

Student Achievement Goals and Outcomes

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According to the SACSCOC policy statement on institutional obligations for public disclosure, an accredited SACSCOC institution "is obligated to provide to its students, constituents, and the public information about itself that is complete, accurate, timely, accessible, clear and sufficient...[including] statements of its goals for student achievement and the success of students in achieving those goals. Information on student success may include reliable information in retention, graduation, course completion, licensure examinations, and job placement rates and other measures of student success appropriate to institutional mission." In addition, SACSCOC Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student Achievement) establishes the expectation that institutions indicate the criteria and threshold of acceptability used to determine that success.

ETSU strives to increase the number of graduates from our programs while maintaining high academic standards.

East Tennessee State University is committed to increasing the level of educational attainment in the state and region. ETSU awards degrees in over one hundred baccalaureate, masters, educational specialist, and doctoral programs, including distinctive interdisciplinary programs and distance education offerings that serve students from the region and beyond. Threshold of acceptability: As indicated in the ETSU Strategic Plan 2015-2025, ETSU’s goal is to graduate 60% of first-time, full-time degree seeking students within 6 years.

Fall Semester	Headcount Enrollment	Graduation/Continuation Rates					
		Within Four Years		Within Five Years		Within Six Years	
		Graduated	Continued	Graduated	Continued	Graduated	Continued
2008	1940	19.6	29.7	36.9	11.1	43.0	4.5
2009	2068	20.1	28.7	37.9	9.4	43.2	4.2
2010	2053	20.1	26.8	34.4	10.8	40.1	4.8
2011	2105	21.2	24.7	36.7	8.2	41.0	4.0
2012	2038	23.3	25.7	39.2	9.1		
2013	1849	29.7	23.5				
2014	2025						
2015	1976						
2016	1869						

ETSU strives to increase the critical thinking skills of our students.

Employers and graduate programs value the ability to think clearly, solve problems, and evaluate arguments, and East Tennessee State University is committed to increasing the critical thinking skills of our students. The values and skills developed here will prepare our graduates to become productive, enlightened citizens who actively serve their communities and the world. ETSU uses the California Critical Thinking Skills Test (CCTST) to assess the critical thinking skill of our graduating students. Threshold of acceptability: ETSU’s participation in the Tennessee Higher Education Commission’s Quality Assurance Funding initiative requires the institution to meet or exceed the national average (for four-year college and university level test takers) each year as a component for consideration of full funding for the general education assessment standard.

East Tennessee State University, California Critical Thinking Skills Test Mean TOTAL Scores, 2005-2015							
Year	ETSU N	National Mean	ETSU Mean	ETSU Standard Deviation	ETSU Median	ETSU Interquartile Ranges	
						25%	75%
2016-17	1635	16.2	17.3	4.8	17	14	21
2015-16	1713	17.1	17.2	4.9	17	14	21
2014-15	1575	17.2	17.2	4.9	17	14	21
2013-14	2016	17.0	17.0	4.9	17	14	20
2012-13	1723	16.7	16.5	4.7	16.5	13	20
2011-12	1859	16.7	17.6	4.8	17	14	21
2010-11	1672	16.8	17.5	4.7	17	14	21
2009-10	1512	16.8	17.3	4.7	17	14	21
2008-09	1592	16.8	17.2	5.0	17	14	20
2007-08	1814	16.8	17.7	4.8	17	14	21
2006-07	1429	16.8	17.4	5.2	17	14	21

ETSU strives to successfully prepare students for licensure exams.

East Tennessee State University has several disciplines that require state and/or national licensing examinations in order to practice or meet employment requirements. Licensing examinations serve as one indicator of program quality. Threshold of acceptability: ETSU's participation in the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's Quality Assurance Funding initiative requires the institution to meet or exceed the appropriate national pass rate each year as a component for consideration of full funding for the major field assessment standard.

Program	Degree	Test Year	Test Type	ETSU Pass Rate	Comparison Pass Rate
Special Education	BS	2015-16	PRAXIS	100.0%	98%
Interdisciplinary Studies	BSED	2015-16	PRAXIS	100.0%	100%
Dental Hygiene	BSDH	2016	NBDH	95.5%	95.0%
Cardiopulmonary Science	BS	2016	CRT	78.9%	92.5%
Radiologic Science	BS	2015	ARRT	100.0%	87.2%
Nursing	BSN	2015	NCLEX	87.96%	84.56%