

Presbyterian College
Student Achievement Goals and Outcomes
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Introduction

Presbyterian College (PC) identifies, evaluates, and publishes goals and outcomes for student achievement appropriate to its mission as a residential liberal arts college offering baccalaureate programs to full-time, traditional-aged students, and professional graduate programs in health-related fields. PC provides a statement of its goals for student achievement and outcomes on an annual basis and reviews these measures as part of its annual assessment. Both a threshold of acceptability and an aspirational goal are established as part of this annual process.

Graduation Rates

Presbyterian College monitors and reports graduation rates according to the guidelines of the Graduation Rate Survey (GRS), a component of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems (IPEDS).

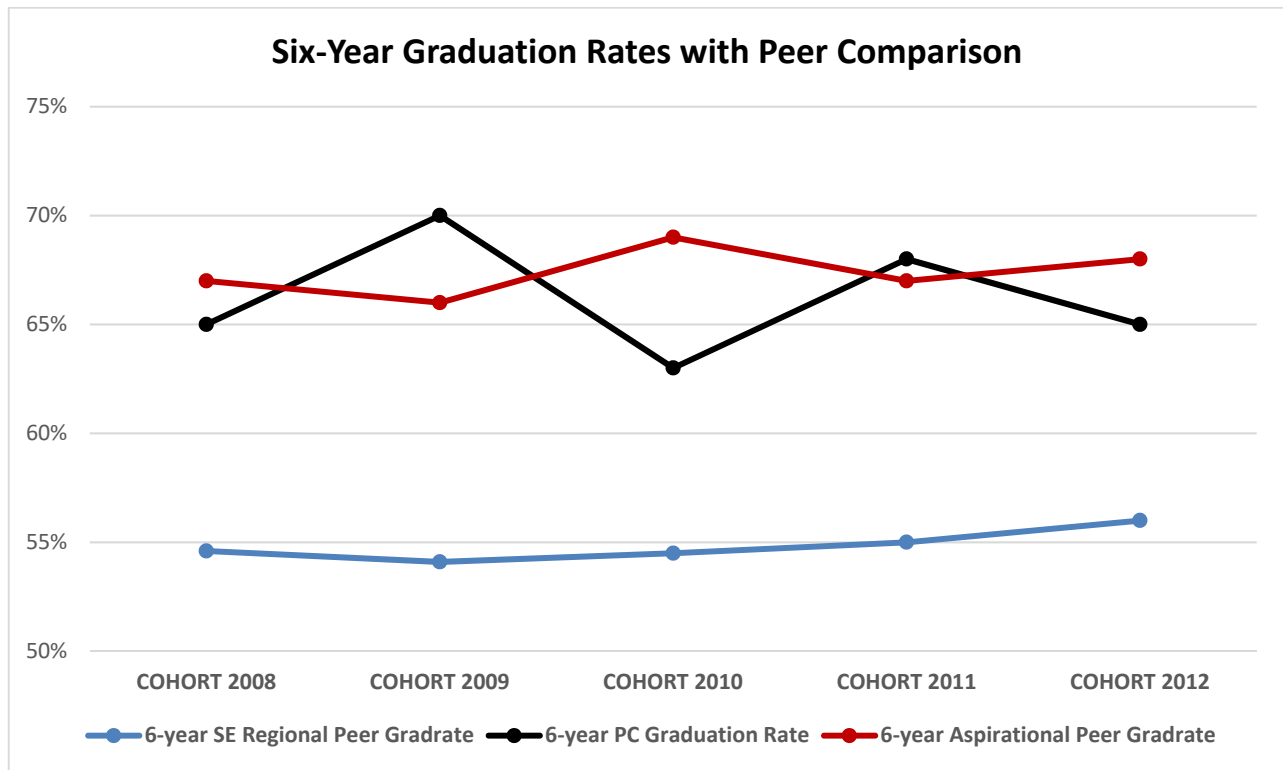
Based on 4-year averages of graduation rates, Presbyterian College sets out an acceptable threshold of acceptability or expectation of the undergraduate graduation rate of **56** percent for 4 years and **63** percent for 6 years. Aspirational goals based on a set of aspirational peers are **63** percent for the 4-year graduation rate and **70** percent for the 6-year graduation rate.

The following table includes PC's 4-year and 6-year undergraduate graduation rates of incoming first-time students from entering cohorts from 2011 through 2015.

IPEDS Reporting Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
IPEDS Cohort Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
4-year graduation rate	62%	61%	61%	53%	50%
6-year graduation rate	68%	65%	68%	61%	59%

Each year, IPEDS delivers a Data Feedback Report comparing Presbyterian College to 23 aspirational peer institutions. NCES also provides multi-year 6-year graduation rates for regional peer institutions for additional comparison. The following table and chart represent Presbyterian College's 6-year undergraduate graduation rates in comparison to those of its aspirational peers as well as the rates for the southeast regional, four-year, bachelor degree-granting, private non-profit peer institutions.

IPEDS Reporting Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
IPEDS Cohort Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
6-year SE Regional peer rate	55%	53%	52%	53%	56%
6-year PC graduation rate	65%	70%	63%	68%	65%
6-year Aspirational peer rate	67%	66%	69%	67%	68%



As of 2019-20, Presbyterian College began disaggregating graduation rates to reflect priorities in the College's mission, strategic plan, and campus initiatives. Presbyterian College disaggregated graduation rates by ethnicity/race and Pell-eligible status (which reflects students' socio-economic situation). The following data is from the IPEDS Data Feedback Report for years 2020 and 2021.

IPEDS Reporting Year 2020; IPEDS Cohort Year 2013	Presbyterian College 6-year graduation rate	IPEDS Aspirational Peer 6-year graduation rate
Total	71%	70%
Black or African American	66%	59%
White	73%	71%
Hispanic/Latinx	83%	69%
Pell-eligible	69%	63%

IPEDS Reporting Year 2021; IPEDS Cohort Year 2014	Presbyterian College 6-year graduation rate	IPEDS Peer 6-year graduation rate
Total	64%	70%
Black or African American	49%	57%
White	67%	70%
Hispanic/Latinx	60%	75%
Pell-eligible	56%	63%

Graduate Programs

The following table represents the percentage of graduate students who completed the Pharmacy degree within four years or the Physician Assistant program within two years. Based on information for previous cohorts and the College's mission to provide a quality education, Presbyterian College's threshold of acceptability for completion of a Pharmacy Degree is **76** percent for on-time graduation; its aspirational goal is **85** percent. These goals for student achievement are based on standards set by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). For the Physician Assistant Studies, Presbyterian College's threshold of acceptability for completion of the Masters in Physician Assistant Studies is **90** percent for on-time graduation; its aspirational goal is **97** percent.

Graduation Year	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pharmacy graduation rate	80%	80%	63%	78%
PA graduation rate	No cohort	No cohort	No cohort	100%

Undergraduate Retention Rates

The following table represents fall-to-fall first-year to sophomore retention rates for the past four cohorts (2017-2020) of degree-seeking, first-time, full-time students. PC students are mostly of traditional college age, and the large majority come from South Carolina. As a Division I NCAA institution, our retention rate has been significantly impacted by the availability of the "transfer portal" for student-athletes.

The threshold of acceptability is based on an evaluation of the demographics of the entering cohort, including student-athlete status and the mission of the of the College to serve disadvantaged and underserved students, the aspirational goal derives from comparison with Presbyterian College's aspirational peers.

Class	Retention goal	Actual retention rate
First year to sophomore	threshold 76%; aspirational 83%	76%

In the 2019-20 academic year, Presbyterian College began disaggregating retention rates by ethnicity/race, Pell-eligible status, and First-Generation college student status. The following table represents retention rates for first-time students who began their studies at Presbyterian College in 2019 and 2020.

First-year to Sophomore Retention Rates	Cohort 2019	Cohort 2020
Total	74%	78%
Black or African American	63%	67%
White	80%	83%
Hispanic/Latinx	59%	67%
Two or More Races	74%	71%
Pell Eligible	72%	66%
First-Generation	69%	71%