

## **Central Lakes College**

### **Student Right-To-Know Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates**

#### **What is Student Right-To-Know?**

Student Right-To-Know is a federal law that requires all colleges and universities to disclose certain information to students. This handout provides the information that a college must provide to students on graduation rates and transfer-out rates for full-time students seeking degrees at Central Lakes College.

#### **What is a graduation rate and what is a transfer-out rate?**

Federal regulations specify how to calculate the graduation and transfer rates. The rates come from a study of Central Lakes students who started at the college in the fall of 2008. The study includes all first-time students who enrolled full-time that fall and were seeking to earn a degree, diploma or certificate at the college. The **graduation rate** is the percentage of these students who graduated from Central Lakes within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from Central Lakes, but instead transferred to another college or university within three years.

#### **What do I need to know about these rates?**

These rates do not report on all students at Central Lakes. The 754 first-time, full-time students in the study were 20 percent of all students enrolled at Central Lakes in fall of 2008.

#### **What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for Central Lakes students and how do they compare to rates for other colleges?**

- The **graduation rate** for Central Lakes was 39 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Central Lakes was 17 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for Central Lakes was 56 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 40 percent.

#### **Why don't more Central Lakes students graduate or transfer in three years?**

- Since Central Lakes has an “open door” mission, many new students need to take “developmental” courses to improve their reading, writing or math skills before taking other college courses;
- Students who switch from full-time to part-time enrollment or “stop out” for one or more semesters are more likely to take more than three years to graduate;
- Some students take jobs before they graduate;
- Other students delay their education for personal, family or financial reasons.

<b>Disaggregated Student Right-To-Know Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates</b>			
<b>Central Lakes College</b>	<b>Graduation Rate</b>	<b>Transfer-out Rate</b>	<b>Combined Rate</b>
<b>Total Cohort</b>	39%	17%	56%
<b>Race Ethnicity</b>			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*
Hispanic of any race	50%	20%	70%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
White	41%	16%	57%
Two or more races	23%	23%	45%
Nonresident Alien	*	*	*
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	40%	14%	54%
Male	39%	18%	57%
<b>Financial Aid</b>			
Pell Grant Recipient	34%	17%	51%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	38%	20%	58%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	46%	15%	61%

\* Suppressed to protect student privacy.