

Overview

University of Western States (UWS) provides integrated, evidence-informed healthcare education that blends scientific knowledge, clinical expertise, and patient preferences. UWS graduates are prepared to deliver high-quality care grounded in this approach. To support student success and comply with NWCCU [Standard 1.D.3](#), UWS joined a consortium of peer graduate health science institutions in 2020. The group shares data to improve student outcomes and identify gaps in outcomes. Data are reported anonymously to protect institutional confidentiality.

Notes and Definitions

The data reflect UWS students who completed their first year or graduated during the 2023–2024 academic year (July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024). One-year retention is defined as students still enrolled one year after starting their program; students on a leave of absence are not counted as retained. The 150% graduation rate is defined as students completing their programs within 150% of the published program length.

UWS compares its disaggregated results with peer institutions using aggregated program-level data. While the data reflect similar degree types, differences in curriculum and delivery format (online, on-campus, hybrid) may limit direct comparisons. These benchmarks are used to guide further analysis and improvement. Degree type definitions are described in the following table.

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 (*)
- Results based on fewer than five students are suppressed (**)

Academic Master's Degree Programs

Age	Benchmark	Age Range 20-29	Age Range 30-39	Age Range 40+
1-Year Retention Rate	78.8%			
UWS Programs	82.6%	85.1%	83.7%	79.2%
150% Graduation Rate	76.0%			
UWS Programs	66.9%	70.9%	71.8%	65.4%

Gender	Benchmark	Female	Male	Undisclosed
1-Year Retention Rate	78.8%			
UWS Programs	82.6%	82.4%	82.5%	N/A
150% Graduation Rate	76.0%			
UWS Programs	66.9%	72.2%	80.9%	**

Race/Ethnicity	Benchmark	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed/Non-Resident
1-Year Retention Rate	78.8%			
UWS Programs	82.6%	82.4%	86.4%	78.6%
150% Graduation Rate	76.0%			
UWS Programs	66.9%	68.2%	66.0%	**

Clinical Professional Master's Degree Programs

Age	Benchmark	Age Range 20-29	Age Range 30-39	Age Range 40+
1-Year Retention Rate	91.7%			
UWS Programs	90.6%	88.0%	100.0%	**
150% Graduation Rate	86.1%			
UWS Programs	87.0%	94.3%	**	**

Gender	Benchmark	Female	Male	Undisclosed
1-Year Retention Rate	91.7%			
UWS Programs	90.6%	85.7%	94.4%	N/A
150% Graduation Rate	86.1%			
UWS Programs	87.0%	83.3%	90.0%	N/A

Race/Ethnicity	Benchmark	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed/Non-Resident
1-Year Retention Rate	91.7%			
UWS Programs	90.6%	68.0%	86.7%	**
150% Graduation Rate	86.1%			
UWS Programs	87.0%	72.0%	76.0%	**

Academic Doctorate

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

Age	Benchmark	Age Range 20-29	Age Range 30-39	Age Range 40+
1-Year Retention Rate	72.1%			
UWS Programs	91.7%	95.0%	93.8%	81.8%
150% Graduation Rate	55.9%			
UWS Programs	66.7%	**	63.6%	**

Gender	Benchmark	Female	Male	Undisclosed
1-Year Retention Rate	72.1%			
UWS Programs	91.7%	87.5%	**	N/A
150% Graduation Rate	55.9%			
UWS Programs	66.7%	60.0%	71.4%	**

Race/Ethnicity	Benchmark	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed/Non-Resident
1-Year Retention Rate	72.1%			
UWS Programs	91.7%	100.0%	**	N/A
150% Graduation Rate	55.9%			
UWS Programs	66.7%	62.5%	66.7%	**

Clinical Professional Doctorate

Age	Benchmark	Age Range 20-29	Age Range 30-39	Age Range 40+
1-Year Retention Rate	92.7%			
UWS Programs	93.1%	95.0%	93.8%	81.8%
150% Graduation Rate	89.1%			
UWS Programs	86.5%	88.7%	88.9%	100.0%

Gender	Benchmark	Female	Male	Undisclosed
1-Year Retention Rate	92.7%			
UWS Programs	93.1%	92.9%	93.5%	**
150% Graduation Rate	89.1%			
UWS Programs	86.5%	87.8%	89.5%	85.7%

Race/Ethnicity	Benchmark	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed/Non-Resident
1-Year Retention Rate	92.7%			
UWS Programs	93.1%	93.3%	94.6%	84.6%
150% Graduation Rate	89.1%			
UWS Programs	86.5%	89.3%	87.1%	100.0%