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Student Achievement and Success 2020-2021

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.

Persistence to Degree (Graduation Rate)

Goal: Elon’s four, five, and six year graduation rates will exceed the median for Private not-for-profit, Research/Masters level, selective (composite SAT range 1080-1240) institutions (source: Education Trust <http://www.collegeresults.org/>).

In accordance with the Boldly Elon Strategic Plan, the University is striving for a 4-year graduation rate of 85% and a 6-year graduation rate of 90%.

NOTE: Undergraduate retention and graduation rates reported based upon reported IPEDS guidelines for establishing cohorts (i.e., full-time, first-time bachelor’s degree students). These rates use the same methodology and correspond with rates reported to SACSCOC, Common Data Set, and various college guides/rankings.

4-Year Graduation Rate



Elon: 2014-15 entering first-year students
Education Trust: most recent available cohort

5-Year Graduation Rate



6-Year Graduation Rate



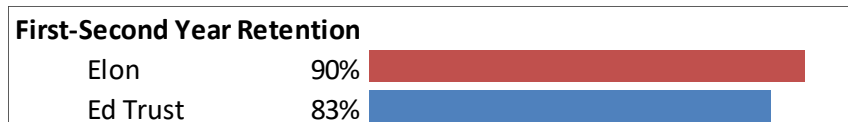
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Retention from First- to Second-Year

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Elon Experiences

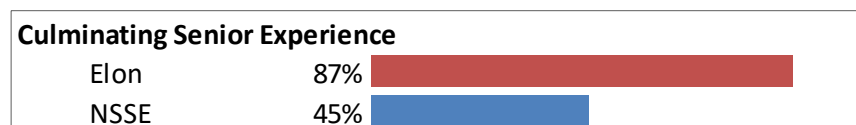
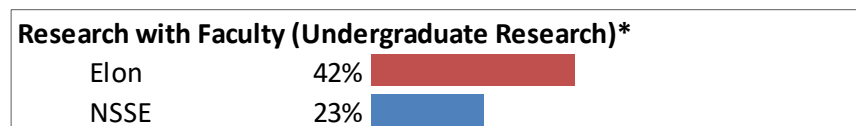
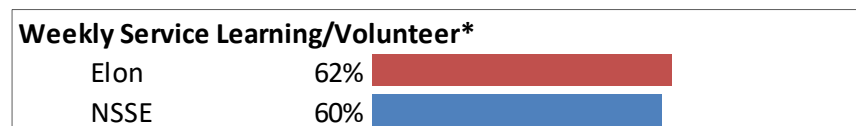
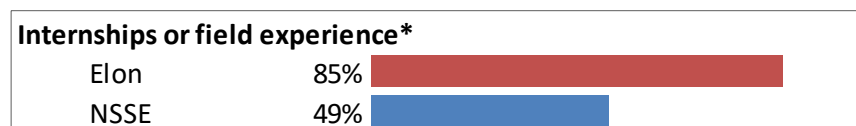
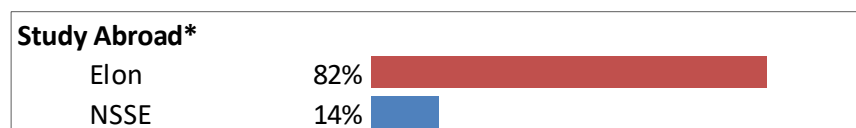
Elon University tracks student participation in each of the five Elon Experiences (Global Engagement, Service, Internship, Leadership, and Research). [Click here](#) for additional information regarding the Elon Experiences. Although no benchmarks comparable to Elon's internal data are available for participation in these experiences, participation is reviewed each year for bachelor degree recipients. Data for 2020 graduates is provided below.

Experience	Experience	Percentage of 2020 graduates participating in the experience
Global Experience	Study Abroad	80%
	Study USA	13%
	Global Experience of any kind	85%
Service	Completed service hours	88%
Internship	At least 1 internship for academic credit	80%
	Reporting an internship on graduation survey (for credit or not for credit)	87%
Leadership	Held at least one leadership position	58%
Research	Independent research for credit	22%

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).



*Indicates that the high impact practice is one of the Elon Experiences.

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

Writing

Elon University has embarked on an ambitious plan to make writing a signature experience of an Elon education. The [Writing Excellence Initiative](#) was developed as the institution's quality enhancement plan for Elon's 2013 SACSCOC reaffirmation.

Additional Recognition for High Impact Practices

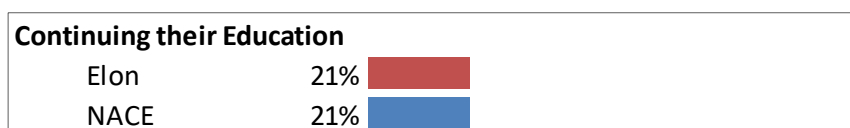
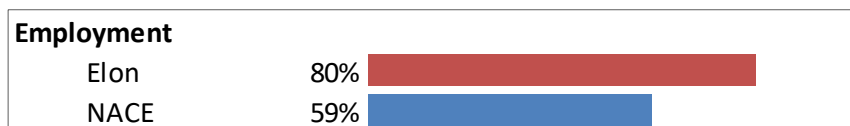
Elon University has been recognized by 2021 [U.S. News & World Report](#) for **all 8** high-impact educational programs in "Academic Programs to Look For." Based on a survey of higher education leaders across the country, Elon is noted for excellence in **study abroad, internships, service learning, undergraduate research, learning communities, first-year experiences, senior capstones, and writing in the disciplines.**

The Institute of International Education's Open Doors 2020 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 Roll for **Service** by the Federal Corporation for National & Community Service every year since 2006.

Post-Graduate Employment and Graduate/Professional Education (2020 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 [National Association of Colleges and Employers](#) First Destination report.



Graduates may be both employed and continuing their education. When graduates are counted only once, 90% of 2020 graduates are employed, have been accepted to graduate or professional school, are completing a post-graduate internship/fellowship, or are working for a service organization (e.g., Peace Corps, Teach for America). The survey response rate was 87%.

90% of 2020 graduates who are employed report that the position is related to their career goal.

More detailed and historical information is provided in the [First Destination Reports](#) 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 2020-21 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.

2019-20 Licensure Examination Pass Rate



School of Health Sciences

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

2019-20 National Physical Therapy Exam Ultimate Pass Rate



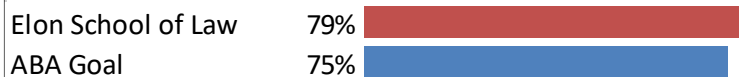
2019-20 Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam Pass Rate



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).

2018 Ultimate Bar Passage Rate



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 tables. Unless noted, programs are full-time. All programs show the most recent 5 years of data leading up to a completion year of 2021 (Accounting and Higher Education began in 2018).

Business (MBA) Entering Year	Number of Students	Completion Year (Spring)	Completion Rate (5-Years)	Employment Rates (most employed during program)
Fall 2015/Spring 2016	64	2021	72%	100%
Fall 2014/Spring 2015	50	2020	82%	100%
Fall 2013/Spring 2014	47	2019	85%	100%
Fall 2012/Spring 2013	65	2018	91%	100%
Fall 2011/Spring 2012	57	2017	84%	100%

Business Analytics (MS) Entering Year (Fall)	Number of Students	Completion Year (Spring)	Completion Rate (2-Years)	Employment Rates (most employed during program)
2019	6	2021	83%	100%
2018	8	2020	63%	100%
2017	9	2019	44%	100%
2016	16	2018	81%	90%
2015	16	2017	69%	NA

Education (MEd) Entering Year (Summer)	Number of Students	Completion Year (Summer)	Completion Rate (2-Years)	Employment Rates (most employed during program)
2019	NA	2021	NA	NA
2018	7	2020	100%	100%
2017	11	2019	100%	100%
2016	3	2018	100%	100%
2015	12	2017	92%	100%

Interactive Media (MA) Entering Year (Fall)	Number of Students	Completion Year (Spring)	Completion Rate (1-Year)	Employment Rates (* Available March)
2020	20	2021	90%	*2022
2019	32	2020	94%	87%
2018	30	2019	93%	86%
2017	26	2018	96%	100%
2016	27	2017	93%	100%

Physical Therapy (DPT) Entering Year (January)	Number of Students	Completion Year (December)	Completion Rate (3-Years)	Employment Rates (*Available December)
2019	46	2021	NA	*2022
2018	46	2020	98%	*2021
2017	47	2019	100%	100%
2016	46	2018	100%	100%
2015	46	2017	100%	100%

Physician Assistant Studies (MS) Entering Year (January)	Number of Students	Completion Year (December)	Completion Rate (2-Years)	Employment Rates (6-month post graduate survey)
2020	39	2021	NA	*2022
2019	38	2020	100%	71%
2018*	38	2020	95%	86%
2017*	38	2019	100%	95%
2016*	38	2018	100%	100%

*27 month program 2014-2018 entering years; graduating in February

Law (JD) Entering Year (Summer)	Number of Students	Completion Year (December)	Completion Rate (2.5 Years)	Employment Rates (*Available March)
2019	144	2021	*Dec 2021	*2023
2018	146	2020	84%	*2022
2017	138	2019	78%	87%
2016	128	2018	80%	90%
2015	133	2017	82%	86%

Accounting (MS) Entering Year (Fall)	Number of Students	Completion Year (Spring)	Completion Rate (1 Year)	Employment Rates
2020	17	2021	100%	100%
2019	6	2020	100%	100%
2018	4	2019	100%	100%

Higher Education (MHE) Entering Year (Fall)	Number of Students	Completion Year (Spring)	Completion Rate (2 Years)	Employment Rates (* Available March)
2019	12	2021	NA	*2022
2018	15	2020	93%	93%

NOTES:

- MBA and Business Analytics students can enroll in a full-time or part-time basis.
- MED is part-time program
- Full-time programs:
Interactive Media, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Law, Accounting, and Higher Education