

Tri-County Technical College



Student Success Criteria

Tri-County Technical College’s (TCTC) mission is focused on “teaching, learning, and helping students reach their goals.” Accordingly, the College has identified five core success criteria to measure student achievement. These success criteria are appropriate to Tri-County’s mission and provide appropriate data to evaluate both TCTC’s progress toward achieving its mission as well as performance measures that determine the appropriation of South Carolina performance funding awards.

The success criteria were identified from both TCTC’s strategic plan goals and measurement standards established by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE). The criteria include:

SUCCESS CRITERIA	THRESHOLD
Graduate Placement Rate	80% graduate placement rate
Licensure Examination Pass Rate	80% overall pass rate on first time licensure exams
Fall to Spring Persistence Rates	71% (+- 5%) overall Fall to Spring persistence rate from the National Community College Benchmarking Project (NCCBP) report
Student Success Rate	90% of CHE success rate – range 30% to 45%
Graduate Production Rate	Greater than or equal to 20% for the prior year

GRADUATE PLACEMENT RATES

TCTC has established a success criteria of 80% for graduation placement rate. Over the past 3 years TCTC’s graduate placement rate for graduates available to place has been within +-5% of the success criteria range.

Table 1. Graduate Placement Rates

GRADUATE PLACEMENT RATES					
Evaluation Year	Awards	On Job	In School	Total Placed	% Placed
2015-16	1,109	801	181	982	89%
2014-15	1,581	698	693	1,391	88%
2013-14	1,034	712	112	824	80%
2012-13	1,186	643	325	968	82%
2011-12	962	599	116	715	74%
2010-11	842	457	129	586	70%

Source: South Carolina Technical College System (SCTCS) program evaluation exhibits
 Year: Academic year, Summer, fall and spring.
 Note: Total Placed is total graduates reporting they are either on job (working in their field) or in school full-time.

LICENSURE EXAMINATION PASS RATES

TCTC has established a licensure examination pass rate threshold of 80% on first time licensure exams across all programs. Since the 2009-10 academic year, TCTC’s licensure examination pass rate has averaged above 80% across all programs.

Table 2. Licensure Examination Pass Rates

LICENSURE EXAMINATION PASS RATES						
Exam	2010-2011 Pass Rate	2011-2012 Pass Rate	2012-2013 Pass Rate	2013-2014 Pass Rate	2014-2015 Pass Rate	2015-2016 Pass Rate
National Council Licensure Exam - Practical Nurse	96%	97%	90%	98%	85%	92%
National Council Licensure Exam - Registered Nurse	89%	83%	87%	75%	89%	89%
Medical Laboratory Technician, ASCP	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	86%
American Association of Medical Assistant Certification Exam	92%	89%	77%	71%	90%	71%
Surgical Technologist National	59%	70%	53%	81%	88%	89%
Veterinary Technician National	54%	81%	90%	84%	70%	83%
TCTC Total	87%	86%	85%	83%	87%	88%
Source: South Carolina Technical College System (SCTCS)						

FALL TO SPRING PERSISTENCE RATES

TCTC has established the Fall to Spring persistence rate of 71% (+5%) as the success criteria. Since 2010, TCTC has successfully met the established criteria.

Table 3. Fall to Spring Persistence Rates

FALL TO SPRING PERSISTENCE RATES					
Term	Fall Cohort	Fall Grads	Adjusted Cohort	Spring Retention	
				N	%
Fall 2015	5,322	154	5,168	4,044	78%
Fall 2014	5,581	145	5,436	4,259	78%
Fall 2013	5,830	124	5,722	4,472	78%
Fall 2012	5,900	112	5,788	4,299	74%
Fall 2011	6,196	145	6,051	4,480	74%
Fall 2010	6,279	138	6,141	4,724	77%
NOTE: Fall data was derived from CERS Closing extract. Spring data was derived from CERS Opening extract. Graduate data was derived from the CERS Graduate extract. Graduates were from the program of enrollment in the fall term.					

STUDENT SUCCESS RATE

TCTC has established a student success rate of 90% of the CHE success rate of 30% to 45%. Since 2007, TCTC has successfully met the established criteria.

Table 4. Student Success Rate

STUDENT SUCCESS RATE						
Term	Cohort	Graduates (150%)	Transfers (150%)	Enrolled Fall	Student Success	
					N	%
Fall 2012-15	1754	372	633	132	1,13	65%
Fall 2011-14	1,697	314	625	137	1,07	63%
Fall 2010-13	1,708	217	732	161	1,11	65%
Fall 2009-12	1,603	126	655	153	934	58%
Fall 2008-11	1,251	115	544	151	810	65%
Fall 2007-10	1,079	102	455	146	703	65%

NOTE: CERS opening extract data file, first-time freshman, certificate, degree or diploma seeking. CERS closing and graduate data file. Transfer data from National Student Clearinghouse.

GRADUATE PRODUCTION RATE

TCTC has established a graduate production success criteria rate of greater than or equal to 20%. Since 2011, TCTC has successfully met the established criteria.

Table 5. Graduate Production Rate

GRADUATE			
Year	Fall FTE	Annual Grads	Grad Production
2015	4,464	989	22%
2014	4,653	1,077	23%
2013	4,740	1,245	26%
2012	4,794	1,101	23%
2011	4,911	1,090	22%
2010	5,152	838	16%

NOTE: CERS opening extract. CERS graduate extract Fall, Spring and Summer.