

Mission Statement

Catawba College is committed to providing students an education rich in personal attention that blends the knowledge and competencies of [liberal studies](#) with career preparation.

Catawba College draws strength from Judeo-Christian values, sustains a dynamic community of learners and seeks to unite a diverse population of students, faculty and staff as active co-participants in **scholarship** and **service**. Catawba College prepares students to reach their highest potential while becoming responsible citizens with a zeal to enrich human life.

The fulfillment of Catawba College's mission is dependent on the success of its students. Certain institutional indicators continue to provide measures of this success. The following table provides institutional indicators of student success over a 3-year academic period:

Institutional Indicators of Student Success	Academic Year 2013-14	Academic Year 2014-2015	Academic Year 2015-2016
Enrollment-Undergraduate	1298	1309	1270
Retention Rate (Freshman-Sophomore)	70%	73%	72%
Graduation Rate (6-year cohort)	52%	54%	52%
Student Athlete Grad. Rate (6-year cohort)	66%	56%	58%
Full-time professional job after graduation.	46% (b)	48% (a)	45% (a)
Graduate School and Post Baccalaureate Education	19% (b)	(NOT AVAILABLE)	37% (a)
Teacher Education Job Placement Rate	79% (c)	96% (c)	83% (c)
Teacher Education Licensure Test Passing Rate	100%	90%	88% (e)
Perceived Gains: Thinking Critically and Analytically	89% (d)	97% (d)	86% (d)
Perceived Gains: Writing Clearly and Effectively	83% (d)	87% (d)	87% (d)
Perceived Gains: Speaking Clearly and Effectively	83% (d)	79% (d)	85% (d)
Perceived Gains: Working Effectively with Others	81% (d)	88% (d)	88% (d)

(a) Based on all Graduating Seniors completing the Graduate Survey

(b) Graduates 12-months out

(c) Employment in Education (Public, Private, Teaching, Administration) by graduates 12-months out.

(d) Percentage of Seniors responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

(e) Pass rate as of 9/1/2016. Final pass rate on licensure tests for 2015-16 cohort as reported on the North Carolina IHE Performance Report is expected by June 2017 and will be updated at that time.