
St. Thomas University 2022 Student Achievement Report

Interpretation of The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Core Requirement 8.1 (Student achievement) reads: 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.

The disclosure below is intended to satisfy SACSCOC policy requirements in between routine compliance certifications.

Retention Rates

The University monitors first-year undergraduate retention rates as a measure of the success of its undergraduate program. The table below shows the most recent five years of retention rates, as reported to IPEDS for first-time, full-time degree-seeking undergraduates.

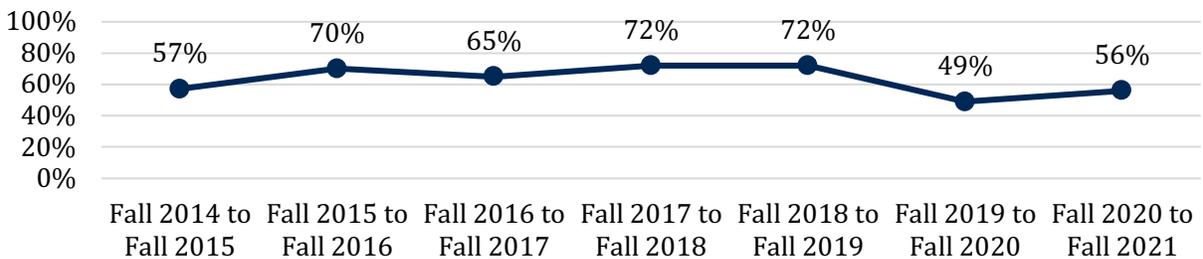
Minimum Threshold: 60%

The Median for all 4-year non-profit postsecondary institutions in the Southeast United States for Fall 2021 according to IPEDS is 69%, the 25th percentile is 60%, and the 75% percentile is 80%. Since 50% of institutions fall between 60-80% retention rate, we have selected the 25th percentile as our minimum threshold of acceptance.

Target: 68%

The target retention rate for St. Thomas University is 69%, which is the median retention rate for all 4-year non-profit postsecondary institutions in the Southeast United States for Fall 2021 according to IPEDS. This goal is appropriate considering St. Thomas Universities' location and institution type.

Current Status: 56%



National Student Clearinghouse Degree Total Completion Rate

St. Thomas University utilizes the National Student Clearinghouse's (Clearinghouse) six-year Degree Total Completion Rate because it most accurately reflects the academic progression of the students it serves because it includes the graduation rate for students who completed at St. Thomas University and students who transferred and completed at another institution. Among the 2012 and 2014 Fall cohorts of first-time STU students, between 18-24% of students transferred and earned a degree at another institution. Therefore, many undergraduate students utilize STU as an initial point of postsecondary education before transferring. This metric is appropriate to the mission of the university and the students we serve.

Minimum Threshold: 60%

Unlike other metrics where we can look at setting a minimum threshold based on standard deviations over time or performance of peers, the Clearinghouse data does not allow for that. For that reason, we have decided to use our current performance as the minimum threshold of acceptance with the goal of increasing and reaching our target.

Target: 72%

The target total completion rate for St. Thomas University is 72%, which is the total completion rate for students starting at non-profit institutions in the state of Florida for the 2014 cohort. This goal is appropriate considering 86% of incoming freshman over the past three years (Fall 2019-Fall 2021) are from Florida. More specifically, within this total completion rate for Florida non-profit institutions, 58% of students graduated from the initial institution and 7% graduated from another institution.

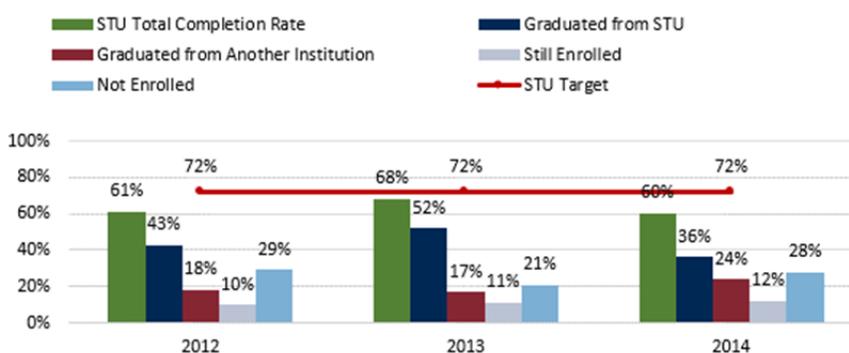
Current Status: 60%

Overall, the Fall 2014 six-year total completion rate for St. Thomas University was 60% (compared to 61% for the Fall 2012 cohort and 68% for the Fall 2013 cohort). Of the students included in the Fall 2014 cohort, 36% completed at St. Thomas University and 24% completed at another postsecondary institution.

Summary:

Currently, STU's total completion rate is 12 percentage points below the Florida rate for non-profit institutions (60% compared to 72% for the Fall 2014 cohort). And, it has remained in the 60% for the past three cohort years. As STU continues to focus on increasing undergraduate student success programs this percentage will increase.

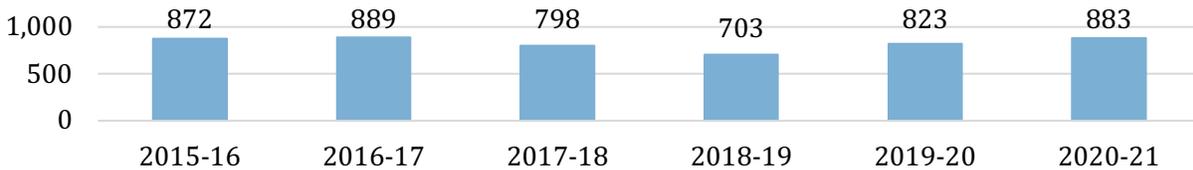
Figure 1. Six-Year Total Completion Rate for 2014 Fall Cohort



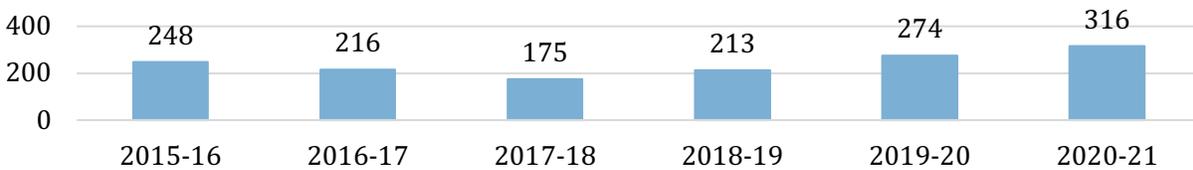
Degree Completions

St. Thomas University closely tracks degree completions at all degree levels. The total number of degrees awarded per program demonstrates a commitment to student achievement, as reflected in the University goals to support undergraduate and graduate/professional education. The table below shows the most recent year of completions, as reported to IPEDS.

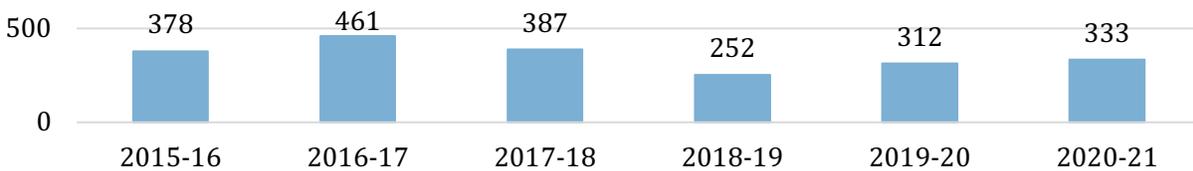
Total Degree Completions



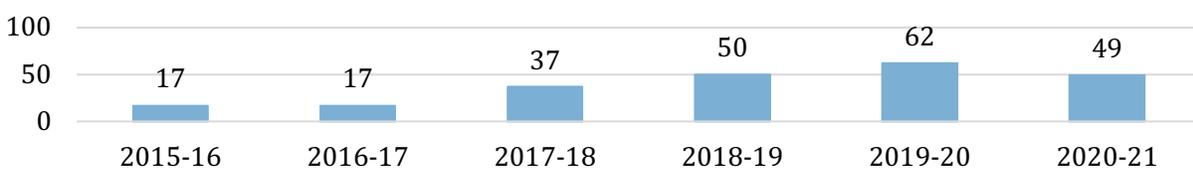
Bachelor's Degrees



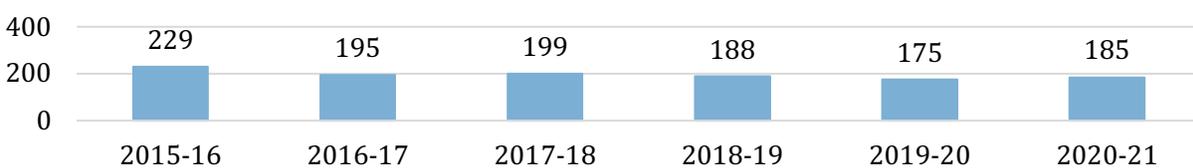
Master's Degrees



Doctoral Degrees



Law Degrees (Masters and Doctoral)



NLCEX Passage

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The NCLEX metric was selected since the nursing program is an important program to the university. The university serves up to 650 nursing students within the undergraduate and graduate programs. It aligns with our mission of "St. Thomas is a Catholic university with rich cultural and international diversity committed to the academic and professional success of its students who become ethical leaders in our global community." Our emphasis on ethics is a key factor with nurses serving as caregivers working in the community and throughout the globe.

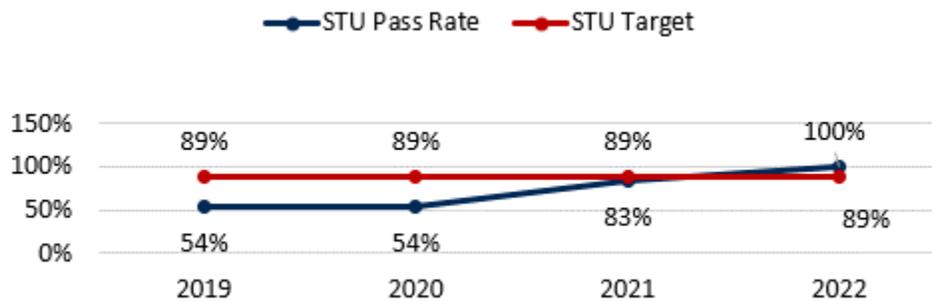
Minimum Threshold: 80%

Target: 89%

The target NCLEX passage rates for St. Thomas University is 89%, which is well above the standard for accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing.

Current Status: 100%

In 2019 and 2020, the annual NCLEX passage rate for St. Thomas University was 54%, which includes 29 test taking attempts in 2019 and 50 attempts in 2020. NCLEX pass rates for Fall 2021 and Spring 22 were 83% and 100% respectively and includes 6 attempts in the fall and 2 in the spring.



Bar Passage

The bar passage rate was selected because the college of law is an important program to the university serving over 600 students each year. The mission of the college of law is in part

“St. Thomas University College of Law trains and graduates lawyers capable of applying legal principles to address and solve problems of an increasingly complex and changing society. The rigorous academic program of the College Law emphasizes lifelong learning and scholarship in a personalized, caring environment under Catholic auspices with a diverse student body and faculty...”

Minimum and Target: 75%

The target Bar Passage rates for St. Thomas University is at least 75%, within two years of graduate, which is the standard for accreditation by the American Bar Association (ABA). Standard 316 of the *Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools* states “at least 75 percent of a law school's graduates in a calendar year who sat for a bar examination must have passed a bar examination administered within two years of their date of graduation.” Therefore, when comparing STU's results to the goal, STU has been above the threshold for three consecutive years.

Current Status: 85.16%

