

Southeastern Illinois College
Institutional Definitions for Retention, Persistence & Completion

Retention, persistence, and completion are fundamental elements of Southeastern’s enrollment management strategy. The College actively engages in efforts to track and report student outcome measures as indicators of institutional performance. Thus, the College has set the following institutional definitions for terminology and consistency.

Retention: Southeastern defines retention as degree/certificate seeking students who remain enrolled from one Fall term to the next, i.e.; Fall to Fall.

Persistence: Southeastern defines persistence as the movement and progress of students between returning for further education and completing their educational goal. Common measures include completion of developmental courses with the progress into credit courses, success of students on academic probation, tutoring intervention rates, student satisfaction data, and other indicators related to progression through course studies.

Completion: Southeastern defines completion as certificate, degree, or transfer completion for all degree/certificate seeking students.

Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F2F (Fall to Fall returning students) • All Degree/Certificate Seeking
Persistence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement of student progress through educational goal. • Degree/Cert Progress • Dev. Course to Credit course • Academic probation success • Tutoring intervention rates
Completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate, Degree or transfer completion through course studies

What we currently track...

Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face-to-Face only enrollment• Online only enrollment• All degree/cert seeking students (full and part time)• Developmental English• Developmental Math
Persistence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developmental ENG to credit ENG• Developmental MATH to credit MATH• Gatekeeper ENG• Gatekeeper MATH• Academic Probation to Good Standing
Completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First-time/full-time IPEDS completion• First-time/part-time IPEDS completion• First-time/full-time IPEDS transfer• First-time/part-time IPEDS transfer