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Tennessee Promise Achieves 30.1% Three-Year Graduation Rate at Pellissippi State Community College

Tennessee Promise (TN Promise) is a scholarship and mentoring program designed to increase the number of Tennessee high school students who enroll in the state’s 13 community colleges, 27 colleges of applied technology, or other eligible institutions in order to enhance workforce readiness. The award is a last-dollar scholarship, which pays tuition and mandatory fees not covered by other state and federal assistance programs. To maintain the award — renewable for up to five semesters — participants must engage in eight (8) hours of community service per term enrolled and maintain satisfactory academic progress (2.0 GPA). Pellissippi State Community College, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, enrolls over 11,000 students in more than 30 associate degree and 32 certificate programs.

Figure 1 illustrates the Cohort 1 five-semester (fall 2015 – fall semester 2017) graduation rate at 22.1% cumulative (not including 14.5% transfers). These graduates completed an associate degree within the five semester TN Promise eligibility period. The graduation rate for Cohort 1 students who completed their associate degree in the sixth semester (fall 2015 – spring semester 2018) rises to 30.1% cumulative (not including 16.2% transfers). Although the sixth semester extends beyond the TN Promise eligibility period, these students were participants in TN Promise for their first five semesters.

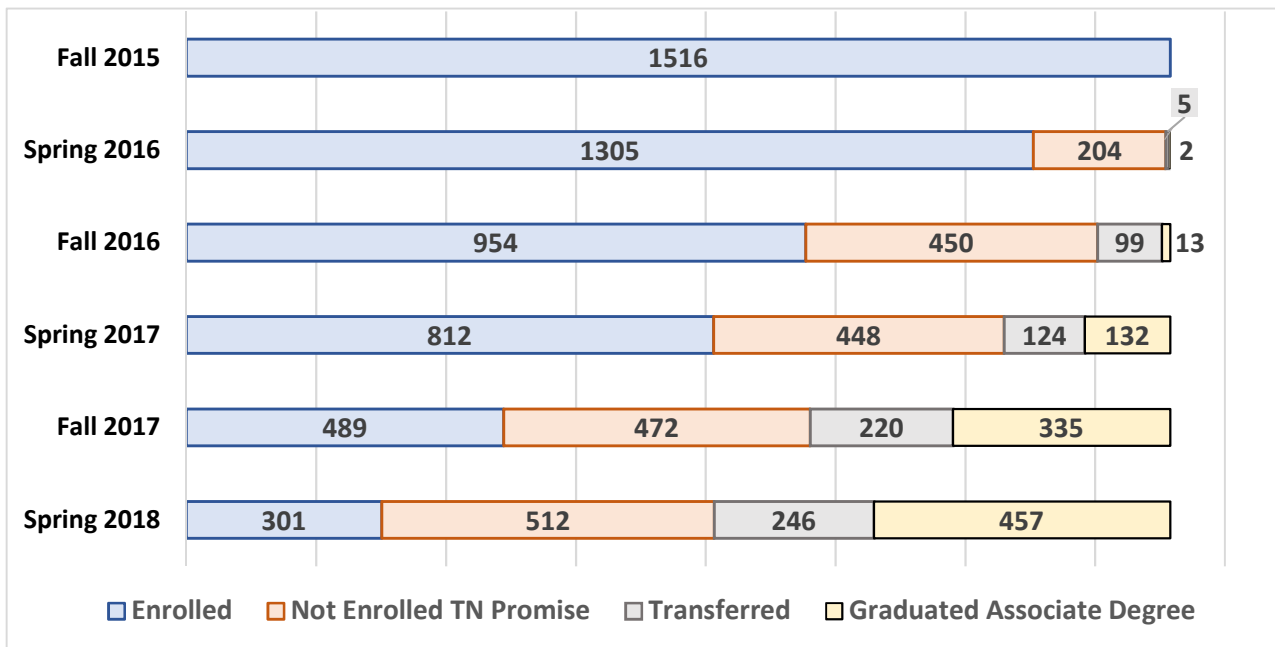


Figure 1. TN Promise Fall 2015 (Cohort 1) Associate Degree Retention and Completion Trend at Pellissippi State Community College. Note: “Not Enrolled” TN Promise refers to students who were no longer enrolled in TN Promise beginning that semester. For the full report, *A Snapshot of Tennessee Promise, 2015 – 2018* at <https://perc.utk.edu/reports/>