

## **DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENT SURVEY - ONLINE ORIENTATION MODULE- FALL 2013**

To assess the SAC Student Online Orientation pilot usage in Fall 2013, A survey was run on the six participating faculty courses at the end of the semester.

### ***Executive Summary:***

**27%** of pilot students responded to our survey. (87 of 317 enrolled students in DE at the time of the survey) **Overall results were extremely positive.**

Comments were also very positive. It is unfortunately difficult to track the students that took the orientation for success. Some faculty required the orientation and others did not. However, the responses of the students did show that **they felt there were better prepared for their online class.**

The **SAC Student Online Orientation was been made available to all Santa Ana College students** in December 2013. The intention is for current and prospective students to take the orientation to determine if they have the skills to be successful online, and/or how to be successful online learners. Additionally, DE will be offering face-to-face Blackboard Basic training and video training to students in Spring 2013.

### ***Survey Facts/Findings:***

- **99%** strongly agree or agree that the **Student Online Orientation is easy to navigate and directions were clear**
- **Students thought the most helpful areas were:**
  - **Learning Style Types**
  - **Time Management Tips**
  - **Videos on Blackboard Orientation and Discussion boards**
  - **Practice submitting assignments and posting on a discussion board**
  - **Using the Gradebook**
- The **majority of students appreciated the ability to learn the necessary skills to be successful online.** There were some that felt it should not be required if they already had taken an online course.

### ***Selected Additional Student Comments:***

- *"It helped me realize what kind of learner I am and was able to look at how I would do well in online classes."*
- *"I was able to find out if I was a good fit for a distance program."*
- *"I liked both practices of submitting. After watching the videos, I was able to officially practice the assignments."*
- *"It was a good orientation. I just received my B.A. from UC Riverside and this is my first online course, so this orientation was very helpful and definitely a necessity. I really wish my undergraduate student orientation was this informative and efficient. Thanks!"*
- *"I don't think instructors should require this orientation for returning on-line users. It is lengthy and unnecessary if you already have the knowledge."*