# Evidence of Student Success in Graduation Rate, Persistence Rate, Employment, and Credentialing 2019-2020 Academic Year

The mission of NOBTS and Leavell College is "to prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission." Since our institutional mission is to prepare skilled ministry leaders, student success is of great importance to NOBTS. We desire our graduates to exemplify the wisdom, knowledge, and skills to be effective in ministry. In addition to grades, NOBTS utilizes three means to gauge student success: student graduation and persistence rates, employment rates, and licensure rates. For a more complex rationale for the thresholds for performance designated by NOBTS and the relationship of these targets to our mission, see **Rationale for Student Success**. The following charts indicate how NOBTS students have performed in the student graduation and persistence rates, employment, and licensure testing.

	MDiv	MA	DMin
	in 6 years	in 4 years	in 6 years
NOBTS (18-19)	29%	45%	41%
ALL ATS Schools	58%	48%	52%
Evangelical	50%	43%	46%
Mainline	73%	66%	65%
Catholic/Orthodox	63%	54%	33%

#### **Graduation Rates in Comparable Theological Schools\***

\*Taken from the ATS Graduating Student Questionnaire (GSQ) for 2018-2019

(For the remaining charts, all charts are figured at 200 percent of the time required for a full-time student in order to be inclusive of part-time students.)

Degree	Class	Graduation	Graduation	+/-	Graduation
		Rate	Threshold	Threshold	Goal
AA	2015-2016	13%	10%	+3%	15%
BA	2011-2012	43%	30%	+13%	40%
Master <45	2013-2014	43%	30%	+13%	40%
Master >45	2011-2012	68%	40%	+28%	50%
MDiv	2011-2012	39%	30%	+9%	35%
DEdMin	2011-2012	38%	30%	+8%	35%
DMin	2011-2012	55%	45%	+10%	50%
PhD, EdD, DMA	2009-2010	61%	55%	+6%	60%

Degree	Class	Currently	Persistence	Persistence	+/-	Persistence
		Enrolled	Rate	Threshold	Threshold	Goal
AA	2015-16	26%	39%	30%	+9%	35%
BA	2011-12	6%	9%	5%	+4%	10%
Master <45	2013-14	25%	28%	20%	+8%	25%
Master >45	2011-12	1%	1%	2%	+1%	5%
MDiv	2011-12	3%	4%	2%	+2%	5%
DEdMin	2011-12	0%	0%	2%	-2%	5%
DMin	2011-12	10%	18%	10%	+8%	15%
PhD, EdD,	2009-10	9%	17%	10%	+7%	15%
DMA						

**Results in Student Achievement in Retention/Persistence Rates** 

**Results in Student Achievement in Student Academic Success Rates** 

Degree	Class	Dropped	Student	Student	+/-	Student
		Out	Success	Success	Threshold	Success
			Rate	Threshold		Goal
AA	2015-16	48%	52%	40%	+12%	50%
BA	2011-12	48%	52%	40%	+12%	50%
Master <45	2013-14	28%	72%	60%	+12%	70%
Master >45	2011-12	31%	69%	60%	+9%	65%
MDiv	2011-12	57%	43%	35%	+8%	40%
DEdMin	2011-12	63%	38%	30%	+8%	35%
DMin	2011-12	27%	73%	60%	+13%	70%
PhD, EdD,	2009-10	22%	78%	60%	+18%	70%
DMA						



























Semester	Paid Full-				Volunteer	Total			
	time or	Threshold	+/-		Ministry at	Serving		+/-	
	Part-time		thresh	Goal	Graduation	in	Threshold	Thresh	Goal
	Ministry at					Ministry			
	Graduation								
Spring	62%		+22%		26%	88%		+18%	
2016									
Fall	60%		+20%	1	23%	83%		+13%	
2016									
Spring	42%		+2%	1	39%	81%		+11%	
2017									
Fall	50%		+10%	1	33%	83%		+13%	
2017		40%		50%			70%		80%
Spring	77%		+37%	1	11%	88%		+18%	
2018									
Fall	67%		+27%	1	18%	85%		+15%	
2018									
Spring	56%		+16%		27%	83%		+13%	
2019									
Fall	65%		+15%	1	26%	91%	1	+21%	
2019					-	-			
Spring	61%		+21%	1	25%	86%	-	+16%	
2020									
Average	60%		+20%	1	25%	85%	1	+15%	

# Results of Student Success in Paid Employment in Ministry at Graduation

\*Data is drawn from a Graduating Student Questionnaire taken at each graduation.

# FALL 2019

Are you currently serving in a ministry position?



## Current Ministry Position by Degree Level

Undergraduate: Masters: Doctoral: 4,9% 18, 9, 20% 14, 27% 10, 47, 43% 24, 23% 20, 52% 56% 3,9% 22% 5, 7, 12% 21% 6,6% Full-time, paid Full-time, paid Full-time, paid Not at this time Not at this time Not at this time Part-time, paid Part-time, paid Part-time, paid Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

Spring 2020

Are you currently serving in a ministry position?



Current Ministry Position by Degree Level

2019-20 Student Achievement Data, website version, updated 1.25.21



Results of Student Success in Paid Employment in Ministry
among Recent Graduate Program Alumni*

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Year/Degree Graduated	Paid Full- Time Ministry Employment	Paid Part-Time Ministry Employment	Total Ministry Employment	Pursuing an Advanced Degree	Seeking Employment	No Longer in Ministry	
2014-15 master's degree alumni	56.5%	14.5%	71%	12%	6%	1%	
2014-15 doctoral degree alumni	80%	4%	84%	0%	0%	1%	
2015-16 master's degree alumni	55%	12%	67%	8%	9%	2%	
2015-16 doctoral degree alumni	90%	7%	97%	0%	0%	0%	
2016-17 master's degree alumni	53%	16%	69%	10%	6%	4%	
2016-17 doctoral degree alumni	77%	9%	86%	0%	5%	2%	
2018-19 master's degree alumni	59%	13%	72%	10%	5%	3%	
2018-19 doctoral degree alumni	73%	15%	88%	0%	4%	0%	
2019-20 master's degree alumni	55%	11%	66%	14%	9%	3%	
2019-20 doctoral degree alumni	78%	13%	91%	0%	9%	0%	

\*Data is drawn from a report to ATS about our alumni each year.

PhD	Serving in	Serving in a		Percent		+/-	
Graduates	an	Ministry	Other	Employed	Threshold	Threshold	Goal
Responding	Academic	Position					
to Survey	Position						
207	82 (39.6%)	118 (57%)	7 (3.4)	99%	80%	+19%	90%

## Employment of PhD Graduates from 2005 to 2020\*

\*This chart represents a longitudinal study of PhD program graduates over 14 years, from 2005 – 2020.

## **Results of NOBTS Student Success in Counseling Licensure**

	2017 Counseling Graduates							
	NOBTS Pass	NOBTS Pass NOBTS Grad NOBTS						
	Rate	Pass Threshold	Students above	Students Scoring				
			the Threshold	above the				
				National Mean				
CPCE*	100%	90%	+10%	77%				
CPCE**	100%	95%	+5%	N/A				

## 2018 Counseling Graduates

	NOBTS Pass Rate	NOBTS Grad Pass Threshold	NOBTS Students above	NOBTS Students Scoring
			the Threshold	above the National Mean
CPCE*	100%	90%	+10%	77%
CPCE**	100%	95%	+5%	N/A

### 2019 Counseling Graduates

	NOBTS Pass	NOBTS Grad	NOBTS	NOBTS
	Rate	Pass Threshold	Students above	Students Scoring
			the Threshold	above the
				National Mean
CPCE*	94%	90%	+4%	71%
CPCE**	100%	95%	+5%	N/A

## 2020 Counseling Graduates

2020 Counsening Graduates				
	NOBTS Pass	NOBTS Grad	NOBTS	NOBTS
	Rate	Pass Threshold	Students above	Students Scoring
			the Threshold	above the
				National Mean
CPCE*	100%	90%	+10%	77%
CPCE**	N/A	95%	N/A	N/A

\*To predict our licensure pass rate, we use the results of the comprehensive exam, the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE©), a comprehensive multiple-choice examination that covers the eight core CACREP areas. Students must pass the CPCE prior to graduation. Passing is calculated as 1 Standard Deviation above or below the national mean. \*\*The NCE is the National Counselor Examination, which is required nationwide for Professional Counselor licensure. NCE passage rates are self-reported in an annual counseling graduate survey. Percentages represent voluntary respondents and those who had taken the exam at the time of the survey.