

Cost-effectiveness analysis and cost-benefit analysis of City University of New York's Accelerated Study in Associate Program (ASAP) intervention

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<p>Project description: Cost-effectiveness analysis and cost-benefit analysis of City University of New York's Accelerated Study in Associate Program (ASAP) intervention. ASAP was launched by CUNY in 2007, and its goal is to graduate at least 50% of the students enrolled in associate programs within 3 years, through the provision of services such as financial incentives; a consolidated full-time schedule; cohort and faculty support; regular advisement; career preparation; and extra academic assistance. It is expected that these comprehensive services will reduce the number of years spent in school and subsequently lead to higher rates of graduation. Cost-effectiveness and benefit-cost analyses are available in the Publications section of our website, cbcse.org.</p>	
<p>Methodology: The costs analysis uses the ingredients method, and mainly budgetary information for costing the ingredients provided by CUNY. The effectiveness data is being obtained from CUNY's administrative records of associate degree completion for treatment and control groups. The benefit analysis examines the present value of the expected benefits over the lifetime of individuals in terms of private benefits (earnings) and social benefits (fiscal gains associated with additional income tax contributions, property taxes, sales taxes, local income taxes, lower public expenditures on healthcare, welfare income, public assistance, and criminal justice).</p>	