Northland Community and Technical College
Student Right-To-Know Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates

What is Student Right-To-Know?
Student Right-To-Know is a federal law that requires all colleges and universities to disclose certain information to students. This handout provides the information that a college must provide to students on graduation rates and transfer-out rates for full-time students seeking degrees at Northland Community and Technical College.

What is a graduation rate and what is a transfer-out rate?
Federal regulations specify how to calculate the graduation and transfer rates. The rates come from a study of Northland students who started at the college in the fall of 2011. The study includes all first-time students who enrolled full-time that fall and were seeking to earn a degree, diploma or certificate at the college. The graduation rate is the percentage of these students who graduated from Northland within three years. The transfer-out rate is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from Northland, but instead transferred to another college or university within three years.

What do I need to know about these rates?
These rates do not report on all students at Northland. The 417 first-time, full-time students in the study were about 11 percent of all students enrolled in fall of 2011.

What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for Northland students and how do they compare to rates for other colleges?
- The graduation rate for Northland was 35 percent.
- The transfer-out rate for Northland was 21 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for Northland was 56 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 39 percent.

Why don’t more Northland students graduate or transfer in three years?
- Since Northland has an “open door” mission, many new students need to take “developmental” courses to improve their reading, writing or math skills before taking other college courses;
- Students who switch from full-time to part-time enrollment or “stop out” for one or more semesters are more likely to take more than three years to graduate;
- Some students take jobs before they graduate;
- Other students delay their education for personal, family or financial reasons.
### Disaggregated Student Right-to-Know Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates

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#### Race Ethnicity

- **American Indian or Alaska Native**: *  *  *
- **Asian**: *  *  *
- **Black or African American**: 12%  45%  58%
- **Hispanic of any race**: 21%  21%  43%
- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander**: *  *  *
- **Nonresident Alien**: *  *  *
- **Two or more races**: 26%  26%  52%
- **Unknown race and ethnicity**: *  *  *
- **White**: 39%  18%  57%

#### Gender

- **Female**: 33%  24%  57%
- **Male**: 37%  19%  56%

#### Financial Aid

- **Pell Grant Recipient**: 31%  24%  55%
- **Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans**: 43%  18%  62%
- **Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell**: 35%  16%  51%

* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up.