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AIJS STUDENT OUTCOMES AND BENCHMARKS

FOR SUCCESS WITH RESPECT TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – STUDENT OUTCOMES

Institutions accredited by, or applying for accreditation from, AIJS must develop student learning outcomes. There must be a clear relationship between the student learning outcomes and the institution's mission. Institutions must identify the outcomes they have developed and must collect data to demonstrate that they meet AIJS benchmarks for the outcomes they have identified. Institutions must review and analyze the data to ensure that they remain relevant and effective and demonstrate success with respect to student achievement in relation to the mission. While AIJS does not require institutions to choose specific learning outcomes, AIJS has compiled the following list of suggested outcomes that schools may choose from.

1. ACCEPTANCE TO GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS
2. ACCEPTANCE TO ADVANCED PROGRAMS
3. COMPLETION/GRADUATION RATES
4. COMBINED COMPLETION AND TRANSFER TO OTHER POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS
5. EMPLOYMENT IN POSITIONS RELATED TO FIELD OF STUDY
6. RETENTION RATES

1. Acceptance to Graduate or Professional Programs

- Identify the cohort from recent graduating classes at the institution
- Identify each graduate or professional program and provide the number of students who were admitted to each program
- Calculate the total number of students from the cohort who were accepted to graduate or professional programs

AIJS Benchmark for this outcome: 50% or higher



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2. Acceptance to Advanced Programs

- Identify the cohort from recent entering classes at the institution
- Identify each program and provide the number of students who were accepted to each program
- Calculate the total number of students from the cohort who enrolled in advanced programs

AIJS Benchmark for this outcome: 60% or higher

3. Completion/Graduation Rates

- Identify the cohort from an incoming class of students at the institution
- Track the students through the program
- Calculate the number of those who completed the program based on the number who started the program

AIJS Benchmark for this outcome: 60% or higher

4. Combined Completion/Graduation and Transfer to Other Postsecondary Institutions

- Identify the cohort - specific incoming class of students at the institution
- Track the students through the program
- Calculate the number of those who completed the program based on the number who started the program
- Calculate the number who transferred from the institution to other postsecondary institutions
- Add the number who completed to the number who transferred
- Divide by the number in the original cohort

AIJS Benchmark for this outcome: 60% or higher



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5. Employment in Positions Related to the Field of Study

- Identify the cohort from a graduating class at the institution
- List each student and his/her related employment
- Calculate the total number of students from the cohort who obtained employment in positions related to their field of study

AIJS Benchmark for this outcome: 60% or higher

6. Retention Rates

- Identify the cohort - specific incoming class of students at the institution
- Track the students in the second year of the program
- Calculate the number of those who enrolled in the second year of the program based on the number who started the program

AIJS Benchmark for this outcome: 70% or higher