

# Student Achievement Measures

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Reinhardt University publicly reports student achievement each year as part of our commitment to transparency and continuous improvement. Our measures align with our mission and reflect the nature of our students and programs.

We track and publish course completion, first-year retention, graduation within 150% of normal time, six-year completion across all institutions (National Student Clearinghouse), and licensure exam pass rates (e.g., GACE, NCLEX-RN). For each measure, we define the cohort, set goals and minimally acceptable thresholds, show multi-year trends, and—when results fall below thresholds—describe actions taken to improve. Data sources include IPEDS, NSC, Georgia PSC/ETS, and institutional records.

## Measure 1: Course Completion Rate

Successful undergraduate course completion is defined as earning a grade of A, B, C, D, or P. Reinhardt’s minimally acceptable threshold is an overall rate of at least 85%. In 2024, the overall course completion rate was 94%, well above this threshold.

Year	Total Course Enrollment	Preparatory & Lower Division UG Courses Completion Rate	Upper Division UG Courses Completion Rate	Course Completion Rate
2019	13,661	92 %	95 %	93 %
2020	12,799	85 %	95 %	88 %
2021	11,091	86 %	94 %	89 %
2022	10,450	85 %	97 %	89 %
2023	10,491	92%	97%	94%
2024	11,345	92%	96%	94%

*Note: Totals include fall and spring enrollments. Total course enrollment and overall completion rates updated on this report based on year-end data. Source: Reinhardt University Office of Institutional Research.*

## Measure 2: First-Year Retention Rate

First-Year Retention Rate First-year retention measures the percentage of full-time, first-time bachelor’s degree-seeking undergraduates who enroll in the next fall. Reinhardt’s goal is to maintain a rate of at least 64%, reflecting the average for peer institutions of similar size and student demographics. While this goal has not been met since 2018, strategies are underway: the Office of Student Success (established in 2022) leads targeted interventions, and a Summer Bridge program launched in 2024—with its inaugural cohort convening three weeks prior to Fall 2025—provides focused support and credit-bearing coursework for students identified at higher risk of non-retention.

Fall FT Cohort Year	Total Enrolled	Students Returning Next Fall	Retention Rate
2019	336	202	60 %
2020	289	175	61 %
2021	214	123	57 %
2022	270	153	57 %
2023	315	196	62%
2024	333	191	57%

*Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education System (IPEDS)*

### Measure 3: Graduation Rate

The IPEDS graduation rate tracks **full-time, first-time** bachelor’s degree-seeking students who complete a degree within 150% of normal time; it does not include students who transfer and graduate elsewhere. Reinhardt’s goal is to reach and maintain at least 36%, representing the peer-group average. Reinhardt has met this threshold for the past three reported cohorts, and the 2018 cohort achieved a five-year high.

Fall FT Cohort Year	Total Enrolled	Students Graduating	Graduation Rate
2014	292	102	35 %
2015	266	86	32 %
2016	322	122	38 %
2017	372	133	36 %
2018	344	148	43%

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education System (IPEDS)

Reinhardt tracks graduation within 150% of normal time for **full-time transfer** students: within 5 years for freshmen, 4 years for sophomores, and 3 years for juniors. The University’s goal is to maintain at least a 50% graduation rate for these cohorts. With only one cohort in the past five falling below this threshold, we expect performance to remain at or above the 50% benchmark.

Fall TR Cohort Year	Total Enrolled	Students Graduating	Graduation Rate
2014	164	90	55 %
2015	145	71	49 %
2016	152	91	60 %
2017	182	104	57 %
2018	160	95	59%

Source: Reinhardt University Office of Institutional Research.

### Measure 4: National Student Clearinghouse Six-Year Completion Rate

Reinhardt tracks six-year completion using the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) Total Completion Rate, which counts students who complete a credential at any institution after beginning at Reinhardt. The institutional goal is 50%, with a minimally acceptable threshold of 45%. Reinhardt has exceeded the goal for the last three reported cohorts.

Note on cohorts: IPEDS graduation rates (Measure 3) include only full-time, first-time students, while NSC includes all first-time students regardless of enrollment status, which can produce small differences between measures.

More than one in six students who start at Reinhardt transfer to complete their degrees elsewhere. While this movement affects institutional retention and graduation metrics, it aligns with our mission to educate the whole person with challenge and care, supporting students as they restore academic standing or pursue programs not offered at Reinhardt.

Metric	2015 Cohort	2016 Cohort	2017 Cohort
Total Enrolled	237	346	351
Total Completion Rate	<b>56.55%</b>	<b>55.19%</b>	<b>58.39%</b>
Completion at Reinhardt	33.36%	33.52%	38.13%
Completion at other, 4-Year	17.74%	19.06%	16.56%
Completion at other, 2-Year	5.45%	2.60%	3.70%
Still Enrolled	9.72%	11.08%	9.68%
Not Enrolled at any institution	33.73%	33.73%	31.93%

Source: National Student Clearing House

## Measure 5: Licensing Passage Rate

### Georgia Professional Standards Commission GACE

Students in the Price School of Education (PSOE) take the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) to qualify for state teacher licensure. Our goal is to exceed the statewide pass rate each year, with a minimally acceptable threshold set at no more than 5 percentage points below the statewide rate. In four of the five most recent years reviewed, PSOE's pass rate exceeded the statewide rate, and passage rate never fell below the minimally acceptable threshold.

Test Year	Number Taking Assessment	Number Passing Assessment	RU Pass Rate	Statewide Pass Rate
2019	145	143	98.6%	98.6
2020	129	127	98.4%	98.7
2021	110	109	99.1%	98.4
2022	107	107	100%	98.5
2023	107	106	99.1%	98.2%
2024	120	117	97.5%	98.1%

Source: Georgia Professional Standards Commission and Educational Testing Services (ETS). The statewide pass rate percentage is calculated for the teacher education programs offered and tested in at Reinhardt.

### National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)

The Cauble School of Nursing and Health Sciences offers a pre-licensure BSN program. To practice as an RN in the U.S. or Canada, graduates must pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Our goal is for 85% of nursing students to pass on their first attempt, with a minimally acceptable threshold of 80%. Since the program's inception, pass rates have consistently exceeded state and national averages; the program achieved a 100% first-time pass rate in 2024 and 2025.

Test Year	Number Taking Assessment	Number Passing Assessment	RU Pass Rate	Statewide Pass Rate
2020	33	32	97%	89%
2021	29	27	93%	86%
2022	25	21	84%	83%
2023	37	35	95%	90%
2024	20	20	100%	92%
2025	32	32	100%	unavailable