Call for Comments – April 2020
Cohort Tracking Model

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation (COA) currently reviews graduation and placement rates based on federal definitions which do not acknowledge part-time or transfer students. These students may be the primary target audience for fulfilling the mission of certain institutions. Part-time and transfer students also reflect a growing percentage of the population of all ABHE institutions. The COA seeks input on the possibility of collecting information related to all students who enrolled at an institution for the first time in a given year and tracking the achievement of those students (where known) at three or four subsequent points in time. Such information could be compared across ABHE institutions for institutional research purposes and serve as a more appropriate tool for the COA in monitoring student achievement, recognizing best practices at high performing institutions, and assisting underperforming institutions in a more timely manner. Annual report questions used to gather such information might look like the following (reporting on students/graduates as of the Fall 2023 Annual Report in this example):

2019-2020 Cohort (3-year student achievement)
- Number of full-time students who enrolled in a credit program at your institution for the first time in the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Number of part-time students who enrolled in a credit program at your institution for the first time in the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Number of these students who graduated from one or more credit programs at your institution
- Number of these students who transferred to other higher education institutions.
- Number of these students currently enrolled at your institution
- Number of these students who are deceased or called to active military duty
- Number of these students who do not fit into any category above
- Number of these students who are employed or volunteering or engaged in ministry and leadership relevant to their major program of study at your institution

2018-2019 Cohort (4-year student achievement)
- Number of full-time students who enrolled in a credit program at your institution for the first time in the 2018-2019 academic year.
- Number of part-time students who enrolled in a credit program at your institution for the first time in the 2018-2019 academic year.
- Number of these students who graduated from one or more programs at your institution
- Number of these students who transferred to other higher education institutions.
- Number of these students currently enrolled at your institution
- Number of these students who are deceased or called to active military duty
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☐ Number of these students who are employed or volunteering or engaged in ministry and leadership relevant to their major program of study at your institution

2016-2017 Cohort (6-year student achievement)
☐ Number of full-time students who enrolled in a credit program at your institution for the first time in the 2016-2017 academic year.
☐ Number of part-time students who enrolled in a credit program at your institution for the first time in the 2016-2017 academic year.
☐ Number of these students who graduated from one or more programs at your institution
☐ Number of these students who transferred to other higher education institutions.
☐ Number of these students currently enrolled at your institution
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