

RETENTION FAST FACTS

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FIRST TIME DEGREE SEEKERS

- Almost 62% of first time full time degree seekers in fall 2015 were successful (success is defined as either graduated and/or still enrolled) by spring 2018 while only 26% of first time part time degree seekers in fall 2015 were successful.
- Around 54% of first time full time degree seekers in fall 2015 graduated from Lake Land by spring 2018 while only 14% of first time part time degree seekers graduated by spring 2018.
- Full time students with the highest success rates tend to 1) have a career major (64%), 2) be dual credit students (65%), 3) have a GPA of 2.0 or higher (67%), 4) be women (67%), and 5) be white (64%).
- The highest success rates for part time student groups include students who 1) have a GPA of 2.0 or higher (37%), 2) are dual credit students (35.2%), 3) are women (32.2%), and 4) have a career major (30%).
- First time full and part time students who struggle the most to succeed are students with a GPA less than 2.00 at the end of their first term (fall 2015).
- Division success rates for first time full time students ranges from 52.4% (Math and Science) to 78.6% (Agriculture).
- First time students assessing into college level courses tend to be more successful than students needing one or more remedial course in any subject. Students assessing into one remedial area have a success rate of 53.2% and students assessing into two remedial areas have a 48.1% success rate.

ALL DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS

- By the end of spring 2018 term, 62.7% of full time degree seeking students enrolled in fall 2015 were either still enrolled at Lake Land and/or graduated from Lake Land with a degree or certificate and around 55.6% of part time degree seeking students were still enrolled and/or graduated by spring 2018.
- When examining the success rates of both part and full time degree seeking students as a whole, the success rate is around 60%. The success rate *for first time* part and full time degree seekers as a whole is around 51%.
- As a whole the degree seeking demographic groups that struggle the most with retention are students with a GPA less than 2.00 at the end of fall 2015 (17.1% success) and minority students (40% success). Success rates for all remaining demographic groups range between 53% and 67%.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The part time success rate for students at Lake Land is fairly low for both first time degree seekers (26%) and for all part time degree seekers (55%). Identifying ways to address the needs of part time students could help to increase the overall success rates of Lake Land's students.
- Students who struggle with success the most across the board (full/part time and first time/continuing students), have GPAs below 2.00 at the end of the first reporting semester. Students have to have a minimum of 2.00 GPA to graduate. Based on the results, it must be difficult to bring grades up to a 2.00 once a student falls below the minimum. Generating ways to identify and work with these students as soon as possible could have a significant impact on their success.
- The second group that struggles to achieve success are minority students. While minority students succeed at higher rates than students with a GPA under 2.00, there is still a need to enhance the success rate of these students.
- Focusing efforts in these three areas could have a dramatic impact on the educational success of Lake Land students.