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Student Achievement Data

To ensure it is effectively fulfilling its mission, the College uses multiple methods to measure and document student achievement, including:

1. Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Outcome Measure – (This is a cohort driven, eight-year measure of student completion that is collected annually by the federal government.)
2. Institutional Goals (Specific institutional goals that address retention, completion, and student success.)
3. Florida Education & Training Placement Information Program Reports – (This is a data collection and consumer reporting system established by Florida Statutes F.S. 1008.39 to provide follow-up data on former student and program participants who have graduated, exited, or completed a public education or training program within the State of Florida.)

IPEDS Outcome Measure – Eight-Year Graduation Rate

The IPEDS Outcome Measure (OM) survey component provides the award and enrollment statuses of four degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate student cohorts and eight sib-cohorts at degree-granting institutions. Student completion awards are collected at four-year, six-year, and eight-year status points after students have entered the institution. The [2023 IPEDS Data Feedback Report](#) demonstrates the College's graduation rates as compared to the comparison group average for all full-time, first-time degree/certificate seeking undergraduate students within 150% of normal time to program completion.

Polk State College's Overall Graduation Rate (2023)	Comparison Group Average (2023)
33%	31%

Institutional Goals

The College has linked this data to specific institutional goals as indicated below:

Goal	Outcome	Source
1. Increase Fall-Fall Retention Rates	2022-2023 Full-time Students = 67% Part-time Students = 54%	Institutional Effectiveness, Accreditation, & Research
2. Increase Completion Rates	2022-2023 Total Baccalaureate degrees = 377 Total AA degrees = 1293	Institutional Effectiveness, Accreditation, & Research



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	Total AS degrees = 334	
3. Achieve at least an 85% ultimate passing rate on the NPTE for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2023 Results: 100%	CAPTE report data provided by Physical Therapist Assistant Program Director
4. Achieve at least a 75% five-year average passing rate for the credentialing exam for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (AART)	2023: 100%	AART report data provided by Radiography Program Director
5. Pass rate on National council Licensing Exam for Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) will exceed national averages	2023 Results: Polk State College: 95.05% National: 87.75%	NCLEX-RN report data provided by Nursing Program Director

Florida Education & Training Placement Information Program

In addition, the Florida College System tracks student achievement with respect to enrollment in continuing education with Florida Universities, the Florida College System, as well as finding employment. Below is an accounting of Polk State College's performance with these measures for AY 2020-2021.

	# of students	University Public	Florida College System	Continuing Education	Employment	Education and Employment	Education or Employment
Associate of Arts Degree Completers	1293	396 (31%)	403 (31%)	871 (67%)	882 (68%)	589 (46%)	1164 (90%)
Associate of Science Degree Completers	422	22 (5%)	168 (40%)	194 (46%)	368 (87%)	170 (40%)	392 (93%)
Bachelor's Degree Completers	461	11 (2%)	19 (4%)	30 (7%)	398 (86%)	27 (6%)	401 (87%)