

PREPARED *for* SUCCESS 2016 - 2017

College upgrading programs continue
to prepare graduates for success
in postsecondary programs



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Every year, since 2001, this study has proven that individuals who complete college academic upgrading programs:

- achieve high marks in postsecondary programs;
- have the necessary commitment to complete their education; and
- make the right program choices — evidenced by the low rate of program change.

Academic upgrading programs continue to provide thousands of dedicated, well-prepared, successful students to Ontario's public colleges.

2016-2017 highlights

- A total of **3,750 upgrading graduates enrolled in postsecondary programs**, an **increase of 11%** over last year, with two colleges not reporting data.

NOTE: These numbers represent only the students who completed their upgrading programs in class. Every year, a significant number of students also complete their upgrading programs online through ACE Distance.

- **These students represent at least \$9 million in tuition revenue**, plus operating grant funding, for Ontario public colleges in 2016-2017.*
- The most popular program cluster continues to be Health Sciences, followed by Business, Social Sciences and Technology. Health Sciences also shows the highest pass rate at 84%.
- **The average GPA across all seven program clusters is 3.15.**

*Calculated at an average \$2400 tuition per student. Source: www.ontariocolleges.ca/colleges/paying-for-college

NOTE: This year, 22 of 24 colleges were able to provide data. Unfortunately, many colleges still rely on a manual examination of first semester postsecondary results to provide the necessary information. This makes the process complicated and time-consuming. The CSC thanks all the dedicated managers and support staff who helped collect and analyze this data.

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The students documented in this report are **upgrading graduates who have enrolled in full-time postsecondary programs at the same college** where they completed their upgrading programs. This report does not include upgrading graduates in Continuing Education, part-time or distance programs, or those who enrolled in postsecondary programs in other colleges.

How many upgrading graduates enrolled in postsecondary programs?

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
3,654	3,792	3,807	3,589	3,070	3,364	3,750

What programs did they choose?

BUSINESS	GENERAL ARTS & SCIENCE	HEALTH SCIENCES	SOCIAL SCIENCES	TECHNOLOGY	TRADES & SKILLS	OTHER
19%	6%	32%	14%	13%	7%	9%

*OTHER includes programs related to Culinary Studies, Fashion, Hospitality & Tourism, Media, Sports & Leisure Management

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Enrollment by college

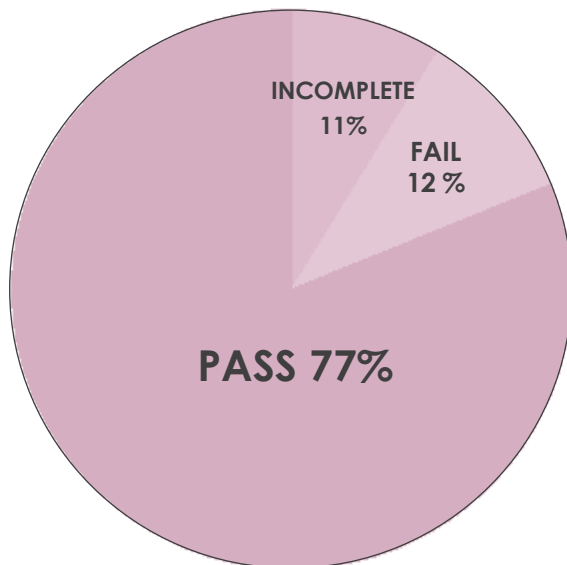
COLLEGE	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	%GE CHANGE
ALGONQUIN	625	616	593	-4%
BOREAL	109	170	172	+1%
CAMBRIAN	96	155	137	-12%
CANADORE	24	35	32	-9%
CENTENNIAL	65	84	130	+55%
CONESTOGA	177	214	185	-14%
CONFEDERATION	99	159	156	-2%
DURHAM	85	39	47	+27%
FANSHAWE	138	179	169	-6%
FLEMING	160	113	107	-5%
GEORGE BROWN	142	274	327	+19%
GEORGIAN	261	291	235	-19%
HUMBER	40	100	345	+245%
LA CITE	101	NA	—	—
LAMBTON	67	90	105	+17%
LOYALIST	12	25	30	+20%
MOHAWK	110	159	115	-28%
NIAGARA	111	128	119	-7%
NORTHERN	70	70	80	+14%
SAULT	95	34	181	+432%
SENECA	41	NA	—	—
SHERIDAN	171	197	221	+12%
ST CLAIR	164	127	148	+17%
ST LAWRENCE	107	105	116	+10%
TOTAL	3,070	3,364	3,750	+11%

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How long are they spending in their postsecondary programs?

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1-2 SEMESTERS	29%	32%	29%	29%	30%	27%
3-4 SEMESTERS	55%	48%	54%	53%	51%	56%
5-8 SEMESTERS	14%	20%	17%	18%	18%	16%
10+ SEMESTERS	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

How are they doing in their first semester?



First semester results — all programs

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Status at the start of 2nd semester

BUSINESS	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
ENROLLED 2ND SEMESTER	71%	71%	75%	73%	70%	73%
WITHDREW	18%	23%	19%	18%	17%	21%
GRADUATED	6%	3%	2%	2%	7%	3%
CHANGED PROGRAM	5%	3%	4%	7%	6%	3%

GEN ARTS & SCI	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
ENROLLED 2ND SEMESTER	59%	62%	60%	65%	66%	58%
WITHDREW	22%	27%	25%	19%	19%	26%
GRADUATED	6%	4%	2%	6%	6%	2%
CHANGED PROGRAM	12%	7%	13%	10%	9%	14%

HEALTH SCI	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
ENROLLED 2ND SEMESTER	83%	85%	78%	78%	80%	74%
WITHDREW	9%	10%	14%	12%	11%	17%
GRADUATED	5%	3%	5%	7%	6%	5%
CHANGED PROGRAM	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%

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Status at the start of 2nd semester

SOCIAL SERV	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
ENROLLED 2ND SEMESTER	83%	80%	81%	81%	81%	77%
WITHDREW	13%	16%	16%	15%	12%	15%
GRADUATED	1%	1%	1%	0%	6%	5%
CHANGED PROGRAM	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	3%

TECH	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
ENROLLED 2ND SEMESTER	76%	80%	76%	77%	74%	75%
WITHDREW	13%	14%	17%	13%	15%	18%
GRADUATED	8%	2%	2%	6%	4%	3%
CHANGED PROGRAM	2%	4%	5%	4%	7%	4%

TRADES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
ENROLLED 2ND SEMESTER	74%	78%	81%	78%	73%	70%
WITHDREW	15%	12%	12%	16%	14%	23%
GRADUATED	8%	6%	5%	3%	10%	4%
CHANGED PROGRAM	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%

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Status at the start of 2nd semester

OTHER	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
ENROLLED 2ND SEMESTER	71%	71%	75%	73%	70%	72%
WITHDREW	18%	23%	19%	18%	17%	22%
GRADUATED	6%	3%	2%	2%	7%	2%
CHANGED COURSE	5%	3%	4%	7%	6%	4%

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Conclusion

With a high rate of re-enrolment in a second semester (71% average), a low rate of program change, an average GPA of 3.15 after the first semester, and an average pass rate of 77% in the first semester, **academic upgrading graduates are consistently high-achieving, low-attrition contributors to the Ontario public college system.**

Their contributions are significant in many ways. Not only are they consistent and dedicated achievers, they are a significant source of revenue to the Ontario public college system.

The 3,750 upgrading students enrolled in postsecondary programs in 2016-17 represent at least \$9 million in tuition revenue*, plus operating grant funding, for Ontario public colleges.**

Upgrading graduates are well-prepared, high-performing and career-focussed postsecondary students, poised to become highly skilled workers, contributing significantly to Ontario's economy.

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** This is a very conservative estimate, as this study does not include students who enrol in a postsecondary program in another college or university.