

## *Fortis College, Columbia, SC*

### **Student's Right-to-Know Disclosure Completion Rates**

The Student Right-to-Know Act requires an institution that participates in any student financial assistance program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (as amended) to disclose information about graduation rates to current and prospective students.

The National Center for Education Statistics, through the Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System (IPEDS), developed the graduation rate component to help institutions satisfy the requirements of the Student Right-to-Know legislation. This graduation rate component includes the cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students and tracks their completion status at 150% of the normal time to complete all the requirements of their program of study. The required cohort has been defined through IPEDS. The 2019 cohort is required to be disclosed for the 2023-2024 federal student aid award year.

The **2019 Cohort Completion Rate** for first-time students in full-time programs at Fortis College - Columbia is **31%**. This rate is based on the 166 students who started their program between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020. Of the 166 students who started their program, 52 students completed their program of study within 150% of normal completion time. Please refer to the institution's catalog for the normal completion time for each program. The above data excludes 9 students whose last date of attendance was less than 30 days after the first class day of their program that was greater than one academic year in length and students whose last date of attendance was less than 15 days after the first class day of their program that was less than or equal to one academic year in length.

The combined **2019 Cohort Completion Rate** for first-time students in full-time programs at the campuses attached to the Office of Post-Secondary Education Identification (OPEID) number 010319 is **40%**. The OPEID number is comprised of Fortis Institute -Towson, Fortis College - Smyrna, Fortis College - Columbus, Fortis College - Cincinnati and Fortis College - Columbia. This rate is based on the 1,134 students who started their program between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020. Of the 1,134 students who started their program, 449 students completed their program of study within 150% of normal completion time. Please refer to the institution's catalog for the normal complete time for each program. The above data excludes 36 students whose last date of attendance was less than 30 days after the first class day of their program that was greater than one academic year in length and students whose last date of attendance was less than 15 days after the first class day of their program that was less than or equal to one academic year in length.

Also see the attached disaggregated rates, in chart format, for Fortis College - Columbia in accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.

#### **NOTES:**

- 1) The completion rates displayed above are based on first-time full-time students. As a result, these rates may not be representative of the entire student population.
- 2) A first-time student is defined as a student who has not previously attended a post-secondary institution. Students who did not identify their first-time status were assumed first-time students per guidance provided by IPEDS. As a result, it is possible the data above may also include non-first-time students.
- 3) Full-time programs were determined using the full-time definition as defined by the Financial Aid Office.
- 4) We have elected not to report transfer-out rates because our school's mission does not include providing substantial preparation for students to enroll in another eligible institution without completing or graduating from our programs.
- 5) The required disclosure dates for Completion Rates: The 2019 cohort is required to be disclosed by 7/1/23.
- 6) Additional information on completion rates is available from the Admission's Office.

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### Disaggregated Graduation Rates

Category	Total Enrolled in Cohort	Completion within 150% Time Frame	Completion % for Certificate/Degree Seeking Students
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	120	34	28.3%
Male	46	18	39.1%
Gender Not Specified	0	0	0.0%
<b>Ethnicity/Race</b>			
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	1	100.0%
Asian	1	0	0.0%
Black or African American	132	39	29.5%
Hispanic/Latino	2	1	50.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0.0%
Nonresident Alien	0	0	0.0%
Not Specified	0	0	0.0%
Two or More Races	4	0	0.0%
White	25	11	44.0%
<b>Pell Grant/Subsidized Loan Recipient</b>			
Recipients Pell Grant	150	47	31.3%
Recipients of Subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant	4	1	25.0%
Students who did not receive Pell Grants or Subsidized Stafford Loans	12	4	33.3%
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF COHORT</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>31.3%</b>

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