

# Student Achievement 2024

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The University of Pikeville evaluates success with respect to undergraduate student achievement consistent with its [mission](#). The institution documents successful student achievement in relation to its mission by monitoring such broad measures as level of career and leadership readiness, freshmen retention rate, number of degrees awarded, six-year baccalaureate graduation rate, and job placement rate. In addition, UPIKE measures student *achievement of academic excellence* by monitoring student performance rate in the specific programs of [Nursing](#), [Social Work](#), [Teacher Preparation](#), [Optometry](#), and [Osteopathic Medicine](#). The institution uses the combination of these findings to support and improve student achievement.

***Creating a Pathway*** to higher education for all students who desire to embark upon that journey and attracting and retaining high caliber students who will be future regional, national, and global leaders

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the fall 2023 first-time freshmen having ACT-Composite scores of 21 or higher, which is higher than the previous 3 cohorts.

The University has programs in place to have at least 58% of its new freshmen return for their second year. The retention rate of first-time full-time

## Statement of Mission

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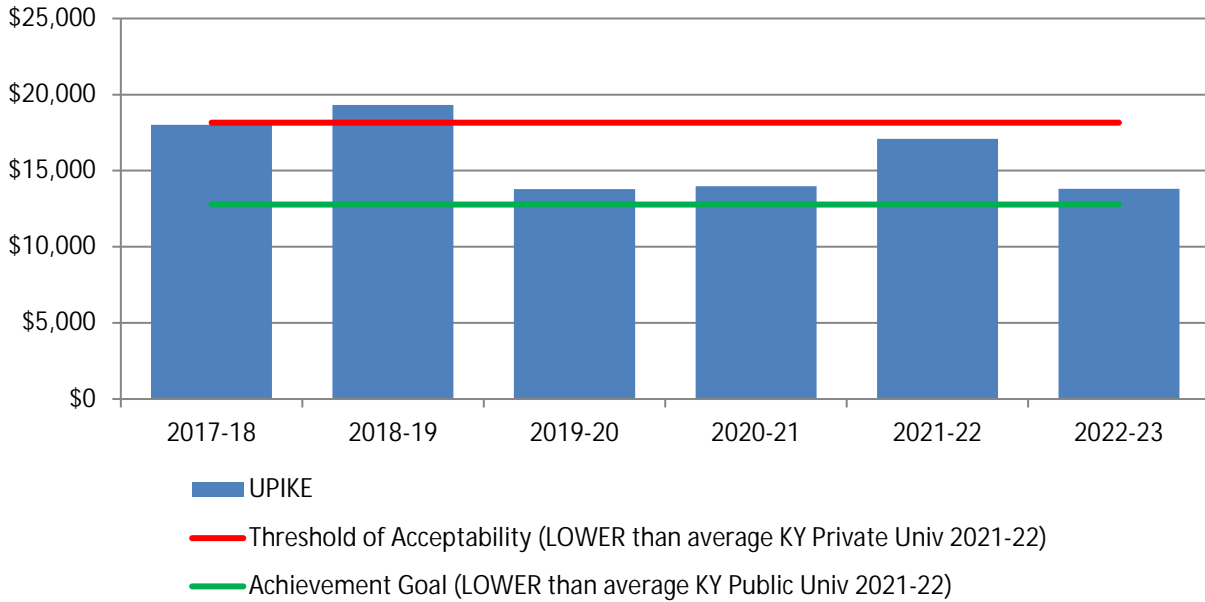
The University of Pikeville is the leading higher education institution of Central Appalachia. Founded in 1889, UPIKE remains steadfast in our commitment to preparing students for the future while creating intellectual, cultural, and economic opportunities for Appalachia. Maintaining our commitment to Christian principles, UPIKE recognizes the infinite worth of each person, respecting a variety of religious expressions.

UPIKE achieves its mission by:

- Creating a pathway to higher education for all students who desire to embark upon that journey and attracting and retaining high caliber students who will be future regional, national, and global leaders.
- Preparing graduates through quality academic programs, grounded in the liberal arts, and through involvement in community service, experiential learning, research, athletics, humanitarian efforts, and global outreach.
- Achieving academic excellence by maintaining academic rigor and relevancy in undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs.
- Attracting and retaining distinguished faculty, staff, administrators, trustees, and alumni who are dedicated to meeting the individual needs of students, promoting a caring and supportive environment conducive to learning, and meeting the needs of an evolving University; and
- Providing superior infrastructure with state-of-the-art classrooms, clinics, instructional

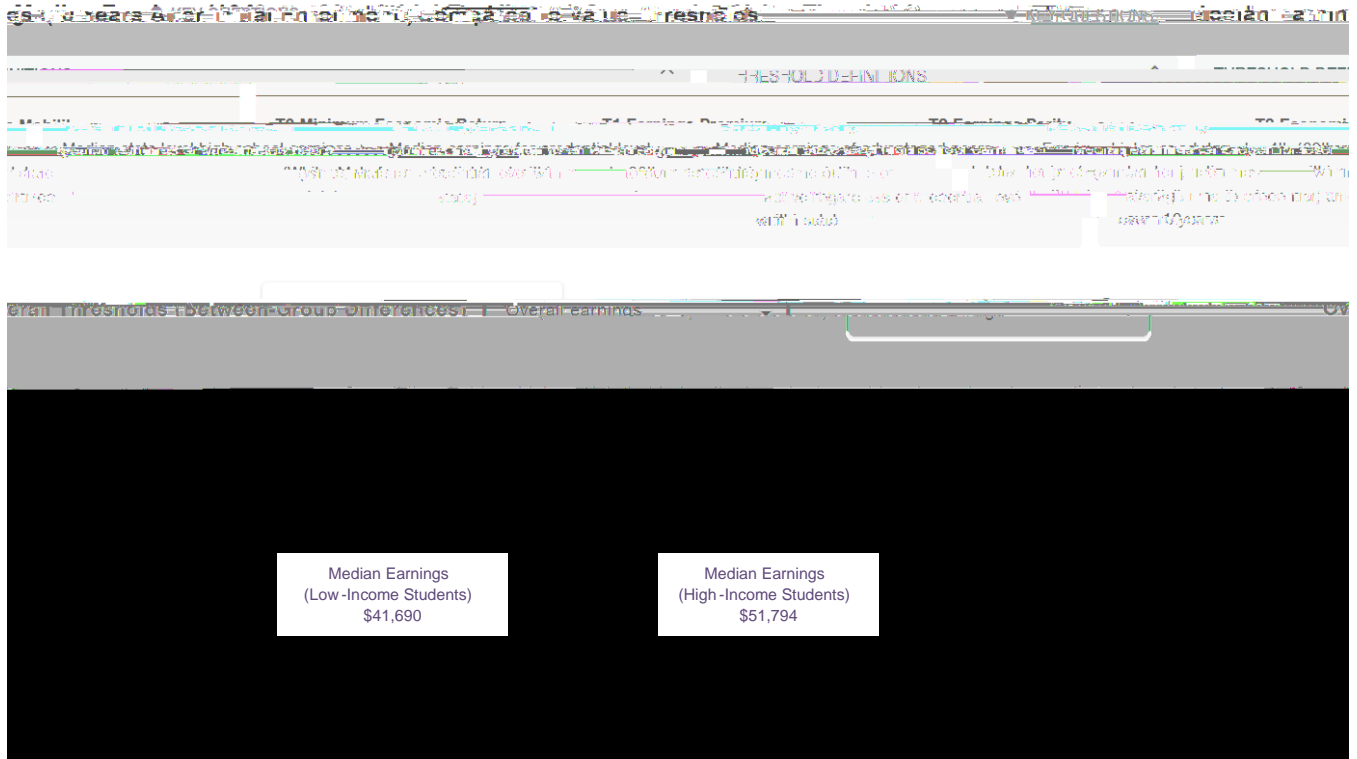
# Creating a Pathway Outcome 1

**Average institutional net price for Full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students awarded grant or scholarship aid from the federal government, state/local government, or the institution**



Source: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data> Financial Aid Reports

## Return on Investment: Is Attending UPIKE worth it?



Source: <https://postsecondaryvalue.org/>, 12/27/2023

## University Student Debt to Earnings Rates

Graduating Class	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Share of Bachelor degrees – UPIKE Initial Institution	60%	70%	57%	58%	67%	62%
On-time Graduation Rate	63%	59%	65%	62%	69%	73%
Students who Took out Loans	72%	77%	79%	82%	69%	72%
Median Loan Debt for those Students	\$25,482	\$24,742	\$24,054	\$25,059	\$24,744	\$24,740
Median Kentucky Wages 3 Years Post Graduation <sup>1</sup>	\$29,901	\$31,515				
Employed in Kentucky 3 Years Post Graduation <sup>1</sup>	51.9%	50.0%				

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## **Creating a Pathway Outcome 2**

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**Attracting High Caliber Undergraduate Students**

## **Creating a Pathway Outcome 3**

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### **Retention Rates by Cohort**

The Enhanced Retention Rate includes students who not only returned to the University of Pikeville, but who were reported to

# Preparing Graduates Outcome 1

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The University of Pikeville's PEAK Career and Leadership Pathway is a comprehensive pathway program designed to allow students the opportunity to explore career options and gain leadership experience throughout their time on campus through activities and experiences embedded in their curricular and co-curricular programs.

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## Leadership

Students will demonstrate leadership skills including communication, professionalism, and teamwork via curricular and cœcurricular experiences.

The Threshold of Acceptability is based on the baseline in our QEP from 2022.

### Leadership Share Mastered by Sub-group, All Evaluations

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<u>Gender</u>					
Male	80.2%				
Female	86.1%				
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>					
White	84.3%				
Black, non-Hispanic	69.7%				
Other	89.2%				



## Preparing Graduates Outcome 2

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### Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded by Year

The Threshold of Acceptability number of degrees is based on the number of degrees awarded in 2010-2011, the time of the writing of the Vision 2020 document.

The Achievement Goal number of degrees comes from the Vision 2020 document

### Share of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded by Year by Sub-group

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
<u>Gender</u>						
Male	40.1%	45.3%	38.6%	41.3%	41.4%	46.8%
Female	†59.9%	†54.7%	†62.4%	†58.7%	†58.6%	53.2%
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>						

# Preparing Graduates Outcome 3

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## Graduation Rates by Cohort

The Enhanced Graduation Rate includes students who not only graduated from the University of Pikeville, but who were reported to have graduated within this time frame by the National Student Clearinghouse at another institution of higher education.

The Threshold of Acceptability Graduation Rate threshold is the average graduation rate reported to US News for the 2021 survey for the custom comparison group chosen by University of Pikeville of 11 institutions.

The Achievement Goal Graduation Rate is the average graduation rate for small private schools (enrollments under 5,000) in the SE United States, IPEDS Data Center from most recent reporting date (Aug 31, 2017).

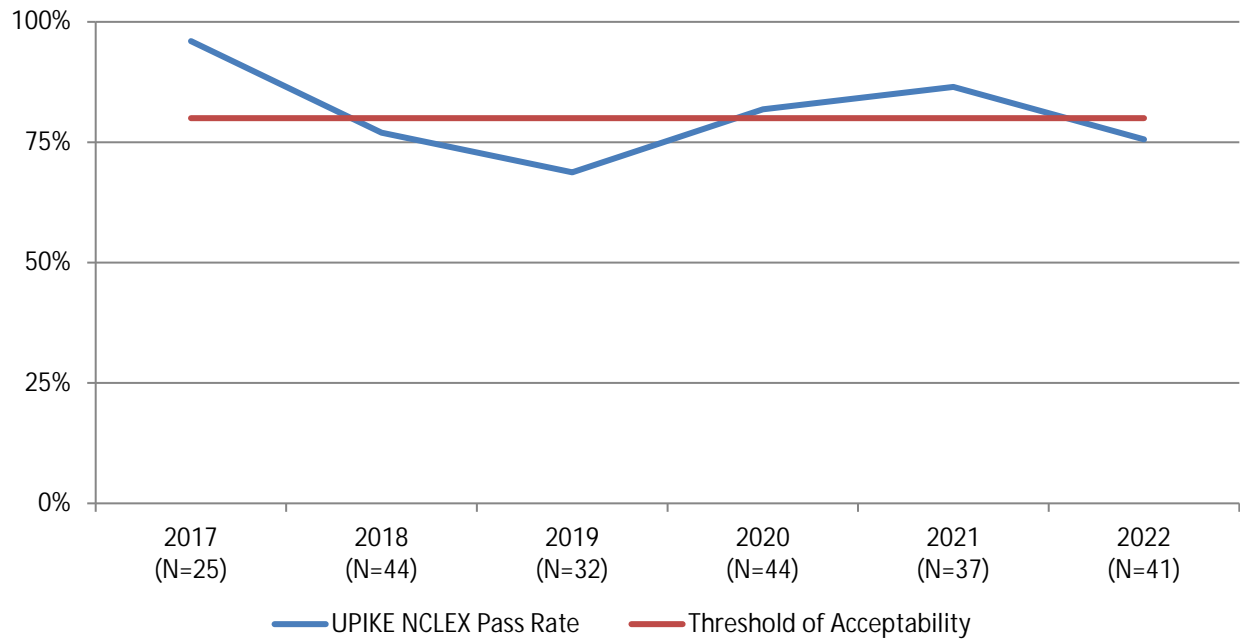
*Selected SACSCOC Student Completion Indicator:*



# Associate Degree of Nursing Program

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## UPIKE NCLEX First-time Pass Rates by Class



The Threshold of Acceptability Pass Rate is 80% of program completers, which is the Kentucky minimum required pass rate.  
The Achievement Goal Pass Rate is 100%.

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# Doctor of Optometry Program

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## KYCO NBEO First-time Pass Rates by Class

Beginning November 15, 2021, while all matriculants continued to be encouraged to take and pass the National Board of Examiners in Optometry exams as they are the way to licensure in optometry, KYCO no longer requires that its optometry students pass the Part I (Applied Basic Science) Exam as part of their graduation requirements.

Source: Dean's Office, NBEO Board (as of 10/2023 test administrations)

The ultimate pass rate is the number of students who eventually pass all three exams within 6 years of matriculating at KYCO.

First-time Pass Rates' Threshold of Acceptability was determined by the KYCO faculty based on the first three years of student performance (exam periods 2019, 2020, 2021) and the Achievement Goal is based on the national pass rate minimum expectation.

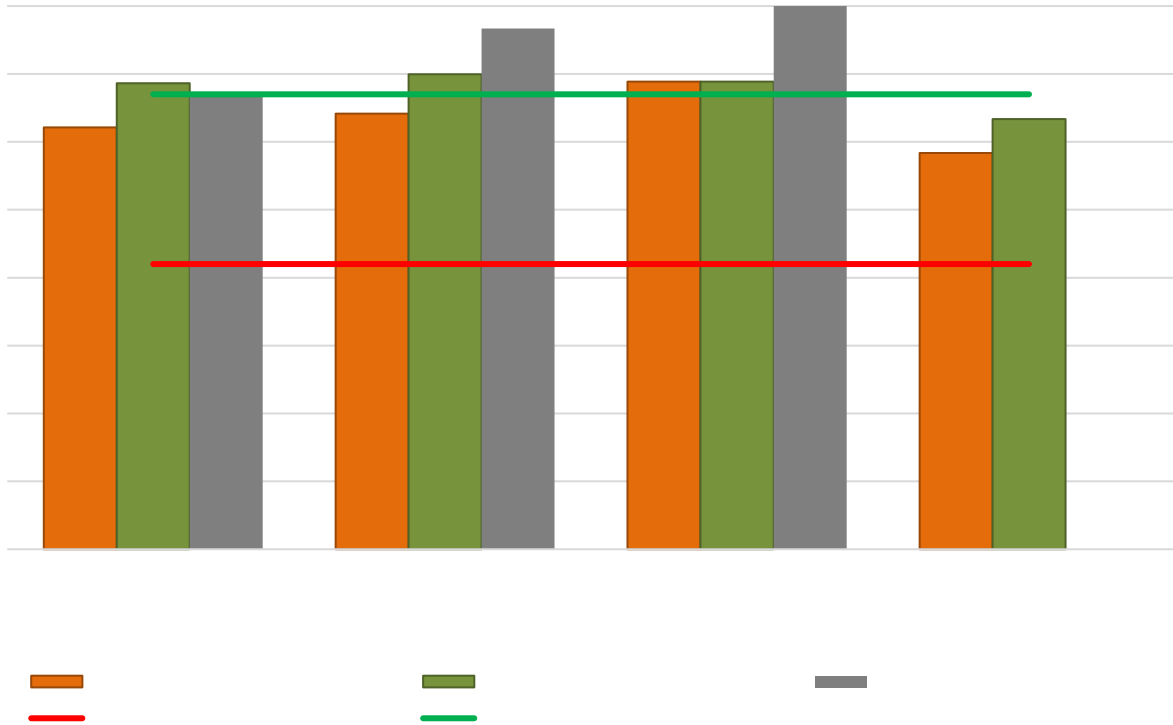
\* Class of 2022 includes the remaining Class 2020 whose degrees were on hold until requirement change.

Graduates between:	Number of Candidates	First Timer Pass Rate			Ultimate Pass Rate
		Part I ABS	Part II PAM	Part III CSE	
October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020	37	81.08%	91.89%	70.27%	91.89%
October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021	54	64.81%	79.63%	57.41%	81.48%
October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022	70	41.43%	60.00%	44.29%	60.00%
October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023					

# Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program

## KYCOM COMLEX First-time Pass Rates by Class

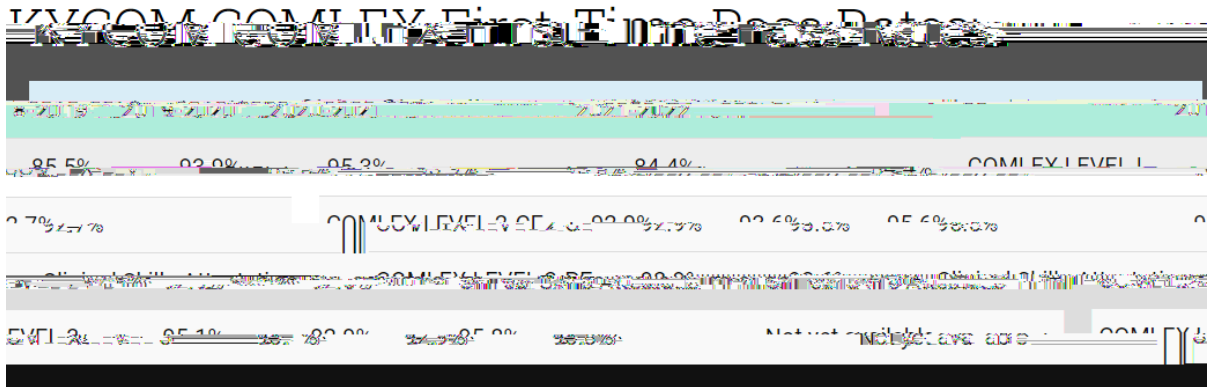
KYCOM requires that its medical students take and pass the COMLEX Levels 1 and 2 CE board examinations as part of their graduation requirements. Following graduation and as part of residency training, KYCOM graduates also must pass the COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination.



Source: Student Scores, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Inc. (09/24/2021)

The Threshold of Acceptability Pass Rate is 81% (lower CI95, Classes 2013-2017) for COMLEX USA Levels 1 and 2-CE. The faculty-determined Achievement Goal First-time Pass Rate is the 4-year average National First-time Pass rate (93.5%) of program completers.

Not all students who attempt COMLEX examinations graduate from KYCOM. In addition, exam testing periods do not always coincide with final KYCOM graduation cohorts. First-time pass rates on COMLEX examinations for all KYCOM students who attempted the examinations during these testing periods are as follows:



Source: <https://www.upike.edu/osteopathic-medicine/kycom-admissions/student-performance/> (01/11/2024)