

Advanced Program Completion, Retention, Attrition Rates 2021

Advanced Program (MAEL) Attrition, Retention, and Completion Rates

Description:

This table provides a matrix of the attrition-retention-completion rate for candidates in the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (MAEL) advanced program.

MAEL Attrition, Retention, and Completion			
	Cohort 8 (2019 Completers)	Cohort 9 (2020 Completers)	Cohort 10 (2021 Completers)
Total Number Entered MAEL	12	8	6
Completers (passed licensure test)	6	2	3
<i>Percentage Completed/Licensed</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>50%</i>
Graduated (finished coursework)	11	6	5
<i>Percentage Graduated</i>	<i>91.7%</i>	<i>75.0%</i>	<i>83.3%</i>
In Process (current candidates)	0	0	1
Hold/Delayed (candidate choice)	0	1	0
Withdrawn (candidate choice)	1	0	0
Dismissed (institution decision)	0	1	0

Analysis:

- The number of students enrolling in the MAEL program has decreased over the last three cycles.
- Licensure (completer) and graduation (finisher) rates are similar for Cohorts 8 and 10, with Cohort 9 being an anomalous year.
- Over the last three cohorts, the program has only permanently lost two candidates. One chose to withdraw and one was dismissed for unsatisfactory academic progress.

Interpretation:

The percentage of candidates who remain in the program for two years to complete their coursework and graduate with a Master of Arts degree is high. Students frequently cite the personalized attention they receive from instructors and advisors as a key strength of the program.

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However, the number of graduates getting licensed in 2020 (cohort 9) was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensure test sites were severely restricted starting in March 2020 and many candidates who couldn't take the test immediately upon graduating, have still not made arrangements to take the test.