

Adult Learner Survey

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INFORMED CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT:

“Perceptions of Adult Learners at Allan Hancock College”

This form asks for your agreement to participate in a research project on the perceptions of adult learners (age 25 and older) at Allan Hancock College. Your participation involves taking a survey, and it is expected that it will take approximately 15 minutes. There are no risks anticipated with your participation. Post-secondary educational leaders and practitioners may benefit from your participation. If you are interested in participating, please review the following information:

The purpose of the study is to research perceived factors that promote or impede adult learners' access to lifelong learning and upskilling opportunities at Allan Hancock College, in particular, and dissemination of results and findings of this research may be broadly disseminated throughout the California community colleges system, online, as well as through professional conferences and publications. Potential benefits associated with the study include structural and institutional improvements to better meet the needs of adult learners not only in our community and district service area but throughout our California community college system.

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete a brief (15 minute) survey which will ask you questions about your perceptions of motivators and barriers to enrolling in course(s) at Allan Hancock College.

Please be aware that you are not required to participate in this research, refusal to participate will not involve any penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled, and you may discontinue your participation at any time. You may omit responses to any questions you choose not to answer. There are no risks anticipated with your participation in this study, as your survey responses will be collected anonymously.

This research is being conducted by Margaret Lau, Dean of Academic Affairs, Allan Hancock College, for her action research project as a graduate student in the School of Education at Cal Poly State University. If you have questions regarding this study or would like to be informed of the results when the study is completed, please contact Margaret Lau at mlau17@calpoly.edu or 805-922-6966, ext. 3261, or her Cal Poly faculty advisor, Dr. Andrea Somoza-Norton, at asamozan@calpoly.edu.

If you have concerns regarding the manner in which the study is conducted, you may contact

Dr. Michael Black, Chair of the Cal Poly Institutional Review Board, at (805) 756-2894, mblack@calpoly.edu, or Ms. Debbie Hart, Compliance Officer, at (805) 756-1508, dahart@calpoly.edu.

If you agree to voluntarily participate in this research project as described, please indicate your agreement by answering the survey questions. Click "NEXT" to continue.

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Q8 There are four sections of this questionnaire. In the first section, "Demographic Information," please mark responses that best describes you. In the second and third sections, "Motivators" and "Barriers," please mark the response that best describes your level of agreement with the item listed in the far-left column. Responses range from "Strongly Disagree" to "Strongly Agree." If an item does not apply to you, please mark "Not Applicable." In the fourth section, titled "Additional Remarks," please write any additional information you feel would be helpful to the researcher. Thank you!

Q21 Section 1: Demographics

How old are you?

- 25-34
 - 35-44
 - 45-54
 - 55 +
 - Decline to state
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Q22 What is your ethnicity?

- American Indian/Alaska Native
 - Asian
 - Black/African American
 - Filipina/o
 - Latino/a
 - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - White
 - Two or more races
 - Other
 - Decline to state
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Q23 What is your household gross income (2018)?

- Less than \$20,000
 - \$20K to \$49,999
 - \$50K to \$74,999
 - \$75K to \$99,999
 - \$100K +
 - Decline to state
-

Q24 Do you have child/children at home under the age of 12?

- Yes
 - No
 - Decline to state
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Q25 Do you have child/children at home between the ages of 12 – 18?

- Yes
 - No
 - Decline to state
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Q26 Do you have a spouse/significant other who lives with you?

- Yes
 - No
 - Decline to state
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Q27 Do you have other relatives who live with you?

- Yes
 - No
 - Decline to state
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Q28 Do you have non-relatives who live with you?

- Yes
 - No
 - Decline to state
-

Q29 Have you attended other community colleges?

- Yes
 - No
 - Decline to state
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Q30 Are you employed full-time (40 hours or more each week)?

- Yes
 - No
 - Decline to state
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Q31 Are you employed less than 40 hours weekly?

- Yes
 - No
 - Decline to state
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Q32 Section 2: Rate your agreement with each of the following MOTIVATORS.

"I was motivated to enroll and stay in school because of..."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Decline to state
A desire for personal accomplishment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A desire to finish a degree that I began but did not complete earlier.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A desire for knowledge/skills in this degree field.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reports that people with this degree have greater opportunity for advancement.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The assurance of a pay increase at work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The assurance of a promotion at work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The desire to keep my current job.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The desire to begin a new career.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encouragement from my spouse/significant.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encouragement from my children.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Encouragement from my parent(s).

Encouragement from my supervisor or employer.

Encouragement from friends who have their degree.

Encouragement from an instructor.

A desire to be a role model for my children.

A desire for more respect from my peers.

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Q33 Section 3: Rate your agreement with each of the following BARRIERS.

"A barrier to my enrollment and staying in school was..."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Decline to state
A lack of confidence in my ability to succeed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concern about attending school with younger or older students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of technology skills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The lack of grants and scholarships.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The lack of personal funds to pay for college.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concern about paying back student loans.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discouragement by a spouse/significant other.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discouragement by a parent(s).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discouragement by my employer.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Time away from my job.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Time away from my family.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of childcare for my minor children.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Lack of funds for
childcare for my
minor
child/children.

My role as
primary caregiver
for an elder.

Lack of classes at
a convenient
time.

Lack of personal
time.

Lack of reliable
transportation.

Homelessness.

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Q34 SECTION FOUR – Additional Remarks: Are there additional motivators you had/have or barriers that you faced (or currently face) that influenced your enrollment decision or ability to stay in school? If so, please tell us in the space provided.

Q35 Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please click "**NEXT**" to submit your response.

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