

Tri-County Career Center-Adult Center Gainful Employment Placement Rate Methodology

Tri-County Career Center-Adult Center strives to collect accurate job placement data on all program completers. Tri-County Career Center-Adult Center calculates, and discloses, two placement rates on the Gainful Employment Disclosure Template; and Accrediting Agency Rate and a State Authorizing Agency Rate. Tri-County Career Center-Adult Center is an accredited institution by the Commission for the Council on Occupations Education (COE) and is authorized in the State of Ohio by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The placement rate methodologies for the accrediting agency and state authorizing agency are explained below.

Tri-County Career Center-Adult Center utilizes several methods to collect placement data, including direct student and employer contact, exit interviews, and input from Tri-County Career Center-Adult Center faculty and staff. Placement data is collected within six months after program completion. The placement rates are calculated from data for program completers who completed their program between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

Accrediting Agency Placement Rate Methodology

Non-Graduate Completers: The total number of students who left a program before graduation but have acquired sufficient competencies for employment in the field of instruction or related field as evidenced by such employment.

Graduate Completers: The numbers of students who have demonstrated the competencies required for a program and have been awarded the appropriate certificates and credentials upon completion.

Employed/Placed Completers: Graduate Completers who (1) are employed in the field of instruction pursued, (2) have entered the military, or (3) are continuing their education; and/or Non-Graduate Completers.

The placement rate is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Employed/Placed Completers}}{\text{Total Non-Graduate and Graduate Completers}} = \text{Placement Rate}$$

***Excluded from Placement Rate Calculation:** *The number of Graduate Completers documented to be unavailable for employment because of situations such as pregnancy, other serious health-related issues (physical/mental/behavioral), caring for ill family members, incarceration, death, etc. Also, Graduate Completers who, instead of securing traditional employment, are volunteering with a foreign aid service of the Federal Government, such as the Peace Corps, or who are participating on an official church mission.*

State Authorizing Agency Placement Rate Methodology

Program completers are categorized on one of the following:

1. Employed Related and Not Pursuing Additional Education
2. Employed Related and Pursuing Additional Education
3. Employed Non-Related and Not Pursuing Related Education
4. Not Working and Pursuing Related Education
5. Not Working and Pursuing Non-Related Education
6. Not Working but Actively Seeking Employment
7. Unknown

Program completers are considered placed in categories 1, 2, 3 when contacted. The placement rate is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Total Program Completers in Categories 1, 2 and 3}}{\text{Total Program Completers}} = \text{Placement Rate}$$