

Student Outcomes

Retention (Fall to Fall)

The rate of retention of students enrolling at GRCC is measured annually. Retention rate is the percentage of degree seeking students that enroll in the fall semester and return the following fall semester.

GRCC One Year Retention Rates for First-time in College Degree-Seeking Students	
Fall 2015 to Fall 2016	53.3%
Fall 2014 to Fall 2015	50.4%
Fall 2013 to Fall 2014	50.9%

Institutional Graduation/Completion and Transfer-out Rates

Grand Rapids Community College is pleased to provide the following information regarding the college's graduation/completion and transfer-out rates. The information is provided in compliance with the [Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008](#), as amended. The rates reflect the graduation, completion, and transfer-out status of students who enrolled during the 2013-14 academic year and for whom 150% of the normal time-to-completion has elapsed.

During the 2013 fall semester, 1,892 first-time, full-time, certificate or degree-seeking undergraduate students entered Grand Rapids Community College. After 3 years (i.e., as of August 31, 2016,) 15% (290) of these students had been granted a degree or certificate from our institution and 23% (440) had transferred to other institutions of higher education.

Explanation of above data:

Graduation and transfer-out rates are based on based on a three-year period of attendance for two-year programs and one and one-half years for one year programs. Also, due to waiting lists in our other Health Care Programs it usually takes longer than three years to graduate because these students take non-health relate courses required by the program prior to gaining admission to the actual program. Therefore the graduation rates above do not reflect the success of Graduates who complete programs under these circumstances.

Graduation (and transfer-out) rates do not include students who left the school to serve in the armed forces, on official church missions, or in the foreign service of the federal government. Students who died or were totally and permanently disabled are also excluded. There were no exclusions in the 2013-16 cohort.

Of the remaining 1,162 students, 313 are still enrolled at GRCC. The remaining 849 have either transferred to an institution which does not report to the Clearinghouse,* have stopped out temporarily, or have discontinued their education.

*Grand Rapids Community College contracts with the National Student Clearinghouse to provide transfer-out data through its Enrollment Search Service which provides information on a majority (but) not all of students transferring from our college.

GRCC Full-Time Student Grad Rates--With/Without Financial Aid Starting in Fall 2012, graduating by Fall 2015

Source: GRCC Institutional Research & Planning; 3/29/2017

Gender	Race/Ethnicity	Pell	Stafford	None	Avg. Across
Female	African-American	na	na	17%	3%
	Asian	32%	na	11%	25%
	American Indian	20%	na	na	8%
	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	na	na	na	na
	Hispanic	14%	na	31%	16%
	White	19%	18%	27%	22%
	Two or More Races	na	na	na	na
	Not Stated	8%	na	36%	14%
Female Total		15%	15%	25%	18%
Male	African-American	3%	na	na	na
	Asian	10%	na	14%	11%
	American Indian	na	na	na	na
	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	na	na	na	na
	Hispanic	19%	na	19%	18%
	White	14%	5%	17%	14%
	Two or More Races	15%	na	na	12%
	Not Stated	13%	na	13%	12%
Male Total		12%	4%	15%	13%
Grand Total		12%	13%	9%	19%

na = insufficient data for calculations

Placement Rates

Each year Grand Rapids Community College administers the [Alumni Survey](#) to graduates of two-year degree and one-year certificate programs. The survey is administered by e-mail and mail six months after graduation. Placement rate is defined as the percentage of students who are employed, those who are continuing their education, and those who are working and continuing their education.

The following information comes from the alumni survey administered to those students completing degree requirements during the 2015-2016 academic year. The data in the table below represents the responses of all the respondents who answered question 1. Of the 1,889 questionnaires sent, 409 (21.7%) graduates responded to the survey. The data includes both students who complete a liberal arts degree as well as occupational program graduates who complete a one year certificate and/or a two year Associates Degree.

[Note: This methodology relies upon students self-reporting once they have left institution and the overall return rate is not sufficient to supply reliable information about placement rates for individual programs.]

Placement Rate from 2015-16 Alumni Survey

Which of the following best describes your status as of October 31, 2015? (Check only one.)	Employed in the military	1	< 1%
	Employed in a job related to the program taken at GRCC	136	33%
	Employed in a job NOT related to the program taken at GRCC	71	17%
	Continuing education, NOT EMPLOYED	49	12%
	Continuing education and EMPLOYED in a job related to the program taken at GRCC	53	13%
	Continuing education and EMPLOYED in a job NOT related to the program taken at GRCC	88	22%
	Unemployed, seeking work	8	2%
	Unemployed, NOT seeking work	3	1%
	Total	409	100%

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