

METHOD

Process

Prior to administering the CCSR, WITC submitted a data file to CCSSE that included a listing of Spring 2005 credit courses that counted toward a degree or certificate. From this data file, CCSSE created two random stratified samples—primary and alternate. The alternate sample was only used in instances where primary sample courses were cancelled prior to survey administration, when students were enrolled in more than one primary sample class, or if a faculty member declined participation in the survey.

Prior to conducting the survey, a letter was sent to faculty informing them that a WITC survey administrator would contact them to select a convenient time for conducting the student survey.

WITC staff members administered surveys to students in class. All survey administrators read the CCSSE script to each class first and then instructed students to complete the survey. Students completed the surveys in 25 to 45 minutes. Completed surveys were collected, placed in an envelope with the class cover sheet, and returned to CCSSE for scanning and analysis.

WITC surveyed 441 students enrolled in credit classes during the second semester of the 2004-2005 academic year.