

Overview

University of Western States (UWS) offers a world-class, integrated healthcare education by providing an evidence-informed approach to health and wellness. UWS graduates deliver high-quality health care based on science, the professional's skill and knowledge, and the patient's or client's preferences and experiences.

In May 2020, five peer graduate health science institutions in the NWCCU accreditation region developed a data-sharing/peer comparison consortium whose common goal is to improve student achievement, including the identification and closure of equity gaps, within their institutions and to comply with [Standard 1.D.3](#). A sixth graduate health science institution in the NWCCU accreditation region joined the consortium in March 2022. The number of comparator institutions differs by category. Data are published anonymously to protect institutional confidentiality.

Notes and Definitions

The data presented are for UWS students completing their program during the 2022-2023 academic year (July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023).

A student is counted as **retained** when they are still enrolled at the university one year after starting their program. Students on a leave of absence are not counted as retained. The data presented are for UWS students completing the first year of their program during the 2022-2023 academic year (July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023).

Program-level data are aggregated to develop a peer benchmark for comparative purposes using the definitions below. Please note that although the aggregated data may represent the same type of degree, program curricula and delivery mechanism (on-campus, online, hybrid) may vary significantly. As such, these benchmarks are meant to guide the university in further study in identifying and closing equity gaps.

Degree Type Definitions	
<u>Academic Master's</u> : Master's degree that does not lead to licensure	<u>Academic Doctorate</u> : Doctoral degree that does not lead to licensure
<u>Clinical Professional Master's</u> : Master's degree that leads to licensure	<u>Clinical Professional Doctorate</u> : Doctoral degree that leads to licensure

Students of color (*) include all reported within the IPEDS categories of Black/African American, Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and Two or More Races.

A ✓ appears next to each metric in which UWS outcomes are within +/- 5% of the benchmark; a ▲ appears next to each metric in which UWS exceeds the peer benchmark by more than 5%; and a ▼ indicates the UWS outcome was more than 5% below the peer benchmark. Results with fewer than five students are suppressed (**).

Academic Master's Degree Programs

150% Graduation Rate	
Benchmark	76.7%
UWS Programs	67.8% ▼

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	80.8%	70.2%	73.7%
UWS Programs	72.0% ▼	61.3% ▼	68.2% ▼

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	83.3%	74.2%	-	100.0%
UWS Programs	76.2% ▼	65.4% ▼	-	100.0% ✓

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
Benchmark	74.3%	84.3%	72.0%
UWS Programs	66.7% ▼	71.4% ▼	70.0% ✓

1-Year Retention Rate	
Benchmark	84.5%
UWS Programs	82.5% ✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	81.8%	85.7%	90.7%
UWS Programs	78.9% ✓	83.0% ✓	90.9% ✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	86.2%	84.1%	-	8.0%
UWS Programs	81.4% ✓	76.9% ▼	-	**

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
Benchmark	81.6%	90.8%	87.0%
UWS Programs	80.1% ✓	92.3% ✓	92.3% ▲

Clinical Professional Master's Degree Programs

150% Graduation Rate	
Benchmark	86.8%
UWS Programs	86.5% ✓

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	93.5%	78.7%	69.1%
UWS Programs	96.7% ✓	100.0% ▲	**

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	89.1%	85.9%	-	-
UWS Programs	90.0%▲	82.4%✓	-	-

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
Benchmark	84.6%	84.0%	91.2%
UWS Programs	85.7%✓	87.5%✓	100.0%▲

1-Year Retention Rate	
Benchmark	92.9%
UWS Programs	89.0%✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	93.5%	78.7%	69.1%
UWS Programs	96.7%✓	100%▲	-

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	96.7%	91.8%	-	100.0%
UWS Programs	95.8%✓	85.7%▼	-	100.0%✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
Benchmark	93.4%	90.6%	100.0%
UWS Programs	92.9%✓	86.7%✓	100.0%✓

Academic Doctorate

Although UWS has one available peer for comparable academic doctorate programs, the sample size is too small and excluded from reporting.

Clinical Professional Doctorate

150% Graduation Rate	
Benchmark	89.4%
UWS Programs	89.7%✓

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	92.7%	84.2%	79.1%
UWS Programs	91.4% ✓	77.8% ▼	83.3% ✓

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	91.6%	86.2%	-	**
UWS Programs	87.7% ✓	85.7% ✓	-	-

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
Benchmark	88.8%	88.3%	75.4%
UWS Programs	92.8% ✓	87.5% ✓	100% ▲

1-Year Retention Rate	
Benchmark	92.4%
UWS Programs	87.4% ✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	90.2%	90.0%	83.7%
UWS Programs	92.2% ✓	69.6% ▼	63.6% ▼

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	91.6%	92.9%	-	94.0%
UWS Programs	87.8% ✓	85.6% ✓	-	90.0% ✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
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