SVI Retention: 2009-2010 compared to 2010-2011

The information displayed below compares Seattle Vocational Institutes’ (SVI) new student retention rate between the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years. Retention percentages are based on students who enroll in Fall quarter and subsequently reenrolled in Winter and Spring quarters. SVI offers short-term certificates, most of which can be completed within a quarter or two (please click here for a list of certificates offered at SVI).

Retention for Winter quarter dropped nine percent from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011, and retention for Spring quarter dropped four percent for the same period. However, Fall quarter enrollment in 2010-2011 increased by about 60%.

New student enrollment was significantly higher in fall 2010 as compared to fall 2009, however retention/completion dropped by nine percentage points fall-to-winter (81% 2009-2010, compared to 72% 2010-2011), and by four percentage points fall-to-spring (70% in 2005-06 compared to 66% in 2010-11). Recently instituted changes to the Seattle Vocational Institute intake process (admissions, enrollment, orientation and educational planning), which now includes a mandatory Education Planning course, are expected to help improve rates of retention and completion.