

WEST VIRGINIA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE February 2004 Positive Indicators

- Total headcount enrollment has increased from 1,020 in 1999-2000 to 1,609 in 2003-04 which exceeds the compact goal of 1,550 students enrolled. [Indicator 1]
- Full-time enrollment of students 25 years of age and older has increased over the planning period from 172 to 288 students per year which is close to the 2006-07 compact goal of 300 students enrolled from this age group. [Indicator 1]
- The first- to second-year student retention rate has increased from 54% in 1999-2000 to 58% in 2002-03 which exceeds the compact goal of 55%. [Indicator 3]
- The number of associate degrees awarded has increased from 185 in 1999-2000 to 209 in 2002-03 which exceeds the 2006-07 compact goal of 200 associate degree graduates per year. [Indicator 5]
- The licensure passage rate for 2002-03 is 90% for 2002-03 which equals the state-level goal. [Indicator 6]
- The number of participants in non-credit workforce development courses has increased from 1,331 in 2000-01 to 2,280 participants in 2002-03. [Indicator 8]
- Achieving independent accreditation is on schedule with a site visit from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools scheduled for April 2004. [Indicator 12]

Challenges

- Part-time enrollment of students age 25 and older decreased by 72 students from 461 in 2001-02 to 389 in 2002-03 but the compact goal for 2006-07 of 496 students enrolled from this age group is attainable. [Indicator 1]
- The participation rate of credit and non-credit student enrollment in the district is 1.91% of the population 18 years of age and above. [Indicators 1, 8]
- The graduation rate has not increased from the 9% rate in 2000-01 which is far from the state-level goal of 35%. [Indicator 4]
- The number of certificates awarded has shown small growth from 16 awards in 2001-02 to 17 awards in 2002-03 which is a substantial distance from the 2006-07 compact goal of 100 awards per year. [Indicator 5]
- The percentage of students successfully completing developmental education courses has improved from a low of 62% in 1999-2000 to 70% in 2002-03 but remains below the state-level goal of 75%. [Indicator 7]
- Extremely delayed financial report that is not issued as of February 11, 2004 and with supplemental CTC financial data that is still under development. [Indicator 10]
- Instructional costs not covered by total tuition. [Indicator 11]

Summary/recommendations

West Virginia State Community and Technical College has made progress toward meeting state-level and compact goals in the majority of the categories and has exceeded the stated compact goal in others. It is recommended that the update to the institutional compact be approved with the provision that the categories of part-time enrollment of students age 25 and older, graduation rates, certificate program graduates and the percentage of students successfully completing developmental education courses be identified for improvement.