As part of the Achieving the Dream (AtD) initiative, New Student Orientation (NSO) sessions are conducted at NOVA to help incoming students make a smooth transition to college life. This research brief presents Fall 2011 enrollment status data for students who attended NSO sessions in Summer 2011.

Enrollment data is discussed in terms of:

- Initial enrollment – Headcount of students who were enrolled in one or more courses sometime during the semester and they may or may not have remained enrolled for the duration of Fall 2011.
- Current enrollment – Headcount of students enrolled in one or more courses for the duration of Fall 2011.
- Dropped – Headcount of students who dropped all the courses in which they enrolled earlier in the semester and did not re-enroll in any course.
- Never enrolled – Headcount of students who never enrolled in any course during the semester.

Figure 1 presents college-wide Fall 2011 enrollment status of students who attended an NSO session in the preceding summer semester (Summer 2011). As seen in the figure, of the 1,446 orientation attendees, 1,310 (91%) students initially enrolled for classes at NOVA. Eventually, 42 students (3%) dropped out and 1,268 (88%) students remained enrolled (Current Enrollment). One hundred and thirty-six (9%) NSO attendees never enrolled in any course at NOVA.

Figure 1. College-Wide Enrollment Status of NSO Attendees: Fall 2011

Note: Data from two of the six NOVA campuses (Annandale and Manassas) were not available and are excluded from the analysis in this brief.
As seen in Table 1, among the various campuses, the Loudoun campus had the highest number (557) of NSO attendees and Medical Education Campus had the lowest (206). While there was variation in the number of NSO attendees at the individual campuses, the percentage of students who eventually enrolled for classes did not vary substantially across the campuses. Initial Enrollment and Current Enrollment rates ranged between 90%-92% and 85%-91%, respectively. The Medical Education campus had the highest percentage of initially enrolled (92%) and currently enrolled students (91%). Accordingly, the Medical Education Campus also had the lowest percentage of ‘Never Enrolled’ students (8%) during the Fall 2011 semester. Among the four campuses, Loudoun Campus and Woodbridge Campus showed the lowest ‘Initial Enrollment’ rate (90%). Woodbridge Campus showed the lowest ‘Currently Enrolled’ rate (85%) and had the highest percentage of students (6%) who dropped out after initial enrollment. Loudoun and Woodbridge campuses each had the highest percentage of ‘Never Enrolled’ students (10%).

Table 1. Enrollment Status by NSO Campus: Fall 2011

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<th>NSO Campus*</th>
<th>NSO Attended**</th>
<th>Initial Enrollment</th>
<th>Currently Enrolled</th>
<th>Dropped</th>
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<td>325</td>
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<td>Loudoun</td>
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<td>Medical Education</td>
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<td>Woodbridge</td>
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<td>295</td>
<td>89.9%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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*NSO Campus is the campus on which students attended New Student Orientation sessions.
**NSO Attended has one duplicate – one student attended NSO at two campuses.

Summary of Results

- Of the 1,446 NSO attendees, 1,310 students (91%) initially enrolled for classes at NOVA.
- Of all NSO attendees, 1,268 students (88%) remained enrolled in classes after their initial enrollment.
- Forty-two students (3%) dropped out after initial enrollment.
- One hundred and thirty-six NSO attendees (9%) did not enroll in any courses at NOVA during the Fall 2011 semester.
- The Medical Education Campus showed the highest ‘Initial Enrollment’ rate (92%).
- The Medical Education Campus had the highest percentage of currently enrolled students (91%).
- The Woodbridge Campus showed the lowest ‘Current Enrollment’ rate (85%).
- The Loudoun and Woodbridge campuses had the highest percentage of ‘Never Enrolled’ students (10%).