

Wayne Community College Student Achievement Report

Academic Year – 2017-2018

Wayne Community College (WCC) evaluates student achievement consistent with its mission, institutional goals, and institutional learning outcomes. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) requested that each institution select a Student Completion Indicator and evaluate student achievement. The indicators were as follows: Integrated Postsecondary Education System (IPEDS) Graduation Rate Survey, IPEDS Outcomes Measures Survey, National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) Six-Year Completion Rate, or SASCOC Graduation Rate. WCC selected the NSC six-year completion rate for the student completion indicator because the NSC data reflects our students more so than the other three indicators. The NSC six-year completion rate consists of first-time, full-time degree-seeking students and first-time, part-time degree-seeking students, excluding the concurrent high school students from the entering fall cohort.

National Student Clearinghouse Six-Year Total Completion Rate (SACSCOC Key Student Completion Indicator)

Outcome: WCC seeks to increase its NSC six-year completion rate for first-time fall degree-seeking students.

Threshold of Acceptability: 48.43%

Rationale: The Office of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) used the NSC StudentTracker Postsecondary Completion Institutional Benchmark reports to examine the six-year total graduation rate for the specific entering cohorts to establish acceptability thresholds. The Office of IE examined the following cohorts: fall 2008, fall 2009, and fall 2010. To establish the threshold of acceptability for this criterion, the Office of IE averaged fall 2008, fall 2009, and fall 2010 entering cohort six-year completion rates. The

threshold of acceptability is not a moving three-year average. The threshold of acceptability will stay static over the next three years when the Office of IE and the Planning Council will reexamine this criterion.

Goal: 50.43%

Rationale: The goal is to increase WCC's threshold of acceptability by 2% (48.43% + 2%).

Criterion	Fall 2008 Entering Cohort	Fall 2009 Entering Cohort	Fall 2010 Entering Cohort	3-Year Mean	Fall 2011 Entering Cohort
Six-Year Total Graduation Rate	47.63%	47.25%	50.40%	48.43%	41.16%

Source: National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker Postsecondary Completions Reports

Table 1. - WCC's NSC Six-Year Completion Rate – Entering Cohort

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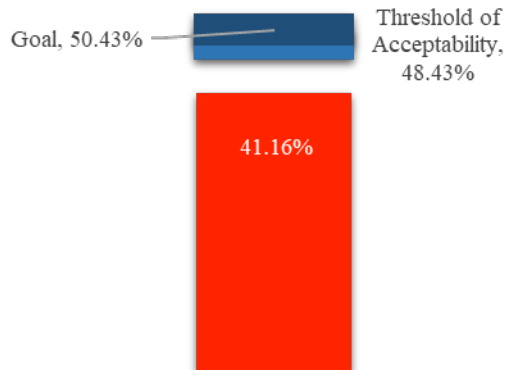


Figure 1. - WCC's NSC Six-Year Completion Rate – Entering Cohort

Evaluation of Data: For first-time, degree-seeking students in the fall 2011 entering cohort (n = 487), the six-year total completion rate was 41.16% (n = 200). WCC did not reach the threshold of acceptability by 7.27% (n = 36) and the goal by 9.27% (n = 46). After the six-year timeframe, 0.16% (n = 50) were still enrolled at any institution, and 48.68% (n = 237) were not enrolled.

Glossary

Moving Average – a technique to get an overall idea of the trends in a data set; it is an average of any subset of numbers. The moving average is extremely useful for forecasting long-term trends. ([Moving Average: What it is and How to Calculate It](#))