



# Student Outcomes Report

Cohort Years 2012 Through 2015

## Fact Sheet

### At a Glance

**217**

Schools, Colleges  
and Universities  
Approved by the  
EAB

**68,679**

Total Number of  
Students Enrolled  
Between  
2012 and 2015

**29,121**

Total Number of  
Student Drops  
and Withdrawals

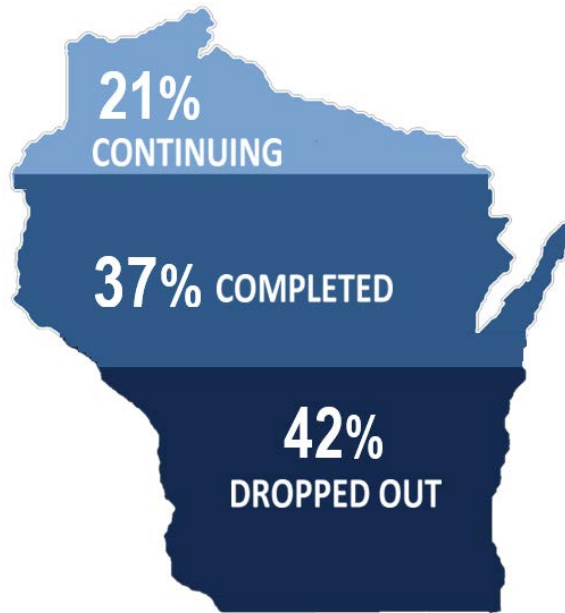
**25,403**

Total Number  
of Student  
Completions

**14,952**

Students Enrolled  
at the six  
Institutions with  
Dropout Rates  
between 70 and 80  
percent

Overall Student outcomes<sup>1</sup>  
Cumulative Totals For 2012-2015 Cohorts



### Highlights

- After four years, 47% of students in the 2012 Cohort have dropped out.
- First-year dropout rates grew from 26 percent in 2012 to 29 percent in 2015.
- 14 percent of all associate degree students have completed, while 42 percent had dropped out.
- Third-year dropout rates for the 2012 and 2013 cohorts are 61 and 64 percent for students in degree-granting programs.
- 40 percent of enrollments are in non-degree programs, but account for 71% of all completions.

### Summary of the Findings

- Enrollments at EAB-approved institutions decreased by 19% between the 2012 and 2015 Cohorts, from 18,647 to 15,050, mirroring national trends.
- The highest dropout rates are concentrated in online, for-profit colleges and universities that offer degree programs. Among degree-granting programs, the dropout rates are highest at associate-level (42 percent).
- There are 18 EAB-approved schools with drop/withdrawal rates that exceed 50 percent; these schools enroll 24,420 students and comprise 36 percent of total enrollment in EAB-approved schools.
- The EAB remains concerned with the impact of Wisconsin's State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement that exempt many postsecondary education institutions who serve Wisconsin students from reporting meaningful student outcomes information. Furthermore, is little data available that can be useful for comparing institutions in different sectors of postsecondary education.

<sup>1</sup> Outcomes data is based on annual cohorts that consist of all students who enroll in a 12-month period from 2012 to 2015, and are tracked until all students have completed, transferred or dropped out.