Health Professions Education in Washington State: 1996-2000 Program Completion Statistics

- Eighteen community and technical colleges in the state offered associate registered nurse programs in 2000. Some students complete the course of study but do not apply for the associate degree. These students may not be counted as completers (and are therefore not reflected in these figures) but may become licensed RNs.
- Total annual program completions decreased by 14.0% from 1996 to 2000.
- Completions per 100,000 population decreased by 19.1% over the same time period.
- 86.6% of program completers were female in 1996 compared to 84.9% in 2000.

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This report documents completions of postsecondary health career educational programs throughout Washington State. Each page summarizes program completions for one of 36 selected health education programs. The term “completion” as used in this report encompasses graduation from degree programs (e.g., registered nurses, dentists) as well as completion of a course of study leading to a nondegree credential (e.g., home health aides, nurse assistants). This report covers the period from 1996-1997 through 1999-2000, the most recent year available from the primary data source, the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), from the National Center for Education Statistics. Trend data include absolute numbers of program completions by gender and population-adjusted completion rates. Race and ethnicity of completers are provided for 1999-2000.