Board Meeting

December 7, 2021

Odessa College Promise Program

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Odessa College Vision

Odessa College strives to become the top-rated community college in the nation for student success.

Internal and **External** Measures: access, persistence, **completion**

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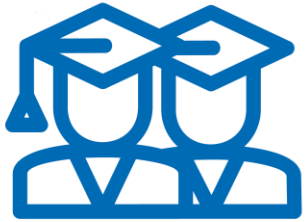
DEGREES AND CREDENTIALS AWARDED

730

2010–2011



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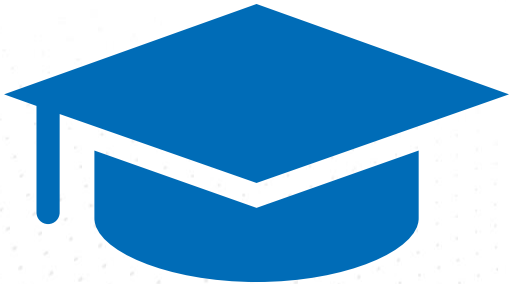
2020–2021

+195%

FROM 2010 – 2020

How are graduation rates calculated?



The official graduation rate for community colleges, which measures completion of the **first-time, full-time, degree-seeking cohort** for 150% of "normal time."

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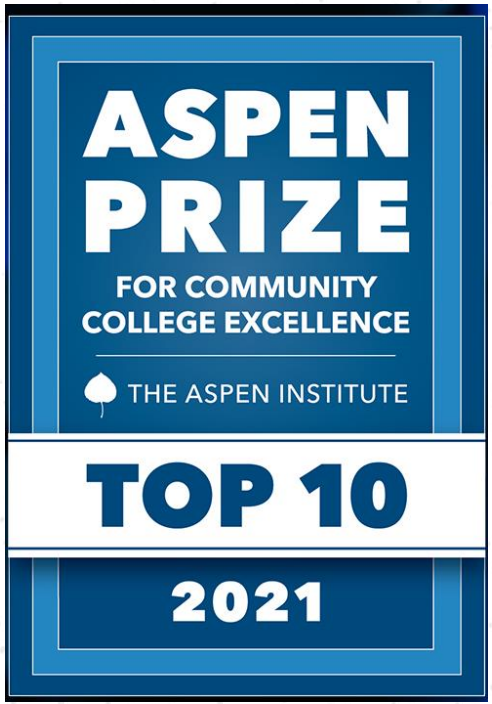
Why do graduation rates matter?



The average graduation rate for community colleges in the nation is 36%

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Who is not included?

- Part-time students
- Stop-outs
- Spring starters

These students matter

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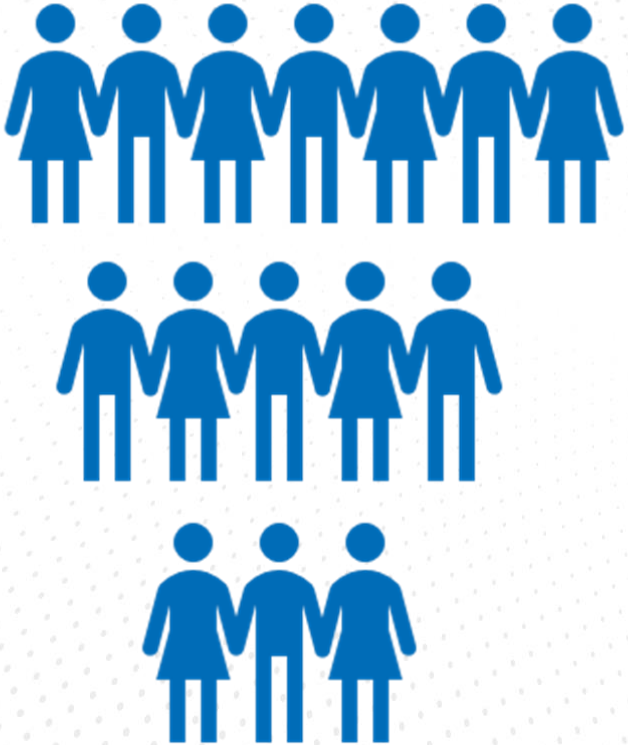
Graduation Rate 2016 Cohort



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567 first-time, full-time

133 graduated
within "normal time"

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Graduation Rate 2016 Cohort*

133 out of 567 first-time, full-time students who entered college in 2016 graduated within the "normal time" frame

*150% of time to degree increased to 6 years for 2017 cohorts and beyond.

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Equitable COMPLETION

Would more students from the class of 2016 have graduated within 150% of "normal time" if finances were less of a barrier?

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Equitable ACCESS

Will increasing the college-going rate in the region, also increase the graduation rate?

(5 year average is 48.2%)

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Equitable CAREER

Will increased graduation rates increase the number of students who transfer or who are placed in high-demand, high-wage careers?

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How does Odessa College improve our graduation rate?

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...a last-dollar scholarship opportunity that covers the cost of tuition and fees for eligible class of 2024 high school graduates.

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Increase college-going & college completing rates

Reduce and eliminate achievement gaps for underrepresented students

Increase persistence

Decrease time to degree

Decrease excess credit hours

GOALS

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Eligibility

High school seniors who live in the Odessa College **Service Area** and are graduating in the **Class of 2024**

GED and home school students must be between the ages of 17-19 after 2024

No income or high school **GPA requirement**

Eligible students **must enroll full-time** in an associate degree or workforce certificate pathway.

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To maintain eligibility once the scholarship is awarded, student must be enrolled **full-time** and maintain at least 12 credit hours with satisfactory **academic progress** (2.0 GPA), as well as meet minimum **co-curricular engagement and community service** requirements.

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Promise Privileges

- ✓ Preferred/priority on campus employment
- ✓ Priority registration
- ✓ Dedicated Academic Success Coach
- ✓ Dedicated College Life Coach
- ✓ Custom, cohort engagement, transfer and placement programming

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Timeline for the HS Class of 2024

January 2022

- Finance committee considers Promise Program
- Full board considers Promise Program

February 2022

- Convene service area taskforce
  - College employees
  - College board and foundation representatives
  - Service area representatives – school districts and funders (economic development corporations, business & industry, etc.)
- Bi-annual review of tuition and fee rates

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Timeline - continued

August 2022

- Begin Promise Program HS Class of 2024 student outreach

January 2023

- Provide full board with Promise Program update

September 2023

- Admission application opens for HS Class of 2024

October 2023

- FAFSA application opens for HS Class of 2024

Timeline - continued

April 2024

- Priority registration for HS Class of 2024

June 2024

- Priority FAFSA and Scholarship deadline

July 2024

- Promise Program and FAFSA deadline

July 2024

- Fall 2022 Promise Program registration Deadline

August 2024

- First day of class for HS Class of 2024