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INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH:

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

As a premier higher education institution serving a diverse community, St. Petersburg College (SPC) strives to offer equitable education by applying student achievement measures to minimize and potentially eliminate the achievement gap among diverse groups.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MEASURES:

- **Graduation Rate**
 - 6-Year Completion Rate
 - 3-Year Completion Rate
- **Success Rate**
- **Progression**
 - Fall to Fall Retention Rate
 - Fall to Spring Persistence
 - Spring to Fall Persistence
- **AA Transfer and Continuing Education Rate**
- **Job Placement Rate and Earnings**

GRADUATION RATES

6-YEAR COMPLETION RATE

The 6-year completion rate is calculated based on the National Student Clearinghouse definition:

*"The completion rates account for all students who enter postsecondary education for the **first time** each year, enrolling **full-time or part-time** at two-year or four-year institutions, and **completing at any U.S. degree-granting institution**. The results include those who complete after transfer, not just completions at the starting institution."*

6-Year Graduation Rate By Race

Race	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
AMIND	33.3%	16.7%	42.1%	45.5%	35.3%
ASIAN	51.3%	59.3%	51.8%	59.9%	60.5%
BLACK	19.5%	22.5%	17.6%	23.4%	20.1%
HISPA	32.5%	46.3%	37.5%	38.4%	39.6%
MULTI	23.7%	34.1%	32.8%	45.2%	35.3%
NSPEC	43.1%	54.1%	42.9%	55.2%	39.5%
PACIF	81.8%	20.0%	30.0%	27.3%	42.9%
WHITE	41.4%	41.9%	40.7%	44.8%	45.4%
Total	36.8%	39.7%	36.6%	41.5%	41.2%

Threshold of Acceptability: 36.6%
Goal Target: 41.5%
Achievement: 41.2%

6-Year Graduation Rate by Gender

Gender	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
FEMALE	39.5%	43.1%	38.8%	44.8%	43.6%
MALE	33.8%	35.9%	33.9%	37.1%	38.3%
USPEC	37.9%	37.0%	38.5%	49.1%	47.1%
Total	36.8%	39.7%	36.6%	41.5%	41.2%

6-Year Graduation Rate by Pell Eligibility

Pell	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
N	47.2%	50.0%	47.4%	49.9%	47.3%
Y	31.2%	33.5%	30.0%	35.7%	36.4%
Total	36.8%	39.7%	36.6%	41.5%	41.2%

Source: National Student Clearinghouse

3-YEAR COMPLETION RATE

The 3-year graduation rate looks at full or part-time students enrolling in Fall at SPC for the first time in any Associate's degree or certificate program and completing their program at SPC within 3 years.

3-Year Graduation Rate By Race

Race	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
AMIND	18.2%	11.8%	8.3%	50.0%	30.0%
ASIAN	37.3%	31.9%	34.2%	32.6%	36.8%
BLACK	11.1%	7.5%	10.3%	9.9%	11.3%
HISPA	19.1%	24.8%	22.8%	22.9%	21.4%
MULTI	24.4%	21.1%	19.1%	18.9%	18.8%
NSPEC	32.8%	27.9%	42.1%	34.5%	32.2%
PACIF	18.2%	28.6%	14.3%	14.3%	
WHITE	25.0%	27.8%	26.1%	28.9%	26.9%
Total	22.7%	24.4%	23.3%	24.9%	23.8%

3-Year Graduation Rate by Gender

Gender	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
FEMALE	24.7%	26.0%	23.6%	25.5%	24.9%
MALE	20.0%	22.6%	22.8%	24.4%	22.5%
USPEC	26.3%	25.5%	22.8%	21.5%	18.5%
Total	22.7%	24.4%	23.3%	24.9%	23.8%

3-Year Graduation Rate by Pell Eligibility

Pell	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
N	28.7%	28.7%	27.4%	29.8%	28.8%
Y	18.5%	21.1%	20.1%	21.2%	20.1%
** Total	22.7%	24.4%	23.3%	24.9%	23.8%

Source: St. Petersburg Student Database/PeopleSoft

** Pell Totals do not include students whose Pell eligibility was unknown or who did not submit a FAFSA therefore the total percentages differ from Race and Gender.

Threshold of Acceptability: 22.7%
Goal Target: 24.9%
Achievement: 23.8%

SUCCESS RATE

One of St. Petersburg College's measures of student achievement is the course success rates of undergraduate students. The course success rate is defined as the number of A, B, and C grades divided by all possible grades.

Course Success Rate by Race

Threshold of Acceptability: 79.0%
Goal Target: 80.0%
Achievement: 79.3%

Race	Fall Term 2018-2019	Fall Term 2019-2020	Fall Term 2020-2021	Fall Term 2021-2022	Fall Term 2022-2023
AMIND	71.1%	77.2%	73.3%	75.9%	78.6%
ASIAN	85.7%	85.8%	84.1%	85.4%	85.9%
BLACK	67.2%	68.0%	68.6%	67.2%	67.7%
HISPA	77.6%	78.2%	77.4%	77.1%	76.5%
MULTI	76.7%	76.9%	77.2%	77.1%	76.7%
NSPEC	83.6%	84.0%	79.7%	80.6%	81.6%
PACIF	88.8%	74.9%	68.1%	76.2%	84.9%
WHITE	81.4%	81.2%	81.6%	81.6%	82.1%
Total	79.1%	79.2%	79.2%	79.0%	79.3%

Source: St. Petersburg Student Database/PeopleSoft

PROGRESSION

St. Petersburg College uses two achievement measures to determine student progression: The Fall-to-Fall retention rate reflecting students who continue enrollment in the subsequent year and the Term-to-Term persistence rates reflecting students who continue enrollment in the subsequent Fall or Spring term.

Threshold of Acceptability: 63.9%
Goal Target: 65.6%
Achievement: 63.9%

Retention Rate - Fall to Fall

Academic Year	2017-2018		2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		
	Race	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate
AMIND		95	62.1%	88	69.3%	84	59.5%	72	63.9%	68	64.7%
ASIAN		1,199	73.2%	1,211	68.5%	1,199	70.2%	1,161	69.4%	1,110	70.1%
BLACK		3,921	58.9%	3,766	58.3%	3,737	57.1%	3,250	58.9%	3,075	56.7%
HISPA		4,264	64.9%	4,470	65.1%	4,578	63.8%	4,278	64.7%	4,204	63.2%
MULTI		957	64.2%	1,029	61.6%	1,109	62.1%	1,053	62.2%	980	60.9%
NSPEC		639	71.5%	649	69.0%	645	65.3%	636	66.8%	696	61.5%
PACIF		88	56.8%	72	68.1%	67	74.6%	66	66.7%	57	73.7%
WHITE		18,521	66.7%	17,728	66.9%	17,257	65.3%	15,741	66.4%	14,306	65.4%
Total		29,684	65.6%	29,013	65.5%	28,676	64.1%	26,257	65.2%	24,496	63.9%

Persistence Rate – Fall to Spring

Academic Year	2017-2018		2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022	
Race	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate
AMIND	95	76.8%	88	76.1%	84	75.0%	72	75.0%	68	70.6%
ASIAN	1,199	82.9%	1,211	81.1%	1,199	81.3%	1,161	81.0%	1,110	79.5%
BLACK	3,921	74.3%	3,766	74.2%	3,737	71.2%	3,250	71.3%	3,075	69.0%
HISPA	4,264	75.9%	4,470	77.7%	4,578	76.8%	4,278	76.0%	4,204	73.9%
MULTI	957	79.5%	1,029	77.5%	1,109	77.1%	1,053	77.6%	980	73.9%
NSPEC	639	80.6%	649	82.4%	645	76.9%	636	79.1%	696	74.0%
PACIF	88	73.9%	72	84.7%	67	71.6%	66	77.3%	57	75.4%
WHITE	18,521	78.3%	17,728	78.9%	17,257	78.8%	15,741	78.9%	14,306	76.8%
Total	29,684	77.7%	29,013	78.3%	28,676	77.5%	26,257	77.5%	24,496	75.2%

Persistence Rate – Spring to Fall

Academic Year	2017-2018		2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022	
Race	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate	Cohort Size	Rate
AMIND	86	68.6%	78	67.9%	74	64.9%	64	70.3%	71	73.2%
ASIAN	1,160	75.3%	1,132	70.4%	1,163	70.1%	1,124	70.3%	1,039	70.8%
BLACK	3,762	61.1%	3,736	61.0%	3,592	58.0%	3,277	57.0%	2,991	58.5%
HISPA	4,093	67.2%	4,325	68.8%	4,372	64.2%	4,237	64.8%	3,969	65.9%
MULTI	959	63.9%	1,009	63.4%	1,074	64.2%	1,052	63.3%	910	64.0%
NSPEC	607	68.0%	621	67.6%	612	66.2%	662	65.7%	643	63.0%
PACIF	74	64.9%	72	66.7%	58	74.1%	65	64.6%	50	74.0%
WHITE	17,196	69.1%	16,898	69.4%	16,309	66.8%	15,054	66.4%	13,335	66.9%
Total	27,937	67.8%	27,871	68.0%	27,254	65.2%	25,535	64.9%	23,008	65.7%

Source: St. Petersburg Student Database/PeopleSoft

AA TRANSFER AND CONTINUING EDUCATION RATE

The rate of continuing education among Associate of Arts (AA) graduates, who continue further to receive a bachelor's degree at St. Petersburg College or another institution, is another measure of achievement used at SPC.

Threshold of Acceptability: 67.9%
Goal Target: 73.0%
Achievement: 69.0%

3-Year Transfer Rate by Race

Race	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
AMIND	62.5%	58.3%	84.6%	50.0%	72.7%
ASIAN	72.5%	72.4%	78.2%	72.7%	76.0%
BLACK	67.5%	70.3%	69.4%	68.0%	60.4%
HISPA	76.0%	69.4%	73.1%	72.0%	64.2%
MULTI	73.9%	63.5%	68.6%	80.2%	69.4%
NSPEC	78.1%	69.3%	74.0%	79.5%	73.1%
PACIF	50.0%	83.3%	71.4%	71.4%	60.0%
WHITE	71.6%	67.1%	73.2%	71.8%	70.6%
Total	71.9%	67.9%	73.0%	71.9%	69.0%

3-Year Transfer Rate by Gender

Gender	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
FEMALE	70.5%	67.7%	73.0%	71.8%	67.9%
MALE	74.6%	68.7%	73.1%	72.1%	71.3%
USPEC	65.8%	58.2%	68.0%	71.9%	62.1%
Total	71.9%	67.9%	73.0%	71.9%	69.0%

3-Year Transfer Rate by Pell Eligibility

Pell	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
N	77.4%	73.4%	79.2%	76.9%	70.3%
Y	71.3%	68.0%	71.4%	71.2%	67.3%
Total	73.0%	69.5%	73.5%	72.8%	68.1%

Source: National Student Clearinghouse Research Center

JOB PLACEMENT AND EARNINGS

St. Petersburg College uses job placement rates for Associate in Science (AS) and baccalaureate degree graduates as measures of student achievement.

Threshold of Acceptability: 76.9%
Goal Target: 81.1%
Achievement: 80.4%

AS Degree Job Placement Rate

Academic Year	% Employed with Wages	Full QTR Avg. Annualized Earnings
2016–2017	81.0%	\$45,968
2017–2018	77.4%	\$44,980
2018–2019	81.1%	\$48,108
2019–2020	76.9%	\$53,028
2020–2021	80.4%	\$61,419

Threshold of Acceptability: 77.3%
Goal Target: 78.4%
Achievement: 77.3%

Baccalaureate Job Placement Rate

Academic Year	% Employed with Wages	Full QTR Avg. Annualized Earnings
2016–2017	78.4%	\$55,428
2017–2018	78.4%	\$53,540
2018–2019	78.1%	\$56,312
2019–2020	77.7%	\$59,452
2020–2021	77.3%	\$66,353

Source: Florida Department of Education FETPIP reports for Florida College System



ASSESSMENTS

IE is responsible for ensuring the quality and value of academic programs, student support services, and administrative units, collaborating with the provost, deans, faculty, and administrators to identify and conduct assessments in various areas.



SURVEYS

Student Survey for the following areas:

- Institutional Surveys
- National Surveys
- Student Support Services Surveys



PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION

SPC is an accredited institution with many degree programs additionally accredited or approved by state and national organizations specific to those fields of study.



STUDENT RESEARCH

Various opportunities to complete a research project are available to SPC students. Additionally, student researchers are invited to present their research projects at SPC's Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium each fall semester.



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