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## Top Transfer Institutions by NOVA Degree Program: 2013-14 and 2014-15

This Research Brief presents data on the top transfer institutions by NOVA students entering institutions in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 academic years.

- **Table 1** displays the top transfer institutions of any NOVA student regardless of whether they first graduated with a NOVA degree.
  - The transfer institution with the largest number of NOVA students in 2013-14 and 2014-15 was **George Mason University (28 and 29 percent, respectively)**.
- **Tables 2 through 5** display the top transfer institutions of NOVA graduates.
  - The transfer institution with the largest number of NOVA graduates in both 2013-14 and 2014-15 was **George Mason University (56 percent of transfers with NOVA degrees)**.
  - The NOVA degree program with the largest number of graduates transferring in both 2013-14 and 2014-15 was the **General Studies A.S. program (26 percent of transfers with NOVA degrees)**.

**Table 1. Top Transfer Institutions for Any NOVA Student: 2013-14 and 2014-15**

Transfer Institution	2013-14		2014-15		Change	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>George Mason University</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>27.6%</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
Virginia Commonwealth University	589	6.8%	677	7.4%	88	14.9%
James Madison University	303	3.5%	358	3.9%	55	18.2%
Virginia Polytechnic and State University	282	3.3%	345	3.8%	63	22.3%
University of Virginia	238	2.8%	282	3.1%	44	18.5%
Old Dominion University	241	2.8%	249	2.7%	8	3.3%
Radford University	171	2.0%	244	2.7%	73	42.7%
Marymount University	160	1.9%	238	2.6%	78	48.8%
Strayer University – Washington	301	3.5%	212	2.3%	-89	-29.6%
Liberty University	159	1.8%	172	1.9%	13	8.2%
University of Maryland – University College	166	1.9%	155	1.7%	-11	-6.6%
American Public University System	131	1.5%	149	1.6%	18	13.7%
Stratford University	187	2.2%	132	1.4%	-55	-29.4%
George Washington University	118	1.4%	130	1.4%	12	10.2%
University of Mary Washington	116	1.3%	114	1.2%	-2	-1.7%
University of Phoenix	110	1.3%	100	1.1%	-10	-9.1%
ITT Technical Institute	94	1.1%	87	0.9%	-7	-7.4%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	57	0.7%	82	0.9%	25	43.9%
University of the District of Columbia	43	0.5%	73	0.8%	30	69.8%
Shenandoah University	63	0.7%	70	0.8%	7	11.1%

Transfer Institution	2013-14		2014-15		Change	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
West Virginia University	82	0.9%	63	0.7%	-19	-23.2%
Christopher Newport University	76	0.9%	62	0.7%	-14	-18.4%
Longwood University	40	0.5%	57	0.6%	17	42.5%
College of William & Mary	57	0.7%	56	0.6%	-1	-1.8%
University of Maryland – College Park	40	0.5%	49	0.5%	9	22.5%
Western Governors University	22	0.3%	48	0.5%	26	118.2%
Pennsylvania State University	39	0.5%	46	0.5%	7	17.9%
American University	45	0.5%	45	0.5%	0	0.0%
Southern New Hampshire	30	0.3%	43	0.5%	13	43.3%
Kaplan University	26	0.3%	40	0.4%	14	53.8%
Ashford University	37	0.4%	34	0.4%	-3	-8.1%
Arizona State University	17	0.2%	33	0.4%	16	94.1%
Virginia State University	31	0.4%	28	0.3%	-3	-9.7%
Howard University	30	0.3%	27	0.3%	-3	-10.0%
DeVry University	48	0.6%	26	0.3%	-22	-45.8%
Columbia Southern University	8	0.1%	24	0.3%	16	200.0%
Park University	14	0.2%	23	0.3%	9	64.3%
Capella University	19	0.2%	22	0.2%	3	15.8%
Shepherd University	15	0.2%	21	0.2%	6	40.0%
East Carolina University	12	0.1%	20	0.2%	8	66.7%
Grand Canyon University	23	0.3%	20	0.2%	-3	-13.0%
<i>Other</i>	2,015	23.3%	1,915	20.8%	-100	-5.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,638</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

Note: Other = Schools with fewer than 20 transfers in 2014-15.

**Table 2. Top Transfer Institutions of NOVA Graduates: 2013-14 and 2014-15**

Transfer Institution	2013-14		2014-15		Change	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>George Mason University</b>	<b>1,673</b>	<b>55.7%</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>56.1%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
Virginia Commonwealth University	197	6.6%	219	6.8%	22	11.2%
James Madison University	98	3.3%	108	3.3%	10	10.2%
Marymount University	82	2.7%	84	2.6%	2	2.4%
Old Dominion University	69	2.3%	81	2.5%	12	17.4%
University of Virginia	84	2.8%	80	2.5%	-4	-4.8%
Virginia Polytechnic and State University	68	2.3%	79	2.4%	11	16.2%
Liberty University	40	1.3%	44	1.4%	4	10.0%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	21	0.7%	40	1.2%	19	90.5%
University of Mary Washington	38	1.3%	40	1.2%	2	5.3%
George Washington University	39	1.3%	38	1.2%	-1	-2.6%
Radford University	22	0.7%	38	1.2%	16	72.7%
Strayer University	57	1.9%	35	1.1%	-22	-38.6%
University of Maryland – University College	41	1.4%	31	1.0%	-10	-24.4%
Shenandoah University	16	0.5%	22	0.7%	6	37.5%
American Public University System	20	0.7%	20	0.6%	0	0.0%
University of Louisiana Lafayette	0	0.0%	18	0.6%	18	--
Western Governors University	9	0.3%	17	0.5%	8	88.9%
Stratford University	23	0.8%	16	0.5%	-7	-30.4%
University of Maryland – College Park	12	0.4%	16	0.5%	4	33.3%
American University	12	0.4%	11	0.3%	-1	-8.3%
College of William & Mary	5	0.2%	11	0.3%	6	120.0%
Howard University	11	0.4%	11	0.3%	0	0.0%
Pennsylvania State University	10	0.3%	11	0.3%	1	10.0%
Arizona State University	4	0.1%	10	0.3%	6	150.0%
<i>Other</i>	354	11.8%	339	10.5%	-15	-4.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,005</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,234</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>7.6%</b>

Note: Other = Schools with fewer than 10 transfers in 2014-15.

**Table 3. Transfers of NOVA Graduates by Degree Program: 2013-14 and 2014-15**

NOVA Degree	Program	2013-14		2014-15		Change	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
A.A.	Fine Arts	24	0.8%	23	0.7%	-1	-4.2%
	Liberal Arts	315	10.5%	266	8.2%	-49	-15.6%
	Music	9	0.3%	5	0.2%	-4	-44.4%
A.S.	Business Administration	654	21.8%	631	19.5%	-23	-3.5%
	Computer Science	52	1.7%	72	2.2%	20	38.5%
	Engineering	68	2.3%	115	3.6%	47	69.1%
	<b>General Studies</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>25.9%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>9.0%</b>
	Information Technology	206	6.9%	215	6.6%	9	4.4%
	Science	212	7.1%	253	7.8%	41	19.3%
	Social Sciences	310	10.3%	418	12.9%	108	34.8%
A.A.A.	Fine Arts	6	0.2%	2	0.1%	-4	-66.7%
	Music	3	0.1%	4	0.1%	1	33.3%
A.A.S.	Accounting	7	0.2%	8	0.2%	1	14.3%
	Administration of Justice	30	1.0%	30	0.9%	0	0.0%
	Air Cond & Refrigeration	4	0.1%	2	0.1%	-2	-50.0%
	American Sign Language	2	0.1%	3	0.1%	1	50.0%
	Architecture	11	0.4%	9	0.3%	-2	-18.2%
	Automotive Technology	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%
	Biotechnology	2	0.1%	1	<0.1%	-1	-50.0%
	Business Management	9	0.3%	11	0.3%	2	22.2%
	Communication Design	4	0.1%	7	0.2%	3	75.0%
	Construction Man	2	0.1%	1	<0.1%	-1	-50.0%
	Contract Mgt.	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%
	Dental Hygiene	1	<0.1%	2	0.1%	1	100.0%
	Diagnostic Med Sonography	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%	1	--
	Early Childhood Development	10	0.3%	19	0.6%	9	90.0%
	Emergency Medical Services	3	0.1%	6	0.2%	3	100.0%
	Engineering Technology	3	0.1%	1	<0.1%	-2	-66.7%
	Fire Science	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%
	Health Information Management	4	0.1%	2	0.1%	-2	-50.0%
	Hospitality Management	10	0.3%	5	0.2%	-5	-50.0%
	Information Systems Technology	15	0.5%	12	0.4%	-3	-20.0%
	Interior Design	6	0.2%	1	<0.1%	-5	-83.3%
	Marketing	2	0.1%	1	<0.1%	-1	-50.0%
	Medical Laboratory Technology	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%
	Nursing	53	1.8%	91	2.8%	38	71.7%
	Paralegal Studies	2	0.1%	4	0.1%	2	100.0%
	Photography	4	0.1%	2	0.1%	-2	-50.0%
	Physical Therapy Assistant	1	<0.1%	0	0.0%	-1	-100.0%
	Radiography	4	0.1%	3	0.1%	-1	-25.0%
Respiratory Therapy	6	0.2%	4	0.1%	-2	-33.3%	
Travel & Tourism	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%	1	--	
Veterinary Technology	1	<0.1%	5	0.2%	4	400.0%	
Certificate	Administration of Justice	1	<0.1%	0	0.0%	-1	-100.0%
	Architectural Drafting	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%	1	--
	Career Studies	16	0.5%	22	0.7%	6	37.5%
	Contract Management	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%	1	--
	Early Childhood Development	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%
	General Education	151	5.0%	122	3.8%	-29	-19.2%
	Meeting, Event, & Exhibition Management	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%	1	--
	Multimedia Design	1	<0.1%	0	0.0%	-1	-100.0%
	Music Record Technology	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%	1	--
	Substance Abuse Rehabilitation	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%	1	--
	Web Design Manager	1	<0.1%	0	0.0%	-1	-100.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,005</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,234</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>7.6%</b>

Transfers during academic years 2013-14 and 2014-15. NOVA degree earned within 8 years of transfer. Includes first degree only.

**Table 4. Transfers of NOVA Graduates by Degree Program and Top Transfer Institutions: 2013-14**

NOVA Award	Program	GMU	VCU	JMU	UVA	Marymount	ODU	VT	Strayer	UMUC	Liberty	GWU	UMW	Stratford	Radford	2013-14 Total
A.A.	Fine Arts	12	3	4				1								20
	Liberal Arts	175	27	13	13	8	13	4	1	2	4	3	11	1	2	277
	Music	5	2		1						1					9
<b>A.A. Total</b>		<b>192</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>306</b>
A.S.	Business Admin	426	29	36	12	9	5	15	17	5	5	9	6	2	3	579
	Comp. Science	37	1	3	1			5	1							48
	Engineering	30	2		5			18								55
	General Studies	478	38	4	9	31	18	4	12	13	13	9	6	12	3	650
	Information Tech	155	5	3		2	4	1	8	5		6			1	190
	Science	100	23	10	25	3	3	12			1	1	1	1	1	181
Social Sciences	139	40	20	10	13	17	6	1	2	5	1	8	1	4	267	
<b>A.S. Total</b>		<b>1,365</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,970</b>
A.A.A.	Fine Arts	1											1			2
	Music	1									1					2
<b>A.A.A. Total</b>		<b>2</b>									<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>4</b>
A.A.S.	Accounting	3				1			1		1					6
	Admin of Justice	11	2			2	1		1	2	1	1		1	1	23
	Air Cond & Ref	1							1							2
	Amer. Sign Lang	1														1
	Architecture	1						1								2
	Automotive Tech									1						1
	Biotechnology											2				2
	Business Mgmt	2				1				2						5
	Comm. Design	2		1												3
	Contract Mgt.										1					1
	Dental Hygiene	1														1
	Early Child Devel.	4						1				2				7
	Emer. Med. Serv.											1				1
	Engineer. Tech	1												1		2
	Fire Science										1					1
	Health Info Mgt.									1						1
	Hospitality Mgmt	3								1						4
	Info Sys Tech	6								1	3		1		1	12
	Interior Design				1		4					1				6
	Marketing									1						1
Nursing	8	2					1					5			16	
Paralegal Studies						1			1						2	
Photography	1						1								2	
Phys Ther. Ass't							1								1	
Radiography	1									1					2	
Respiratory Ther.							1		1						2	
<b>A.A.S. Total</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>107</b>
Certificate	Admin Justice														1	1
	Career Studies	3				2			1	2	1			1		10
	Early Child Dev.								1		1					2
	General Ed.	65	23	3	8	5	3	1	6	1	3		5	3	5	131
<b>Certificate Total</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>2013-14 Total</b>		<b>1,673</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2,531</b>

Note: 84% of graduates (2,531 of 3,005) enrolled in these 14 institutions in 2013-14. NOVA degree earned within 8 years of transfer. Includes first degree only.

**Table 5. Transfers of NOVA Graduates by Degree Program and Top Transfer Institutions: 2014-15**

NOVA Award	Program	GMU	VCU	JMU	Marymount	ODU	UVA	VT	Liberty	Chamberlain Nursing	UMW	GWU	Radford	Strayer	UMUC	Shenandoah	2014-15 Total	
A.A.	Fine Arts	9	5	2	1						1	1					19	
	Liberal Arts	157	17	15	8	2	17	4	1		3	1	2	1	2		230	
	Music	3		1												1	5	
<b>A.A. Total</b>		<b>169</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>254</b>	
A.S.	Business Admin	392	40	41	17	14	15	13	5		8	6	4	9	6		570	
	Computer Science	51	1	3		1	1	2			1	1	1				62	
	Engineering	58	5	3	3	6	4	25					1				102	
	General Studies	516	42	5	24	20	12	6	10	13	4	9	15	10	10	12	708	
	Information Tech	166	1	2	8	4	1	2	1		3	7	2	2	3		202	
	Science	123	36	6	5	2	20	18		2	1	3	2			4	222	
Social Sciences	222	46	27	7	19	7	5	11	1	13	1	9	2	1	3	374		
<b>A.S. Total</b>		<b>1,528</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2,240</b>	
A.A.A.	Fine Arts		2														2	
	Music	4															4	
<b>A.A.A. Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>														<b>6</b>	
A.A.S.	Accounting	4			1							1		1			7	
	Admin. of Justice	9	1						2		1			2	1		16	
	Architecture	2						1									3	
	Automotive Tech	2	1														3	
	Biotechnology	1															1	
	Business Mgmt	4	1		1				2					2			10	
	Comm. Design	2	1									1					4	
	Construction Man											1					1	
	Contract Mgt.													1			1	
	Dental Hygiene	1																1
	Diag. Med Sonog.	1																1
	Early Child Dev.	12				1			2									15
	Emer. Med. Services	1	1						2			1						5
	Engineering Tech	1																1
	Fire Science				1													1
	Hospitality Mgmt	2																2
	Info. Sys. Tech	2									1	3		1	1			10
	Interior Design				1													1
	Marketing	1																1
	Nursing	11	1	2		2	1		2	22	1	1				1		44
Paralegal Studies	1				1												2	
Photography										1							1	
Radiography	2														1		3	
Respiratory Ther.	1																1	
Veterinary Tech	1					1											2	
<b>A.A.S. Total</b>		<b>61</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>137</b>	
Certificate	Career Studies	3	1			1		1	2					1	2		11	
	Contract Mgt.														1		1	
	Early Child Dev.								1						1		2	
	General Ed.	50	17	1	8	7	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	1	2	102	
Music Record Tech.												1					1	
<b>Certificate Total</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>117</b>	
<b>2014-15 Total</b>		<b>1,815</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2,754</b>	

Note: 85% of graduates (2,754 of 3,234) enrolled in these 15 institutions in 2014-15. NOVA degree earned within 8 years of transfer. Includes first degree only.