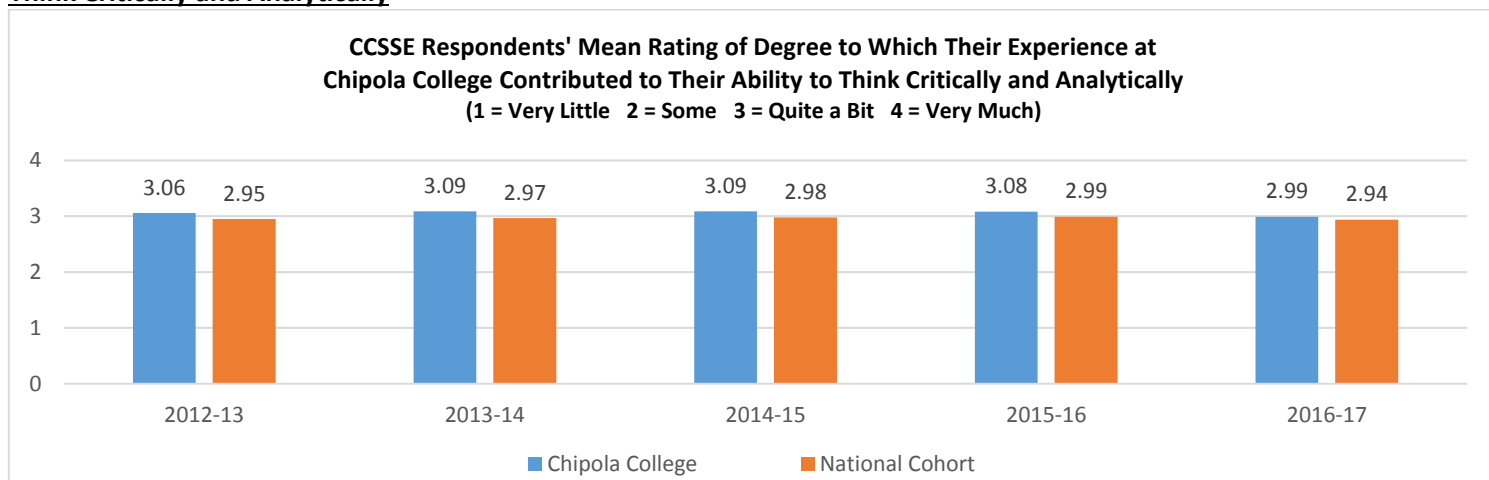
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Speak Clearly and Effectively



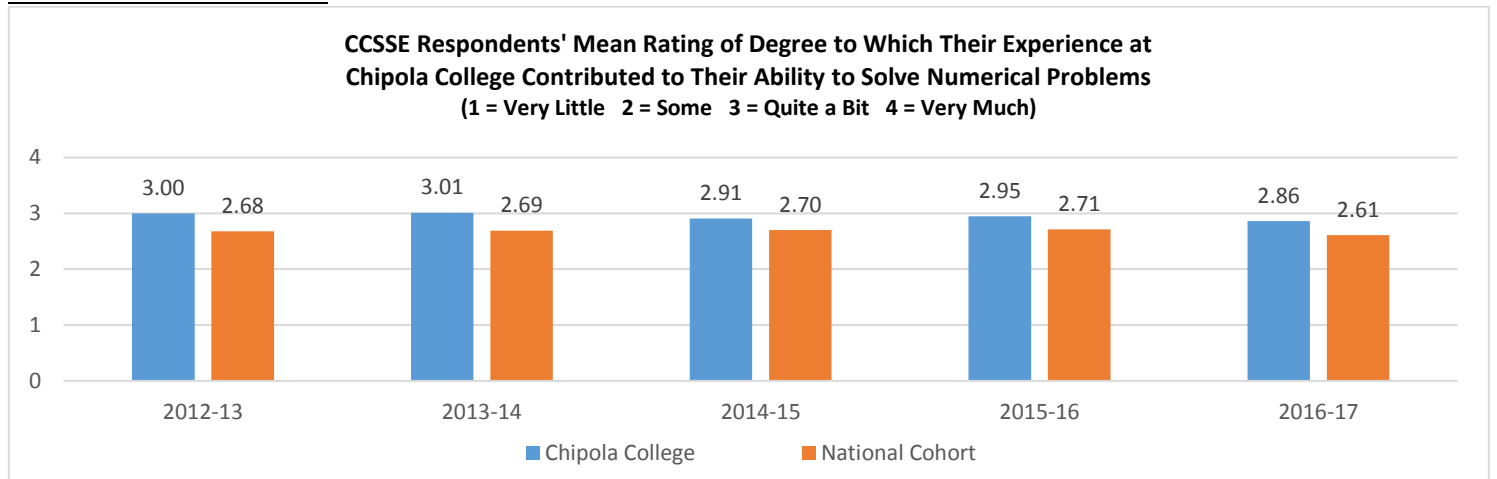
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Think Critically and Analytically



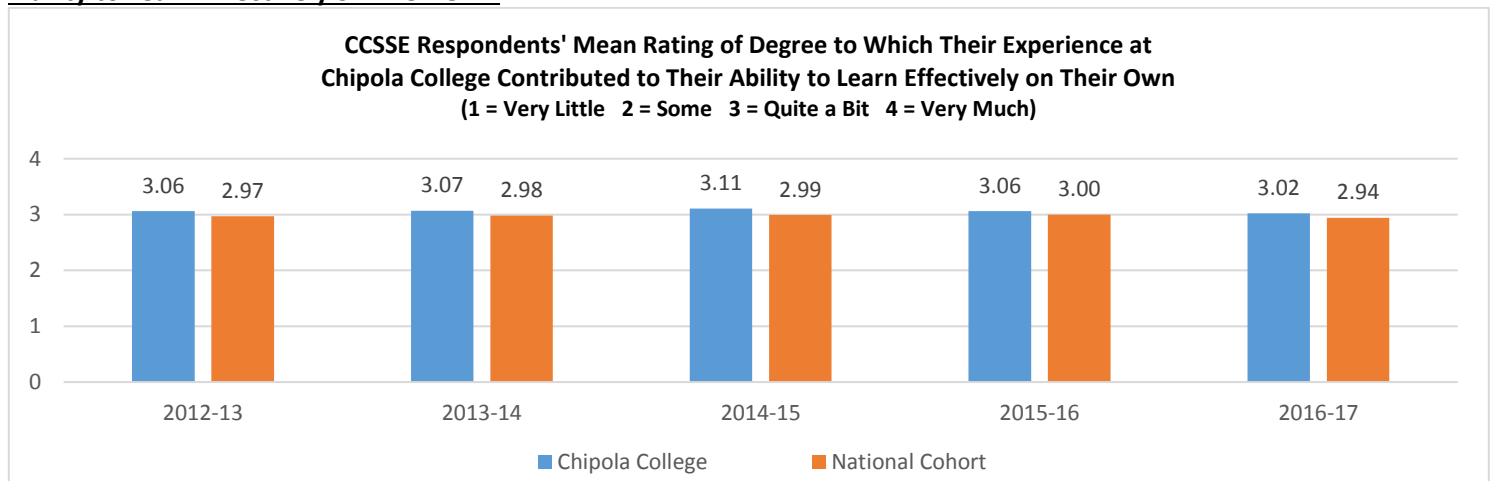
Source: CCSSE Item 11d

Solve Numerical Problems



Source: CCSSE Item 11e

Ability to Learn Effectively on Their Own



Source: CCSSE Item 11g

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