

# Descriptives

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## WesternU's Institutional Research & Effectiveness Newsletter

### Message from the Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness

Dear WesternU Community:

I want to once again thank all those who participated in the WSCUC visit that occurred in October and also provide some additional information on what happens next. At this time, the visiting team report is being finalized. Once that occurs, the report will be available to the community in full on the IRE Website. The accreditation commission (WSCUC) will meet in February of 2015 to deliberate on findings of the visiting team. A letter from WSCUC, containing formal commendations and recommendations should be delivered to us by March 2015.

Thank you again. Should anyone have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Juan Ramirez, Ph.D.

Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness

### IRE Announcements

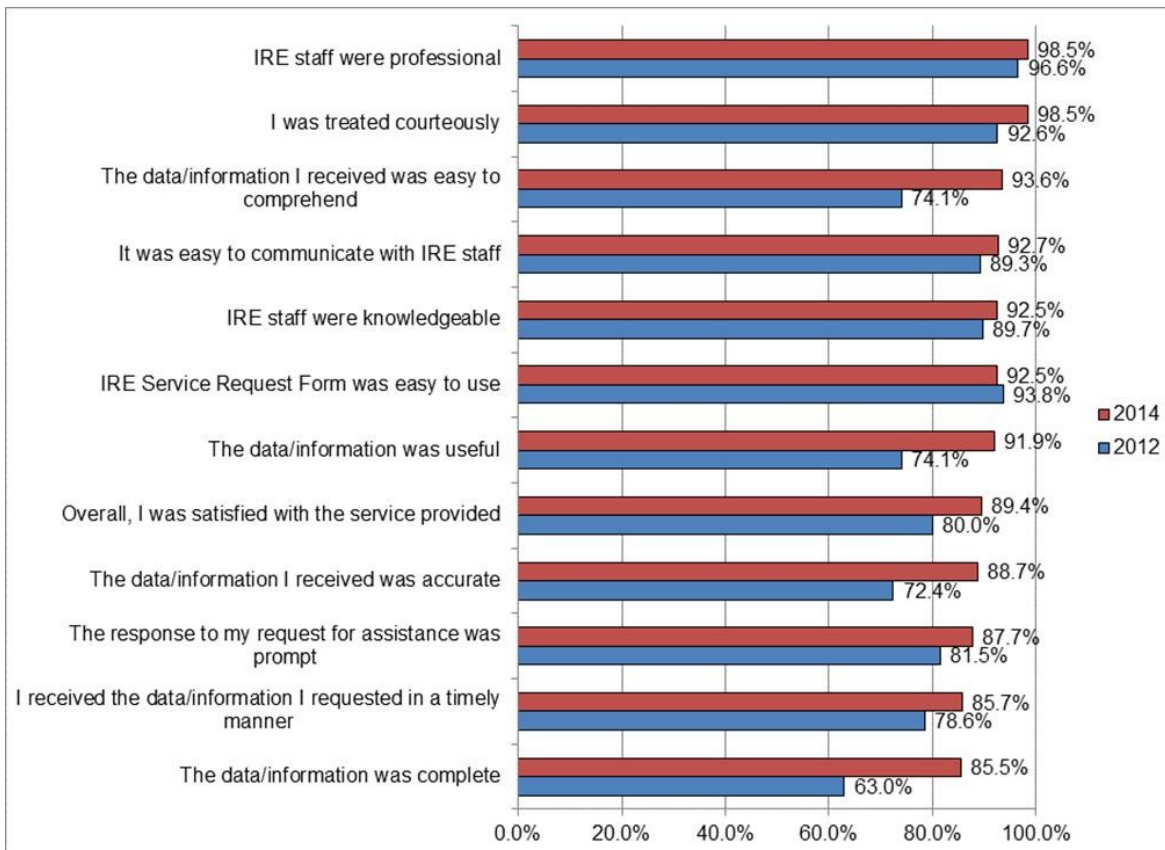
- Assessment kick-off meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11 from 12:00pm–1:30pm at NSC 2nd Floor Dining Area. The two institutional learning outcomes to be assessed are Breadth and Depth of Knowledge in the Discipline/Clinical Competence and Ethical and Moral Decision Making.
- Juan Ramirez, Director, was elected to the Board of Directors for the California Association for Institutional Research for a 3 year term—Congratulations!

### Sneak Peek: Qualitative Analysis of Ethical and Moral Decision Making Program Learning Outcomes



## Results from our IRE Customer Satisfaction 2014 Survey!

We constantly strive to improve our services as evidenced by our higher agreement ratings in 2014 compared to 2012 among those who they have requested our services.



Note: Red and blue bars indicate agreement ratings of 'Agree' and 'Strongly Agree.'

### Stats Corner

#### Quotes and Jokes...

- **The greatest moments are those when you see the result pop up in a graph or in your statistics analysis—that moment you realize you know something no one else does and you get the pleasure of thinking about how to tell the person.**
- **There was this statistics student who, when driving his car, would always accelerate hard before coming to any junction, whizz straight over it, then slow down again once he'd got over it. One day, he took a passenger, who was understandably unnerved by his driving style, and asked him why he went so fast over junctions. The statistics student replied, "Well statistically speaking, you are far more likely to have an accident at a junction, so I just make sure that I spend less time there."**
- **Data do not give up their secrets easily. They must be tortured to confess.**

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