

## Blue Ridge Community College Student Success Goals and Results

BRCC's goals for student success and their results are presented below. The results are analyzed and discussed on an annual basis; action plans are developed and implemented when goals are not met.

### Student Success Goal: Graduation Rates

BRCC has identified the National Student Clearinghouse Total Completion Rate as the graduation rate of record for the College. This rate tracks those students who transfer to a four-year college or university and their success, whether or not they had completed a degree at BRCC.

- As of November 2016, BRCC's Total Completion Rate is 45.1%; our peer group average is 44.5%

### Goals in support of Graduation:

#### Student Success Goal #1: Retention

BRCC retention of curricular students who have not graduated with an associates degree will meet or exceed 75% for Fall to Spring retention and 70% for those retained students from Spring to the following Fall.

RESULTS, for the 2020-21 academic year:

- 70% of the Fall 2020 curricular students who did not graduate with an associates in the fall were retained to the Spring 2021 semester;
- 51% of those students who did not graduate with an associates in the spring or summer of 2021 were further retained to the fall of 2021.

Source: SIS data kept by OIRE.

#### Student Success Goal #2: Earned Awards

Blue Ridge Community College students will earn at least 1,700 degrees, certificates, diplomas, and credentials each year.

RESULTS: BRCC students earned 1586 degrees, certificates, diplomas, and credentials in the 2020-21 academic year. [Sources: VCCS GRD Report 00A and VX\_Industry\_Credentials query/SIS]

### Student Success Goal #3: Transfer

Sixty-five percent of BRCC students who earn a transfer degree will transfer to a four-year college or university within the next academic year.

RESULTS: Of the 296 transfer graduates in 2020-21, 57% were attending a four-year college or university during academic year 2021-2022. Another 15% were attending BRCC or another community college. [Source: National Student Clearinghouse, latest data]

### Student Success Goal #4: Career/Technical

75% of students who complete a Career/Technical Degree at Blue Ridge Community College will be in postsecondary education, in advanced training, employed, in military service, are in a qualified volunteer position or in an apprenticeship program within 6 months of graduation.

RESULTS: Of the 268 students who completed a Career/Technical Degree at BRCC in 2017-18, 82.8% were employed, in continuing education, in military service, or in an apprenticeship program within 6 months of completing the degree program. [Source: Perkins 4P1 data, most recent year of available data, 2018]

### Student Success Goal #5: Licensure

BRCC students who complete a degree associated with licensure will successfully pass the licensure exam at or above the minimum set by the licensing institution.

RESULTS:

- 100% of Automotive Analysis and Repair graduates from 2018-19 passed all the certifications ASE (National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence) offers. (Source: ASE records)
- 100% of Aviation Maintenance Technology students who completed the program and elected to take the FAA written, oral, and practical exams passed and secured their FAA mechanic's certificate with airframe and powerplant ratings. (Source: FAA records);
- The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services benchmarks only look at the pass percentage by the third attempt. The 2021 acceptable thresholds are included next to each certification. This is the 2021 data, as posted on the [program's website](https://www.brcc.edu/academics/programs/ems/) (<https://www.brcc.edu/academics/programs/ems/>):

		1 <sup>st</sup> attempt	3 <sup>rd</sup> attempt	6 <sup>th</sup> attempt
EMT (54%)	National	68%	78%	79%
	BRCC (32 students)	78%	97%	97%

AEMT (78%)	National	59%	73%	75%
	BRCC (6 students)	83%	83%	83%
Paramedic (80%)	National	70%	84%	85%
	BRCC (12 students)	100%	100%	100%

- 81% of 2021 Nursing graduates who took the exam passed the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) exam (Source: NCLEX records); the Virginia Board of Nursing has an 80% first-time pass rate and ACEN requires 80% for all first-time test-takers during the same 12-month period as graduation; and
- Graduates of the Veterinary Technology A.A.S. programs are eligible to take the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE). These results are [posted on their website \(https://www.brcc.edu/academics/programs/vettech/\)](https://www.brcc.edu/academics/programs/vettech/) and are as follows:

Blue Ridge Community College on-campus program	July 1, 2018-June 30, 2021
Number of first-time candidates that have taken the VTNE	72
3 year VTNE pass percentage	90.3%
Blue Ridge Community College-Distance Education	July 1, 2018-June 30, 2021
Number of first-time candidates that have taken the VTNE	20
3 year VTNE pass percentage	100%