

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 2021-2022 academic year (July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022).

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 2021-2022 academic year (July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022).

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 (*) includes all reported within the IPEDS categories of: Black/African American, Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 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	71.7%
UWS Programs	65.9% ▼

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	74.1%	74.7%	65.8%
UWS Programs	61.5% ▼	74.6% ✓	59.1% ▼

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	73.0%	71.5%	-	-
UWS Programs	69.0%✓	65.3%▼	-	-

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
Benchmark	72.8%	65.3%	75.0%
UWS Programs	64.5%▼	53.6%▼	78.0%▲

1-Year Retention Rate	
Benchmark	81.4%
UWS Programs	77.5%✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	83.7%	82.6%	71.7%
UWS Programs	81.6%✓	74.5%▼	71.4%✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	83.6%	80.0%	-	89.3%
UWS Programs	81.4%✓	76.9%✓	-	**

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
Benchmark	79.8%	82.4%	87.0%
UWS Programs	78.1%✓	85.7%✓	74.4%▼

Clinical Professional Master's Degree Programs

150% Graduation Rate	
Benchmark	81.0%
UWS Programs	83.7%✓

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	86.4%	80.2%	53.6%
UWS Programs	85.7%✓	84.6%✓	**

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	87.4%	77.8%	-	-
UWS Programs	80.0% ▼	89.5% ▲	-	-

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
Benchmark	84.6%	84.0%	82.4%
UWS Programs	78.6% ▼	88.2% ✓	**

1-Year Retention Rate	
Benchmark	86.1%
UWS Programs	87.3% ✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	89.2%	84.9%	72.2%
UWS Programs	89.5% ✓	100% ▲	57.1% ▼

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	85.7%	86.1%	-	**
UWS Programs	90.3% ✓	83.3% ✓	-	-

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
Benchmark	87.6%	82.8%	66.7%
UWS Programs	83.9% ✓	91.7% ▲	-

Academic Doctorate

UWS does not currently have any peer benchmark data available for comparable academic doctorate programs.

Clinical Professional Doctorate

150% Graduation Rate	
Benchmark	87.9%
UWS Programs	92.2% ✓

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	91.7%	82.0%	69.1%
UWS Programs	97.8%▲	88.7%✓	50.0%▼

150% Graduation Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	90.3%	86.2%	-	**
UWS Programs	90.4%✓	94.5%▲	-	-

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	88.7%
UWS Programs	86.7%✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Age Group			
Age Group	20-29	30-39	40+
Benchmark	90.2%	84.1%	71.4%
UWS Programs	89.1%✓	82.9%✓	73.9%✓

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Gender				
Age Group	Male	Female	Non-binary	Undisclosed
Benchmark	89.2%	88.5%	-	60%
UWS Programs	87.8%✓	85.6%✓	-	-

1-Year Retention Rate – Comparison by Race/Ethnicity			
Race/Ethnicity	White	Students of Color*	Undisclosed
Benchmark	90.3%	85.7%	78.6%
UWS Programs	88.4%✓	84.7%✓	70.0%▼