Transitional Bilingual Learning Community (TBLC)

Data shows that a TBLC student is four times more likely to continue their college education, to earn an associate degree, and to transfer to a higher education institution than a similar Latino student not in the TBLC program.

TBLC Program Fast Facts

- Since 2002, 255 Latino students have participated in the TBLC program.
- TBLC students who finished the two semesters of the program have a compiled retention rate of almost 90% and an average GPA of 2.66
- From 2005 to 2010 the TBLC students who completed the program recorded an average persistence of 73% and an average of 2.80 GPA
- Our records indicate that 78 TBLC students graduated with an AA/AS degree or transferred to a four year university. Three students are currently pursuing an M.A. degree
- 83% of the TBLC students that earned an AA/AS degree graduated with honors
- Received a 2003 Award for Excellence in Learning Centered Instruction from the Illinois Community College Board
- LUFE has been the most active club for the last five years, thanks partly, to the leadership of the TBLC students
- Recognized by the Higher Learning Commission visiting team as a best practice at Truman College in 2010
- 2nd Place in Hispanic College Bowl
- TBLC students represented Truman College in the nationally-televised CCC Town Hall Forum, A Promise in Jeopardy: The Presidential Commitment to Affordable Higher Education, Job Training and Economic Opportunity
- 2007 & 2008 Examples of Excelencia semi-finalist
- 2009 & 2010 Examples of Excelencia finalist

TBLC Conference Presentations:

Annual Community College Doctoral Leadership Program Conference at National-Louis University, Chicago, IL on May 1, 2010.

Prepárate: Educating Latinos for the Future of America Conference sponsored by The College Board on May 22, 2008, in Chicago, IL

HACU Annual Conference on October 22, 2007 in Chicago, IL

Prepárate: Educating Latinos for the Future of America Conference sponsored by The College Board on June 14, 2007, in Los Angeles, CA

CM: 09/11
The 10th Annual National Learning Community Conference hosted by Harper College on November 19, 2005 in Chicago, IL

The 84th Annual AACC Convention on April 24, 2004 in Minneapolis MN

Media Coverage:

WYCC-TV *Channel 20*, a public broadcast station, a part of the City Colleges of Chicago featured the TBLC program in 2004.


CHICAGO SUN-TIMES (Metro), “Get In Line” January 25, 2009


HOY: “Programa de Transicion Bilingua para Universitariosen Chicago” December 1, 2010

### TBLC Cohort 4 Compared to Control Group 4
**Fall Semester 2005 through Spring Semester 2009**

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<th>Student Group</th>
<th>Average Cum. GPA</th>
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<td>TBLC Cohort 4 N= 25</td>
<td>2.64</td>
<td>43.48</td>
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As the table indicates above, a comparison of the TBLC Cohort 4 with the Control Group 4 shows stronger and more positive results by the TBLC Cohort 4. The results of the other comparisons of TBLC Cohorts and corresponding Control Groups are similar.