

TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATOR DEFINITIONS

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GRADUATE PLACEMENT RATE

Description

The Graduate Placement Rate reflects the success of graduates with respect to employment or continued education. Tri-County uses various methods to obtain information on graduates including: the National Student Clearinghouse; the eTRACK service of the Department of Employment and Workforce; institution-specific graduate surveys and phone calls; the Department of Defense database; social media websites (e.g., Facebook, LinkedIn); and the Banner student information system. Graduates who are deceased, disabled, or not actively seeking employment are excluded from the placement rate.

Placement Rate Formula

$$\frac{\text{Number of reported graduates employed in their field of study or continuing their education full-time}}{\text{Total number of graduates for the reporting year available for placement}}$$

Target Level of Achievement – Target based on State Board performance funding target
80% Graduate Placement Rate

FALL-TO-SPRING PERSISTENCE RATE

Description

The Fall-to-Spring Persistence Rate reflects the number of students from a given fall cohort who return or graduate as of the following spring. Tri-County uses data from CERS student enrollment and completions extracts reported to State Tech.

Retention Rate Formula

Total credential-seeking students from the fall term who graduated before or remained enrolled the following spring (graduated + remained enrolled)

Total credential-seeking students from the fall term

Target Level of Achievement – Target based on internal analysis and goals
85% overall fall-to-spring persistence rate

FALL-TO-FALL RETENTION RATE

Description

The Fall-to-Fall Retention Rate reflects the number of students from a given fall cohort that return, graduate, or transfer as of the following fall.

Retention Rate Formula

Total credential-seeking students from the fall term who graduated before, transferred before or remained enrolled the following fall (graduated + transferred + remained enrolled)

Total credential-seeking students from the fall term

Target Level of Achievement – Target based on internal analysis and goals

76% overall fall-to-fall retention rate

STUDENT SUCCESS RATE

Description

The Student Success Rate is a cohort based measure of graduation within 150% of normal program time, transfer-out to another postsecondary institution in South Carolina within 150% of normal time, or continuing enrollment after 150% of normal time. The cohort includes all first-time full-time freshmen enrolling in degree, diploma, or certificate programs in a given fall semester. The measure does not include high-school students enrolling in classes at the college or students enrolled in non-credit programs.

Student Success Rate Formula

Fall semester first-time full-time freshmen who graduate, transfer or remain enrolled within 150% degree time– (150% completers+150%transfers+still enrolled at the college)

Fall semester first-time full-time freshmen

Target Level of Achievement - Target based on internal analysis and goals
75% overall student success rate.

LICENSURE EXAM PASS RATES

Description

The Licensure Exam Pass Rate is cohort based measure of the number of first-time professional exams takers of those exams recognized by the Commission on Higher Education who pass a given exam on their first try divided by the total number first-time takes. The cohort includes all takers from April 1st of a given report year to March 31st of the following year. The programs that have recognized exams include: Associate Degree Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technology, Medical Assisting, Practical Nursing, Surgical Technology, and Veterinary Technology.

Licensure Exam Pass Rate Formula

First-time exam takers who pass on their first attempt

All first-time exam takers.

Target Level of Achievement - Target based on State Board performance funding target 80% overall student success rate.