

Student Achievement

Columbia State Community College has set a Strategic Goal to increase the number of citizens with diplomas, certificates, and degrees in our nine-county service area in the [2015-2025 Strategic Plan](#).

One measure of student achievement is the general education exit exam taken by all Columbia State Community College graduates. Columbia State uses the ETS Proficiency Profile (Abbreviated) Exam for general education testing. The standard set by the General Education Committee is to meet or exceed the mean score by comparable level of students at 2 year institutions.

Graduate Exit Exam

	Mean	2010.11	2011.12	2012.13	2013.14	2014.15	2015.16
Reading Proficiency	116.58	118.44	119.06	119.34	118.37	118.51	118.20
Writing Proficiency	112.89	113.97	113.08	115.21	114.57	114.57	114.40
Critical Thinking Proficiency	110.53	112.26	112.54	112.68	111.69	111.84	111.88
Mathematics Proficiency	111.85	112.37	112.72	113.12	112.45	112.60	112.88
Humanities	113.67	115.46	115.85	115.44	114.39	114.61	114.53
Social Sciences	112.35	113.82	114.35	114.36	113.39	113.67	113.60
Natural Sciences	114.15	115.32	115.58	116.38	115.92	115.88	115.71
Total	438.54	443.6	444.6	447.2	443.9	444.56	444.33

Job Placement*

Columbia State reports job placement rates for all AAS and Technical Certificate completers annually (by calendar year).

Associate of Applied Science	2012	2013	2014
Advanced Integrated Industrial Technology	-	-	100%
Information Systems Technology	57%	71%	37%
Business	70%	85%	32%
General Technology	67%	100%	71%
Criminal Justice	25%	75%	20%
Health Sciences	-	-	100%
Veterinary Technology	82%	79%	100%
Radiologic Technology	100%	100%	100%
Respiratory Care	100%	94%	92%
Nursing	91%	86%	99%
Technical Certificates	2012	2013	2014
Film Crew Technology	67%	83%	100%
Emergency Medical Technician	-	-	73%
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician	-	-	43%
Early Childhood Education	100%	75%	100%
Commercial Entertainment	88%	80%	83%
Paramedic	100%	100%	100%
Business Management	100%	100%	0%

*Placement percentages are based on definitions set by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) ([Sited Source: http://www.state.tn.us/thec/Divisions/AcademicAffairs/performance_funding/PF202010-1520Guidebook20Mar2017202011.pdf](http://www.state.tn.us/thec/Divisions/AcademicAffairs/performance_funding/PF202010-1520Guidebook20Mar2017202011.pdf) page 22). Overall placement rate is based on the total number of placeable students employed within their respective fields of study.

**Beginning with the 2015-2016 fiscal year, THEC measures placement based on the number of graduates in the Tennessee Labor Department System/Total Graduates. Of the 2013-2014 Academic Year graduates 93% were employed in Tennessee during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Licensure Rates

Columbia State Community College reports licensure rates of all Allied Health AAS graduates annually.

Licensure Pass Rates	Goal	2010.11	2011.12	2012.13	2013.14	2014.15	2015.16
Nursing	93%	92%	93%	95%	94%	92%	92.0%
Veterinary Technology	80%	81%	81%	75%	77%	67%	89.5%
Radiologic Technology	96%	94%	88%	95%	95%	95%	95.2%
Respiratory Care	70%	94%	100%	94%	94%	89%	89.5%

Degrees Earned

Columbia State Community College seeks to increase the number of graduates and certificate completers annually as part of TBR and Governor Haslam’s Drive to 55 initiative.

	2010.11	2011.12	2012.13	2013.14	2014.15	2015.16
AA/AS/AST	298	350	379	373	407	445
AAS	242	261	220	253	282	217
Total Degrees Earned	540	611	599	626	689	662
Technical Certificates	53	47	52	129	155	190

Athletic Completion Rates:

Columbia State Community College athletics seeks to graduate quality student-athletes.

	2012.2013	2013.2014	2014.2015	2015.16
Softball	80%	63%	100%	89%
Baseball	40%	60%	60%	70%
Women’s Basketball	40%	0%	33%	100%
Men’s Basketball	25%	20%	33%	50%

Graduation Rates by Aid:

Columbia State Community College seeks to reduce the gap between students of varying income levels.

Aid Status	Graduation Rate
No PELL/Subsidized Loan	30.5%
PELL Recipient	19.3%
Subsidized Loan Recipient	6.9%