

FACTSHEET

PREPARED *for* SUCCESS

2019 – 2020

What is PREPARED *for* SUCCESS?

PREPARED *for* SUCCESS (PFS) is an annual study conducted by the College Sector Committee for Adult Upgrading (CSC).

PFS examines the postsecondary outcomes of students who have moved from college upgrading programs to full-time postsecondary programs at their colleges.*

How long has this study been conducted?

The PFS study has been conducted annually since 2001, or 20 years.

What is the purpose?

The purpose of this study is to document the positive impact of college academic upgrading on the success of students who enter postsecondary programs.

What has it shown?

College upgrading programs continue to prepare graduates for success in postsecondary programs. This study consistently shows that they:

- achieve high marks;
- have the necessary commitment to complete their education; and
- make the right program choices.

Who provided the data?

In 2019-2020, 23 colleges provided data. All 24 Ontario public colleges' upgrading programs are asked to participate each year.

Highlights

1ST SEMESTER

Enrolled	3692
Level 1 Passed	2980
Graduated	18
Total students achieved success	2998
1st semester success rate	81%

2ND SEMESTER

Enrolled in Level 2	2673
Re-enrolled Level 1	81
Enrolled in different program	280
Total remaining @ college	3034
2nd semester retention rate	83%

- These students represented over \$8.8 million in postsecondary tuition revenue, plus operating grant funding, for Ontario public colleges in 2019-2020.**
- The top 2 program choices were Practical Nursing and Early Childhood Education.
- The average GPA across all five program clusters was 3.2.
- 57% are working towards an Ontario College Diploma. 22% are working towards an Ontario College Certificate.

Conclusions

College academic upgrading graduates are well-prepared, high-value, high-achieving, low-attrition contributors to the Ontario public college system.

*This study does not track students who complete academic upgrading in one college and enrol in postsecondary in a different college, university or Continuing Education program. This data could significantly increase enrolment and tuition values.

**Calculated at an average \$2,400 tuition per student. Source: ontariocolleges.ca/colleges/paying-for-college