

# Student Achievement and Success 2018

To fulfill its mission, Elon University monitors student achievement and success in multiple ways during the time students are enrolled and once they have graduated. Examples of Elon's goals for student achievement and the success of students in achieving those goals are provided below. These include first- to second-year retention, persistence to degree (graduation rate), participation in selected high impact practices, outcomes for licensing examinations, and students' success in securing jobs or continuing their education after graduation. To benchmark student success in achieving the goals, Elon University uses information from the sources identified below.

### Retention from First- to Second-Year

Goal: Elon's first- to second-year retention will exceed the national average retention for selective four-year private colleges and universities as reported by <u>ACT</u>.

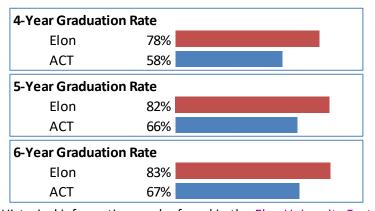
First-Second Year Retention						
Elo	n 90%					
AC	T 82%					

Elon: 2017-18 entering first-year students ACT: 2018 National Collegiate Retention and Persistence to Degree Rates

Historical information can be found in the *Elon University Fact Book*.

## Persistence to Degree (Graduation Rate)

Goal: Elon's four, five, and six year graduation rates will exceed the national average for selective four-year private colleges and universities as reported by <u>ACT</u>.



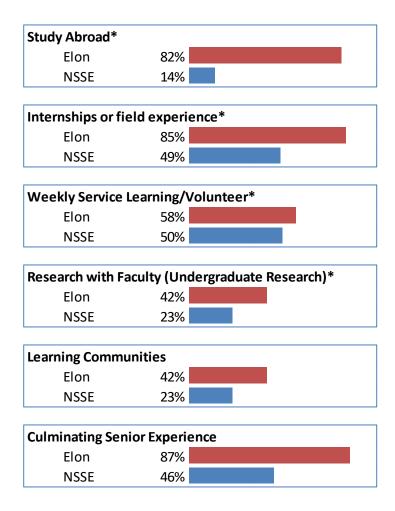
Elon: 2012-13 entering first-year students
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## **High Impact Educational Experiences**

Consistent with the Elon University Mission Statement to provide a dynamic and challenging undergraduate curriculum, integrate learning across disciplines, put knowledge into practice, prepare students to be global citizens, and to foster an ethic of service, Elon University strives to provide all students with access to high impact practices as articulated by Association for American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). Click here for more information about high impact practices and the educational benefits for students engaging in these experiences.

Goal: Elon seniors will have engaged in the following high impact practices at rates higher than national averages as indexed by responses to the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE 2019).



<sup>\*</sup>Indicates that the high impact practice is one of the Elon Experiences.

Note: Weekly Service Learning/Volunteer question changed from previous survey administration

## **Elon Experiences**

Elon University tracks student participation in each of the five Elon Experiences (Global Engagement, Service, Internship, Leadership, and Research). <u>Click here</u> for additional information regarding the Elon Experiences. Although no benchmarks comparable to Elon's internal data are available for participation in these experiences, participation is reviewed each year for bachelor degree recipients. Data for 2018 graduates is provided below.

Experience Experience		Percentage of 2018 graduates participating in the experience
	Study Abroad	78%
Global Experience	Study USA	13%
	Global Experience of any kind	83%
Service	Completed service hours	89%
Service	Academic Service Learning for credit	32%
	At least 1 internship for academic credit	71%
Internship	Reporting an internship on graduation survey (for credit or not for credit)	89%
Leadership	Held at least one leadership position	49%
Research	Independent research for credit	23%

## Writing

Elon University has embarked on an ambitious plan to make writing a signature experience of an Elon education. The <u>Writing Excellence Initiative</u> was developed as the institution's quality enhancement plan for Elon's 2013 SACSCOC reaffirmation.

## **Additional Recognition for High Impact Practices**

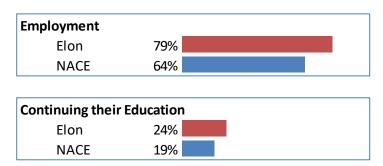
Elon University has been recognized by 2019 <u>U.S. News & World Report</u> for all 8 high-impact educational programs in "Academic Programs to Look For." Based on a survey of higher education leaders across the country, Elon is noted for excellence in study abroad, internships, service learning, undergraduate research, learning communities, first-year experiences, senior capstones, and writing in the disciplines.

The Institute of International Education's Open Doors 2018 report ranks Elon University **#1** for masters-level universities for the total number of students who **studied overseas**. Elon has been the top ranked masters-level institution for several years.

Elon University has been named to the Presidential Honor Role for **Service** by the Federal Corporation for National & Community Service every year since 2006.

# Post-Graduate Employment and Graduate/Professional Education (2018 Graduates)

Goal: Within one year of graduation, Elon graduates will have secured employment or admission to graduate or professional school at rates that meet or exceed the averages reported by the <u>National Association of Colleges and Employers First Destination report.</u>



Graduates may be both employed and continuing their education. When graduates are counted only once, **94%** of 2018 graduates are employed, have been accepted to graduate or professional school, are completing a post-graduate internship/fellowship, <u>or</u> are working for a service organization (e.g., Peace Corps, Teach for America). The survey response rate was **93%**.

95% of 2018 graduates who are employed report that the position is related to their career goal.

More detailed and historical information is provided in the <u>First Destination Reports</u> produced by Elon University's Student Professional Development Center.

### Additional indicators of post-graduate success

Elon University is on the annual list of U.S. institutions whose graduates received Fulbright awards. See Research Institutions for the 2018-2019 and Master's Institutions for early years. (https://topproducing.fulbrightonline.org/)

### **Licensing Examinations**

One undergraduate program and three graduate programs at Elon culminate in a licensing examination. Recent student success rates are described below.

### **School of Education**

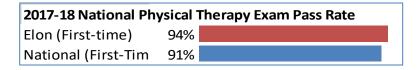
Goal: Elon's education graduates will meet or exceed North Carolina state level pass rates.

Students earning AB or BS degrees in education must complete licensure examination to teach in North Carolina.

2017-18 Licensure Examination Pass Rate						
Elon	100%					
State of NC	73%					

#### **School of Health Sciences**

Goal: Elon's School of Health Science graduates will meet or exceed national pass rates.





### **School of Law**

Goal: Elon's School of Law graduates will meet or exceed the Ultimate Bar Passage rate goal as established by the American Bar Association (ABA).

2016 Ultimate Bar Passage Rate						
Elon School of Law	66%					
ABA Goal	75%					

### **Graduate Programs – Completion to Degree and Job Placement Rates**

Elon monitors the placement of students who graduate from each of its graduate degree programs. Some programs have different academic calendars and program types (part-time versus full-time). Additionally, the programs measure employment at different lengths of time post-graduation as indicated in the footnotes.

Business (MBA) Entering Year	Number of Students	Completion Year	Completion Rate (5-Years)	Employment Rates (most are employed during program)
Fall 2012/Spring 2013	65	2018	90.7%	100%
Fall 2011/Spring 2012	57	2017	84.2%	100%
Fall 2010/Spring 2011	57	2016	82.4%	100%

Management (MS) Entering Year	Number of Students	Completion Year	Completion Rate (2-Years)	Employment Rates (most are employed during program)
2016	16	2018	81.2%	90.0%
2015	17	2017	67.7%	NA

Education (MEd) Entering Year	Number of Students	Completion Year	Completion Rate (2-Years)	Employment Rates (most are employed during program)
2016	3	2018	100%	100%
2015	12	2017	91.7%	100%
2014	11	2016	90.9%	100%

Interactive Media (MA) Entering Year	Number of Students	Completion Year	Completion Rate (1-Year)	Employment Rates (9-month post graduate survey)
2017	26	2018	96.1%	100%
2016	27	2017	92.6%	100%
2015	36	2016	100%	92.0%

Physical Therapy (DPT) Entering Year	Number of Students	Completion Year	Completion Rate (3-Years)	Employment Rates (6-month post graduate survey)
2016	46	2018	100%	100%
2015	46	2017	100%	100%
2014	50	2016	98.0%	97.0%

Physician Assistant Studies (MS) Entering Year	Number of Students	Completion Year	Completion Rate (3-Years)	Employment Rates (6-month post graduate survey)
2016	38	2018	100%	100%
2015	38	2017	100%	100%
2014	38	2016	97.4%	96.0%

Law (JD) Entering Year	Number of Students	Completion Year	Completion Rate (2.5 Years)	Employment Rates (10-month post graduate survey)
2016	128	2018	78.9%	74.0%
2015	133	2017	82.0%	80.5%