High-Impact Practices: Interrogating Participation, Quality, and Equity

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Overview

• Background
• HIP participation through the years
• HIPs and Sense of Belonging
• Institutional Action on HIPs
• HIP Quality and Equity
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HIP Background

• HIPs challenge students, linked to desirable outcomes
• Target: one during first year, one more in area of study
• NSSE asks about participation in six:
  • Service-learning
  • Learning communities
  • Research with faculty
  • Internships or field experiences
  • Study abroad
  • Culminating senior experience
HIP Retrospective:
George Kuh, NSSE Founder

HIP Value to Student Learning & Success

We know students get more deeply engaged with what they are learning when they have a hands-on, opportunity to practice.
HIPs have many enthusiasts. Hundreds of colleges and universities are working to scale currently existing HIPs and add others so more students can participate in a HIP.

*How do we know HIPs are reaching all students?*
Reminder about HIP Report in Your NSSE 2020 Institutional Report

- NSSE 2020 High-Impact Practices Report
- Overall HIP Participation, Statistical Comparisons, HIP Participation by Student Characteristics
Annual Results January 2021
What puts the impact in High-Impact Practices (HIPs) and do students have equitable access to their benefits?

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What Do We Know about HIP Participation Over Time?

HIP participation remains stable

- From 2015 to 2020, 58% of first-years & 85% of seniors had participated in one or more HIPs
  - 60% of seniors had participated in two or more

Participation varies by student characteristics

- Differences in participation apparent among seniors

15% of seniors did not participate in any of the 6 HIPs on NSSE
First-generation Seniors’ Participation Lags That of Peers

- Participation parity disappears by senior year
- ~1 in 5 FG, 1 in 8 non-FG seniors completed no HIP
- 54% FG, 67% non-FG seniors had completed two
First-generation Seniors’ Participation Lags That of Peers

• Non-FG seniors more likely to do
  • Research with faculty (1.5x)
  • Internships etc. (1.3)
  • Study abroad (2.7)

• FG seniors participated in service-learning slightly more

• Patterns consistent since 2007
• STEM seniors likeliest to do research with faculty
• Education seniors highest participation in learning communities, internships
• Business students minority participants in LC, undergraduate research
• Arts & Humanities lead in culminating senior experiences, study abroad
HIP Prescription: Small Differences by Gender, Race/ethnicity

• Senior women participated in HIPs at slightly higher rates overall than men, but rates are near equal for first-years

• 3 in 5 White, Asian, Multiracial seniors had done at least two

• 55% of American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander seniors had done two

• While slight, participation gaps raise concerns about opportunities for students
In Some HIPs, Participation Varies by Racial Identity

Percentage Seniors in HIPs

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Let’s CHAT

What populations or groups of students are you most interested in exploring HIP participation?
Explore HIP Participation: Tableau Dashboard

• Explore HIP participation by selecting student or institutional characteristics, and compare to overall HIP Participation in 2020

• To see findings and comparisons for subgroups of students see our Tableau dashboard

https://go.iu.edu/3EqH
HIPs and Sense of Belonging

• Three items added in 2020 inquire about sense of belonging:
  • I feel comfortable being myself at this institution
  • I feel like part of the community at this institution
  • I feel valued by this institution

• Higher overall HIP participation appears connected to sense of belonging
HIPs and Sense of Belonging

Freshman (1st year)

- I feel comfortable being myself at this institution
- I feel like part of the community at this institution
- I feel valued by this institution

Senior (4th year)

- I feel comfortable being myself at this institution
- I feel like part of the community at this institution
- I feel valued by this institution

Percentage of Responses

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
Faculty and HIPs

- Faculty generally agree that HIPs are important.
- Faculty placed the most importance on participating in internships (85%) and the least on study abroad (40%).
- Women (88%) placed the most importance on internships followed by men (83%), and non-binary (72%) faculty.
Faculty and HIPs

Faculty most often include service-learning experiences in their courses, and least often are involved in supervising study abroad programs.

View the Tableau Dashboard for More NSSE-FSSE HIP Exploration!
Institutional Action on HIPs

Colleges and universities have used their HIP data and results to:

• Showcase students’ participation in HIPs
• Make the case to granting agencies and donors about the importance of HIPs
• Explore evidence of HIP participation and quality in accreditation and quality improvement projects
• Feature HIP data in institutional dashboards
• Share HIP results from NSSE and FSSE to stimulate discussions
• Build evidence of HIP demand and to advocate for enhanced practice
Institutions Making an Impact with their HIPs!

Showcasing HIPs
Pitzer College, Washington State University, and Samford University
Enhancing Access and Quality
Marian University, CSU San Marcos, and IUPUI
HIP Data Displays
University of Toronto and Utah State University
Accreditation/Quality Improvment.
Middle Georgia State University and Martin Methodist College

Samford Students Confirm High-Impact Education In National Survey

Martin Methodist College (Pulaski, TN) created a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) to help infuse evidence-based high-impact practices (HIPs) into the academic curriculum.

https://nsse.indiana.edu/research/annual-results/hips/hip-is.html
HIP Quality & Equity Study

Supported by Lumina Foundation
How well do experiences labelled as HIPs deliver on their transformational promise?

• Findings from a *special NSSE-affiliated project* Assessing Quality and Equity in High-Impact Practices (HIPs), examined quality and equity in HIPs for over 20,000 students at 57 colleges and universities in 2019

• Explores the extent to which HIP experiences incorporate 8 elements theorized to account for their educational benefits and who has access to high-quality HIPs

• Custom-designed item set

**Comprehensive Report**

A summary of initial project findings: Assessing Quality and Equity in High-Impact Practices.

[Read the report]
Assessing Elements of HIP Quality and Equity

Explores the extent to which HIP experiences incorporate 8 elements theorized to account for their educational benefits and who has access to high-quality HIPs.

1. High performance expectations
2. Significant investment of student time and effort over an extended period
3. Interactions with faculty and peers about substantive matters
4. Students are exposed to and must contend with people and circumstances that differ from those with which they are familiar
5. Frequent, timely, and constructive feedback
6. Periodic, structured opportunities to reflect and integrate learning
7. Opportunities to discover relevance of learning through real-world applications
8. Public demonstration of competence

Sample HIP Quality Questions

Feedback
During this experience, about how often did you receive feedback from the following individuals?

[Very often ... Never; NA]
- Faculty or staff member from your institution
- Supervisor on site
- Co-worker
- Other student
- Someone in another role (please specify)

View Item set: http://tinyurl.com/y6nql759
Distribution of Overall Quality Scores by HIP

Most consistent High Quality
HIPs and Equity

• Although small and variable differences existed for racially minoritized students, results overall suggest relative parity in the quality of HIP experiences across subgroups.

• How do we ensure HIPs are set up to be accessible, welcoming, fair and educationally beneficial for ALL students, particularly students who have been historically underserved in higher education?
The HIP Quality & Equity Project Continues: Investigating the Features and Benefits of High-Quality HIPs

Want HIPs at your institution to be part of Phase 2?

• The second phase of the project will collect more contextualized data through purpose-built surveys keyed to two HIP experiences.

• We intend to survey students participating in learning communities (both residential and nonresidential) and culminating senior experiences (capstone courses, senior projects or theses, etc.).

To express interest in participating in this phase of the project, contact us at nsse@indiana.edu and include "HIP Quality Phase 2" in the subject.
George Kuh Comments: Institutional Action on HIPs

• What should institutions do to provide **quality** HIPs to **more** students?

• What strategies should colleges and universities deploy to integrate HIPs in the curriculum and co-curriculum?
Q&A and Lingering Questions...

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  Coming February 2021

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