

# **Leveling the Playing Field**

Creating Choices for Students through the Use of Technology

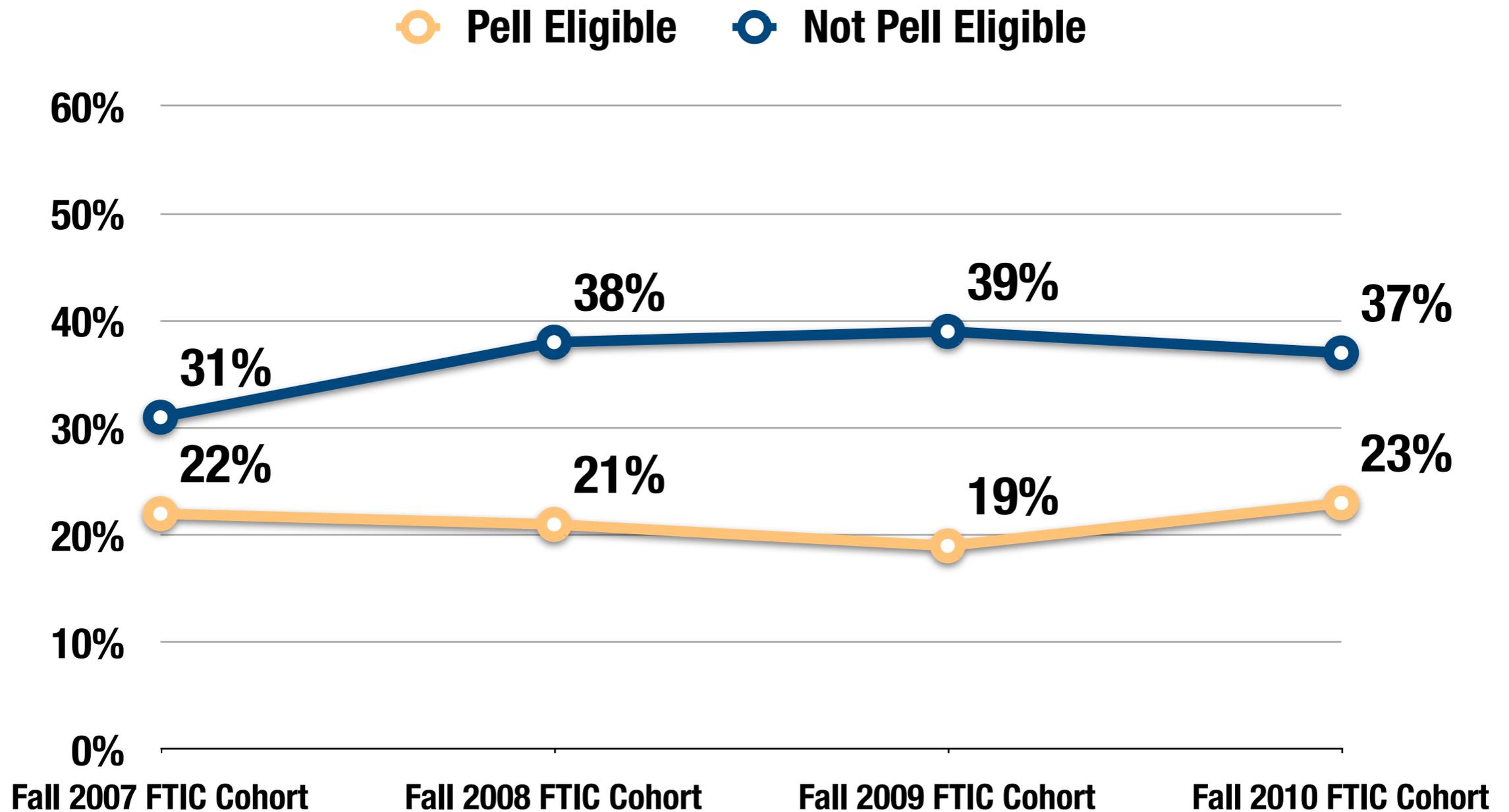
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# Poverty in Tallahassee

- Tallahassee ranks #1 in the nation for economic segregation (Florida, R., 2015)
- The poverty rate in Tallahassee is higher than the State of Florida - 25% vs. 13% (City-Data, 2013)
- For students this translates to lack of success, persistence and ultimately completion

# Student Completion

Students Degree or Credential Attainment within Four Years  
(by Pell Eligibility)



Source: TCC Office of Institutional Effectiveness

# More Than a Number

- For those living in poverty, it may mean...
  - ▶ Bailing someone out of jail or going to class
  - ▶ Living without a checking account
  - ▶ Living without electricity and often a home phone
  - ▶ Figuring out what to do when there is more month than money
  - ▶ Deciding if day care is an option this week
  - ▶ Getting by without a car
  - ▶ Deciding between buying my books and paying my water bill

# TCC Responds

- Eagle Nest Food Pantry
- Role models and mentors
- Access to laptop computers
- Emergency funding
- Counseling
  - ▶ Community resources
- Homeless waivers
  - ▶ 2013: 58
  - ▶ 2015: 40 to date



# Open Educational Resources (OER)

- Cost of textbooks (up 1,000% since 1977) force our students to make difficult choices - use of digital content:
  - ▶ Increases access
  - ▶ Supports equity
  - ▶ Levels the playing field for our students
- Textbooks can be up to 50% of the cost of tuition at community colleges (AACCC)
- If we replace just one book with OER, students could save more than \$1.4 billion nationally

# Natural Sciences

## Includ**ED**

- IncludED is a course fee assessed for textbook and/or online resources
- Ensure students have course materials on DAY ONE
- Fall 2015 Natural Sciences implemented fee in high enrollment courses to lower student costs

Course	Fee	Price of Text	Savings	Enrollment	Savings
<b>BSC 1005</b>	<b>\$67.00</b>	<b>\$151.25</b>	<b>\$84.25</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>\$37,913</b>
<b>BSC 2085</b>	<b>\$51.40</b>	<b>\$219.50</b>	<b>\$168.10</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>\$77,335</b>

# My Open Math (MOM)

- MOM is accessible through the Canvas Learning Management System
  - ▶ Faculty created online assignments using an open resource platform
  - ▶ MOM is used in Intermediate Algebra (MAT1033) and College Algebra (MAC1105)
  - ▶ Students pay \$5 per course for MOM instead of \$116 for My Math Lab course materials

**Savings of \$111.00 per student; total savings of \$266,500 (fall 2015)**

# Associate in Science Degree Programs

15 courses, serving over  
1,000 students for total  
savings of **\$228,647**



# **Virtual Resources**

Just in Time

# ENC 1101 (College Composition): Getting Started

Library and electronic resources supplementing ENC 1101, College Composition

Getting Started

Books & eBooks

Articles & Databases

Assignments

Web Resources

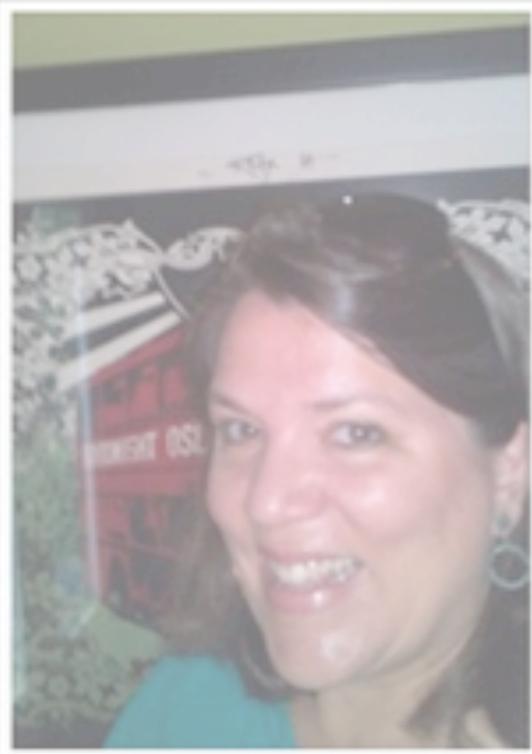
Online Videos & DVDs

Search Tips & Source Evaluation

MLA

Need Help?

## Need Research Help?



Tricia Elton - TCC Librarian

Email Me

## Recommended Databases

Hot Topics Databases

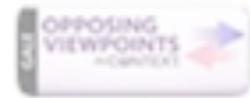
More Databases

eReference



### SIRS Issues Researcher

Covers leading issues most studied/debated by students. Includes pro/con articles, thesis statements.



### Opposing Viewpoints in Context

Opinions, topic overviews, academic and news articles on today's social issues. Also links to statistics, images and video sources.

\*\*\*Need help? View the [Tutorial](#).\*\*\*



### CQ Researcher

CQ reports on important issues of the day and include an overview, historical background, chronology, pro/con feature, plus resources for additional research.

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### Issues and Controversies

## Ask a Librarian

AskALibrarian.org

Chat with a librarian

## Library Hours

FALL

Monday - Thursday

7:30am - 9:00pm

Friday

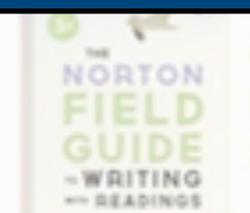
7:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday

10:00am - 2:00pm

# TCC Virtual Library

Political Science, Psychology, Social Sciences, Sociology, Speech



The Norton Field Guide to Writing, with Readings

Call Number: Reserve

ISBN: 0393919579

Publication Date: 2013

Online Handbook



47,656 Page Views  
(2014-2015)

VLC

494 Resources

- ✓ Handouts
- ✓ Videos
- ✓ Softchalk

**80%**  
of students who used the VLC  
reported that its resources  
contributed to success in their  
courses



Virtual Learning Commons

Services

Workshops

Study Rooms



smarthinking

Live, Online Tutoring - 24/7

5,793

tutoring sessions  
in the last  
12 months

97%

of students  
surveyed gave their  
tutors' feedback a  
favorable rating

# **Moving Forward**

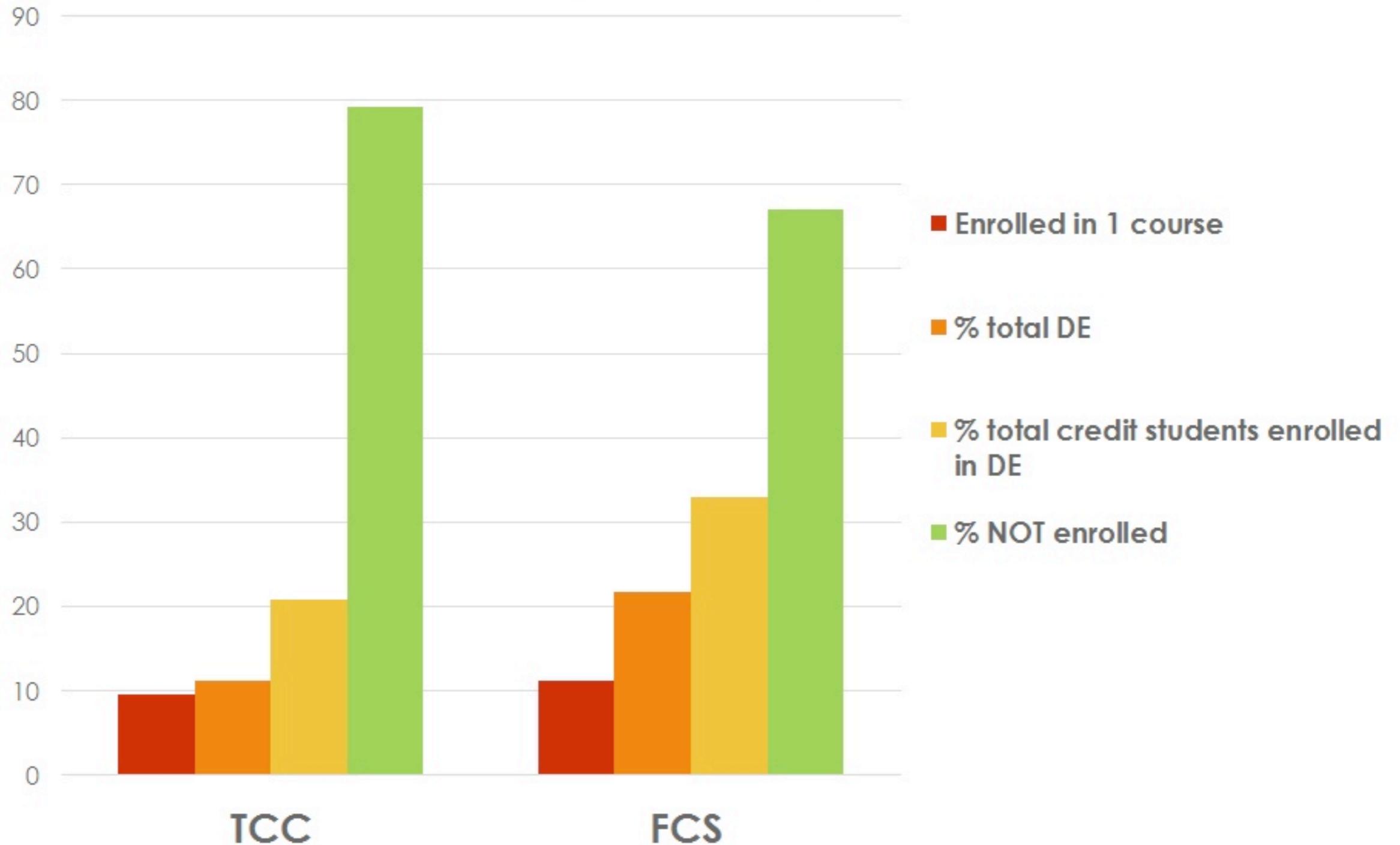
Online Learning

“If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow.”

John Dewey

# Distance Education

## Unrealized Opportunity



Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

# TCC Online

- Move from Distance Learning to Online - dispel connotations related to distance learning
- Key to enrollment growth
- Expand our reach to our surrounding communities and the nation
- Facilitate student success and completion

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