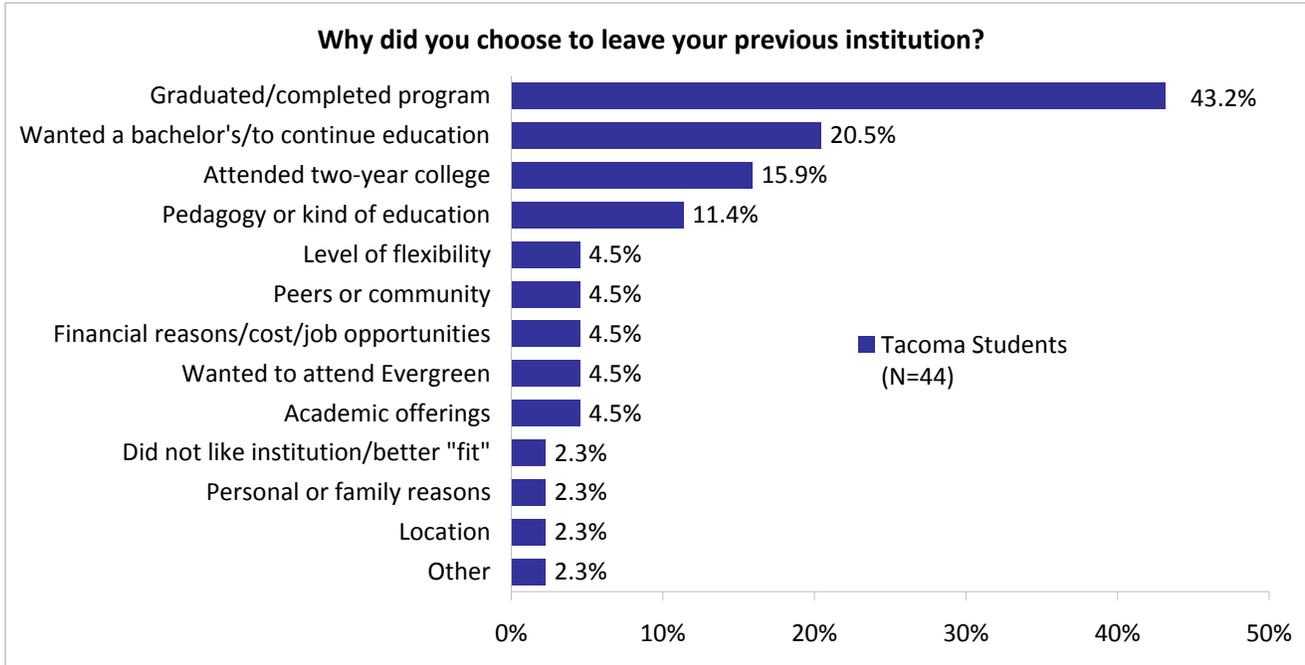


**The Evergreen State College**  
**Evergreen New Student Survey 2010**  
**Tacoma Program**

**Reasons for Transferring**

New students were asked "If you are a student transferring from another college or university, why did you choose to leave your previous institution?" Forty-four Tacoma students responded to this question.



**Why did you choose to leave your previous institution? (Categories are not mutually exclusive)**

	Tacoma Students (N=44)	
	N	%
Graduated/completed program	19	43.2%
Wanted a bachelor's/to continue education	9	20.5%
Attended two-year college	7	15.9%
Pedagogy or kind of education	5	11.4%
Level of flexibility	2	4.5%
Peers or community	2	4.5%
Financial reasons/cost/job opportunities	2	4.5%
Wanted to attend Evergreen	2	4.5%
Academic offerings	2	4.5%
Did not like institution/better "fit"	1	2.3%
Personal or family reasons	1	2.3%
Location	1	2.3%
Other	1	2.3%

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New students were asked why they chose to leave their previous institution. Detailed below are the individual responses of new Tacoma Program students grouped by category in order of frequency. Comments are redacted to protect individual students' identities.

**Graduated/completed program**  
 Completed AA, AAS and Certificate and need to move on  
 Completed my AA degree in Human Services  
 Finished Degrees  
 finished my Ass Degree  
 Graduated  
 graduated from TCC.  
 Graduated.  
 i finished  
 I finished my AA and am moving onto my BA  
 I got my AA from Highline and I am done there. // finished my AA  
 I graduated from [WA college] and my next step when choosing to further my education was to come to Evergreen Tacoma. // I graduated from [WA college] and was always interested in Evergreen.  
 i left because it was a two-year college so i wouldn't be able to get a higher education other than A.S.  
 I transfered from Pierce College, I received an Ass. Degree in Business  
 I went to a Junior College to complete transfer credits into Undergraduate-level studies.  
 Obtained AA degree.  
 TCC - graduated  
 They only offered up to an associates.

**Wanted a bachelor's/to continue education**  
 Bachelor's  
 Completed AA, AAS and Certificate and need to move on  
 Get my bachelor in Evergreen College  
 I finished my AA and am moving onto my BA  
 I graduated from [WA college] and my next step when choosing to further my education was to come to Evergreen Tacoma. // I graduated from [WA college] and was always interested in Evergreen.  
 I have been at community colleges and it was time to further my education  
 I'm from a community college that didn't offer a bachelors program  
 To receive my BA in P.A.  
 Want to get Bachelor's

**Attended two-year college**  
 Because I went to a community college that only does associate degrees  
 Community College  
 it was a 2year  
 It was a community college with out 4 years degree  
 It was only a two year college  
 Pierce College is a two-year  
 Transferring from a community college

**Pedagogy/ kind of education**

Advice from advisor, like evergreen evaluating system.

I left a traditional university because of its lack of diversity and community learning. I also need interdisciplinary studies. It was too expensive and expected that it's students would have no outside commitments (eg family or work). It operated under the assumption that everyone was 20 and their parents had the money to pay \$45,000/yr. Also, I was unhappy with my program, was not supportive of the direction the University was going, and felt there was too much hierarchy in the classroom.

Left Washington state University because it was a distance learning environment and I realized after 1 Semester that I thrive in a group/team environment.

The previous institution was conducted completely online. I would like a classroom experience to supplant my learning.// was attending on-line. Wanted the classroom interaction to supplant learning experience

**Level of flexibility**

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PLU was too difficult to juggle w/ a family

**Peers or community**

I left a traditional university because of its lack of diversity and community learning. I also need interdisciplinary studies.

The faculty/student represent Evergreen very well and I want to be a part of a school organization that focuses on serving others

**Financial reasons/cost/job opportunities**

Financial aid offered was inadequate. // My financial aid at [4-year school] was dramatically cut, could not afford tuition. It was too expensive and expected that it's students would have no outside commitments (eg family or work). It operated under the assumption that everyone was 20 and their parents had the money to pay \$45,000/yr. Also, I was unhappy with my program, was not supportive of the direction the University was going, and felt there was too much hierarchy in the classroom.

**Wanted to attend Evergreen**

Get my bachelor in Evergreen College

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**Academic offerings**

Cut back in program

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**Did not like institution/better "fit"**

Evergreen is a better fit for me.

**Personal or family reasons**

Age/Time

**Location**

location

**Other**

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