

Voluntary Framework of Accountability Cohorts

MAIN COHORT: The VFA Main Cohort includes all students who have completed high school (or the equivalent) that are new to the institution, regardless of prior postsecondary education experiences, and are enrolled in credit or developmental education classes in the fall term. Exclusively ESI students are not included.

CREDENTIAL SEEKING COHORT: It is defined as students in the Main Cohort who have earned 12 semester credit hours (or the equivalent) by the end of the second academic-year of the tracking period.

FIRST TIME IN COLLEGE COHORT: This cohort includes students who after high school have no prior postsecondary experience before entering your institution. It is intended to parallel the Student Right-to-Know graduation rate cohort (as defined for IPEDS), but for VFA it includes full-time and part-time students. FTIC cohort is a subset of the Main Cohort.

Two-Year Progress Measures

Fall to Next Term Retention: Percent of students who were enrolled in the first, fall term and were still enrolled in the next full academic term.

First Term Credit Hour Success Rate: Percent of semester credit hours (not students) attempted at your college in the first (fall) term by the cohort that were successfully completed.

Two Year Credit Hour Success Rate: Percent of semester credit hours (not students) attempted at your college during the first two academic years by the cohort that were successfully completed.

Reached Treshold: Percent of students who successfully reached semester credit hours thresholds (24 for part-time and 42 for full-time) by the end of the second academic year.

Completed Certificate or Degree: Number of students in the cohort who have earned an associate degree or certificate from your institution by the end of their second academic year.

Transferred: Number of students in the cohort who have not earned a formal award (e.g. associate degree or certificate) from your institution by the end of two academic years, but have evidence of transferring to another post-secondary institution by the end of their second academic year.

Still Enrolled: Number of students in the cohort who did not transfer and did not earn a formal award by the end of two years (as defined above), but were still enrolled at any time during their second academic year.