

Student Achievement Criteria

CR 8.1 The institution identifies, evaluates, and publishes goals and outcomes for student achievement appropriate to the institution's mission, the nature of the students it serves, and the kinds of programs offered. The institution uses multiple measures to document student success. (*Student achievement*) [CR]

Fall Enrollment. The number of students enrolled in the fall at postsecondary institutions. Students reported are those enrolled in courses creditable toward a degree or other recognized postsecondary credential; students enrolled in courses that are part of a vocational or occupational program, including those enrolled in off-campus or extension centers; and high school students taking regular college courses for credit. *IPEDS Glossary*

Fall-to-Fall Retention rate. A measure of the rate at which students persist in their educational program at an institution expressed as a percentage. For four-year institutions, this is the percentage of first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduates from the previous fall who are again enrolled in the current fall. *IPEDS Glossary*

Baccalaureate Completers / Grad Completers. A completer is a student who receives a degree, diploma, certificate, or other recognized postsecondary credential. In order to be considered a completer, the degree/award must be conferred. *IPEDS Glossary*

Graduation Rate. (Note. The SACSCOC Graduation rate serves as Northwestern's **Key Student Completion Indicator**, KSCI). The rate required for disclosure and/or reporting purposes under the Student Right-to-Know Act. This rate is calculated as the total number of completers within 150% of normal time divided by the revised adjusted cohort. *SACSCOC Definition*

Licensure. To receive, to apply to take or to take the examination required to receive, a local, State, or Federal license, or a nongovernmental certification required as a precondition for employment, or to perform certain functions in the States in which the educational program is offered, or to meet additional conditions that the institution knows or reasonably should know are generally needed to secure employment in a recognized occupation for which the program is represented to prepare students. **Federal Regulation [34 CFR 668.50](#) Effective May 26, 2019**

Placement Rate. Placement rate is defined using the standards for career outcome rates approved by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) in their *Standards and Protocols for the Collection and Dissemination of Graduating Students Initial Career Outcomes Information for Undergraduates*. As such, placement rate for this report will include the following graduate outcomes; employed, continuing their education, in the military and volunteering. Each year's graduating class includes those students who completed degrees between the periods of July 1 to June 30 each year, a time period consistent with degree completion reporting requirements established by the National Center for Education Statistics' Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) program. (**NACE**)