

Appendix IV

SUCCESSFUL COURSE COMPLETION

OVERVIEW

Successful Course Completion is the most basic measure of student success and achievement. It is the foundation upon which all other metrics are built. Progression and completion begin with successful course completion. Over the past 20 years, the successful course completion rate across the CCC System has been 70% +/- . This is as true for Skyline College as it is for its sister colleges in the SMCCCD.

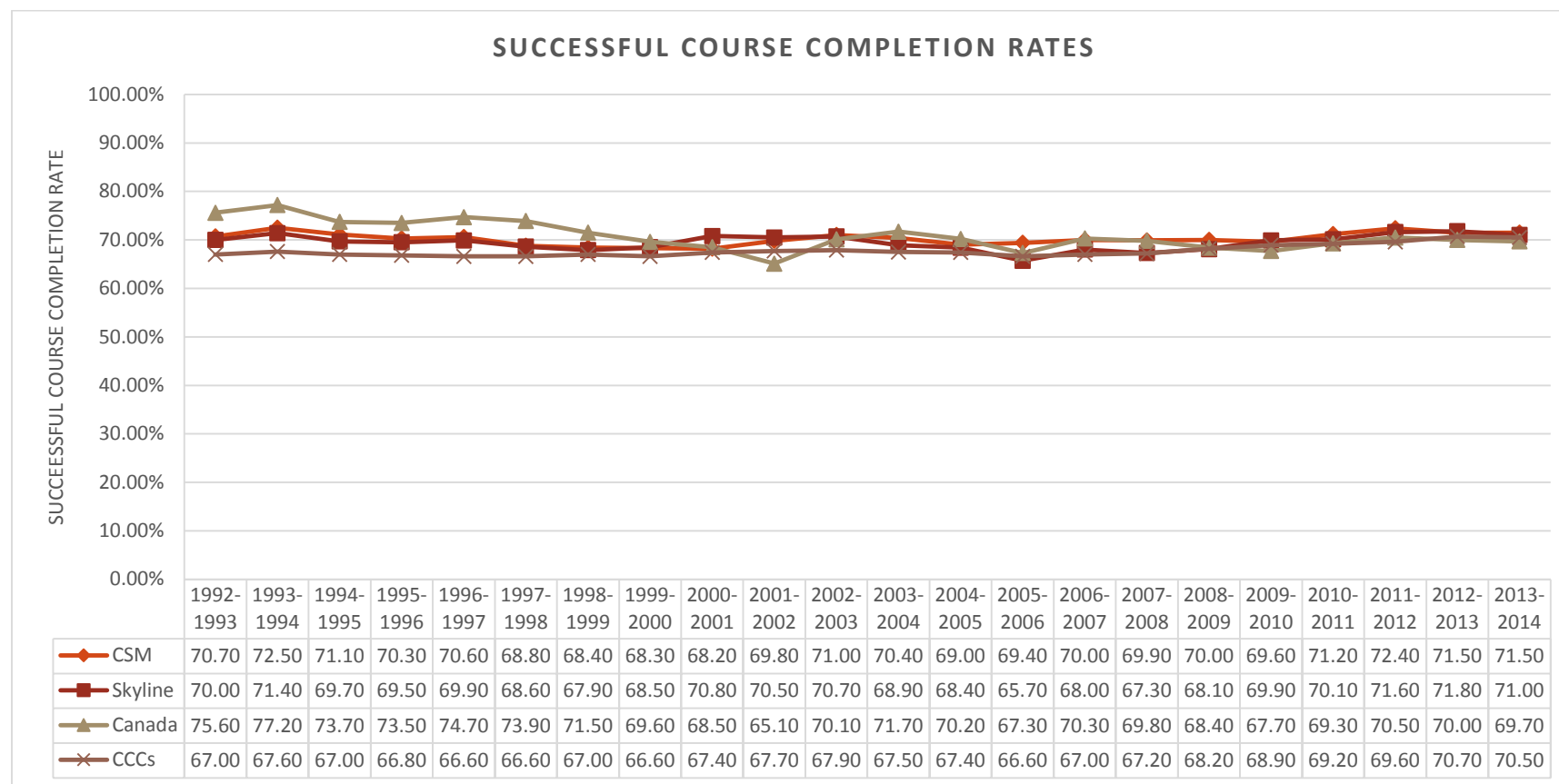


Figure 1

COURSE COMPLETION AND PERSISTENCE

OVERVIEW

The problem with aggregate stats is that they gloss over a lot of information. If we only look at the aggregate, we forget about the wide range of realities that student's experience. The table below highlights this issue.

Course	Sections	High Success	Low Success	Overall Success
ENGL846	20	85.7%	29.4%	70.0%
ENGL100	29	96.9%	44.0%	63.4%
MATH120	13	83.3%	28.1%	57.7%
MATH200	9	63.6%	32.7%	54.8%
PSYC100	13	70.2%	12.8%	51.9%
HIST201	5	71.7%	53.3%	62.6%
SOCI100	4	68.2%	34.9%	52.1%
BIOL110	6	86.2%	55.6%	73.9%

Table 1

Not only do unsuccessful attempts delay time-to-completion, they potentially derail students' progress toward completion altogether. One unsuccessful course drops persistence from fall to spring for first-time students by 10% compared to those who were successful in all courses.

	At Least One Unsuccessful Attempt in Fall 2013		No Unsuccessful Attempts in Fall 2013		Overall	
	Fall 2013 Cohort	% Persist to Spring 2014	Fall 2013 Headcount	% Persist to Spring 2014	Fall 2013 Headcount	% Persist to Spring 2014
Full-Time Students²	393	80%	317	94%	710	86%
Part-Time Students	744	39%	1,117	51%	1,861	46%
0.00 to 5.99 Units	359	21%	787	40%	1,146	34%
6.00 to 11.99 Units	385	55%	330	77%	715	65%
12.00 + Units	393	80%	317	94%	710	86%
Total	1,137	53%	1,434	61%	2,571	57%

Table 2 – NOTE: Cohort is First-Time Skyline Students in Fall 2013

PERSISTENCE TERM TO TERM

	<u>Fall 2013 Cohort</u>	<u>Spring 2014 Persistence Rate</u>
Overall Cohort	2,571	57%
<u>Course Load</u>		
Full-Time Students²	710	86%
Part-Time Students	1,861	46%
<u>0.00 to 5.99 Units</u>		
6.00 to 11.99 Units	715	65%
12.00 + Units	710	86%
<u>First-Generation Status</u>		
First Generation³	1,194	54%
Not First Generation	1,377	60%
<u>Enrollment Modality</u>		
Enrolled in Online or Hybrid⁴	518	44%
Enrolled in F2F Only	2,053	61%

Table 3 - NOTE: Cohort is First-Time Skyline Students in Fall 2013

Goal	New Skyline Students Fall 2014	Persisted to Spring 2015	%
Degree/Transfer	1478	989	66.9%
CTE/Certificate	81	42	51.9%
Other	954	512	53.7%
Total	2,513	1543	61.4%

Table 4