

Student Achievement

Athens Technical College identifies, evaluates, and publishes goals and outcomes for student achievement appropriate to the college’s mission, the nature of the students it serves, and the kinds of programs offered. ATC has identified the following performance indicators to show evidence of student success: IPEDS Graduation Rates, Fall-to-Fall Retention of Beginning Students, and Placement Rates. Licensure pass rates are provided as additional indicators of student success in applicable programs.

In 2022, the Performance Improvement Committee was established for the purposes of monitoring performance measures and investigating root causes when measures fall short of benchmarks. The committee has agreed upon the benchmarks as shown. Historical data for achievement measures are shown going back to academic year 2019.

IPEDS Graduation Rates			
Academic Year	Benchmark	Actual	Met/Not Met
2019	26%	40%	Met
2020	29%	44%	Met
2021	29%	37%	Met
2022	37%	46%	Met
2023	36%	33%	Not Met
Rates are calculated based on a cohort of first-time, full time students. Rates reflect the percentage of students who graduated within 150% of expected time to graduation. Benchmarks are based on the median rate for colleges similar to Athens Technical College. Graduation rates shown are the most recent available.			
Retention Rate			
Academic Year	Benchmark	Actual	Met/Not Met
2019	65%	72.2%	Met
2020	67%	75.7%	Met
2021	62%	69.8%	Met
2022	62%	65.9%	Met
2023	65.1%	69.7%	Met
2024	66.8%	76.4%	Met
These rates are from the Technical College System of Georgia System Scorecard. The benchmark is the average rate for all 22 colleges in the system. Due to the pandemic, the retention benchmark was reduced to accommodate the loss of students.			

Placement Rates of Graduates			
Academic Year	Benchmark	Total Placement Rate	Met/Not Met
2019	90%	93.2%	Met
2020	92%	99.8%	Met
2021	94%	96.7%	Met
2022	96%	100.0%	Met
2023	99.2%	100.0%	Met
2024	99.6%	99.4%	Not Met
Academic Year	Benchmark	Placed in Field Rate	Met/Not Met
2019	88.6%	87.8%	Not Met
2020	87.5%	92.3%	Met
2021	86.8%	94.0%	Met
2022	89.4%	98.8%	Met
2023	91.3%	95.3%	Met
2024	92.6%	97.4%	Met
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Licensure and Certification Pass Rates

Licensure and certification exam pass rates are not one of ATC’s measures of student achievement. However, these rates are likely to be of interest to students considering one of these programs. For that reason, the most recent pass rates posted here,

Program	Exam	Pass Rate	Year
Dental Assisting	Georgia Certified Dental Assistants and Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Exam	100%	2024
Dental Assisting	Dental Assisting National Board Exam	100%	2024
Dental Hygiene	Georgia Clinical Board Exams and National Board Exams	100%	2024
Emergency Medical Technician	National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Exam	100%	2024
Licensed Practical Nursing	Georgia Board of Nursing LPN Licensing Exam	87.5%	2024
Medical Assisting	National Center for Competency Exam	100%	2023
Nursing	NCLEX	100%	2023
Paramedicine	National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Exam – Cognitive and Psychomotor	100%	2023

Physical Therapist Assistant	National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)	100%	2023
Radiologic Technology	ARRT Certification Exam	100%	2024
Surgical Technology	Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) Examination.	83%	2023
Veterinary Technology	Veterinary Technician National Exam (The AVMA-CVTEA, which accredits this program, reports three-year rolling first-time pass rates.)	89.47%	July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024