

2024-2025 Measures of Student Achievement

Table 8.1.1 Published student achievement measures showing established thresholds and goals for the 2024-2025 student achievement cycle.

During the 2024–2025 student achievement cycle, LSSC sustained performance on seven measures, including applicant conversion rate, gateway course success, overall course success, the National Student Clearinghouse six-year completion rate, transfer of Associate in Arts completers, academic success after transfer, and Associate in Science completer outcomes. The College exceeded its goals in two measures: fall-to-fall retention of first-time-in-college students (71% compared to a goal of 69%) and completion within 200% of catalog time for full-time FTIC students (55% compared to a goal of 54.8%). Collectively, these results demonstrate that LSSC met or exceeded established thresholds across all student achievement measures and exceeded institutional goals in key indicators of student persistence and completion.

Measure of Student Achievement	Description	Source	Threshold	Goal	2024-2025 Cycle Performance
Applicant Conversion Rate	Percent of students accepted to LSSC who enroll in at least one course.	LSSC	51.2%	61.2%	55% Sustained
Gateway Course Success	Percent of successful attempts (grade of C or higher).	Florida Department of Education (FLDOE)	71%	76%	73% Sustained
Percent Course Success	Percent of successful course attempts (grade of C or higher) in the academic year.	LSSC	75.3%	85.3%	81.9% Sustained
Fall to Fall Retention	This is the percentage of first-time degree/certificate-seeking students from the previous fall who either enrolled at LSSC or successfully completed their program by the current fall.	FLDOE PK-20 Education Reporting and Accessibility (PERA) M1.2	64%	69%	71% Exceeded
Completion (national measure)	Six-Year National Clearinghouse Total Completion Rate.	National Clearinghouse	44.1%	49.1%	48.7% Sustained
Completion	Percent of full-time FTIC students who complete an academic credential within 200% of Catalog time.	FLDOE	48.4%	53.4%	56% Exceeded

Transfer of Associate in Arts Completers	Number of Associate in Arts completers enrolled in a state institution during the year following graduation.	Florida Education & Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP)	71%	76%	74% Sustained
Academic Success After Transfer	Average GPA of students in Florida institutions after transfer following completion of an Associate in Arts degree (AA) at LSSC.	FLDOE PERA M2	3.21	3.71	3.35 Sustained
Associate in Science Completers	Number of Associate in Science completers found employment or continued education during the year following graduation.	FETPIP	87%	92%	90% Sustained

These measures are inclusive of all delivery methods (seated, hybrid, online) and all instructional locations. When LSSC is the source of the data, the threshold is set 5% below the previous two-year average and the goal is set 5% above the previous two-year average. Each measure is evaluated and classified based on three levels of performance. A measure is shown as unsatisfactory if the annual performance is below the threshold, shown as sustained if the annual performance is between the threshold and the goal, and exceeded if the annual performance is above the goal. When an outside source provides the data, the threshold is either the state or national average while the goal is set 5% above this. The remaining two measures of Completion (national measure) and Academic Success After Transfer are explained below.

Completion (National Measure)

Lake-Sumter State College chose to utilize the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) 6-year completion rate as it provides the most comprehensive depiction of student completions for our student body. The NSC rate captures both full and part-time students entering for the first time in the fall semester of that year and graduating within 6 years, and it incorporates student completions after transfer, not just completions that occurred at LSSC. The threshold for this measure is the national six-year total completion rate for students starting at two-year colleges. The goal is five percent above the national six-year total completion rate.

Academic Success After Transfer

The threshold and goal for the academic success after transfer measure are based on a comparison between the average GPA of LSSC graduates and the average GPA of all Florida College System (FCS) graduates who entered four-year programs of study at a state institution. The threshold is the FCS post-transfer average GPA and the goal is the average FCS post-transfer GPA plus 0.5.