

Christian Colleges Excel in Retaining Minority Students in Adult Education Programs

The CCCU Center for Research in Adult Learning at Indiana Wesleyan University is coordinating a retention study among Christian college adult programs. Several years of data indicate that these adult programs attract and retain a substantial number of minority students. Entrance Survey data from seven Christian colleges indicate that 18% of adult program students are African American and 7% are from other minority groups. Graduation Survey data indicate that 16% are African American and 7% are from other minority groups. At a time when many educators and policy makers are scratching their heads trying to figure out how to increase minority graduation rates, it is clear that adult programs at Christian colleges are already excelling in this area.

For details and to participate in this ongoing retention project see www.indwes.edu/cral or contact Center Director, Dr. Cynthia Tweedell (Cynthia.tweedell@indwes.edu).