

**U.S Department of Education  
Office of Postsecondary Education/Federal TRIO Programs  
Student Support Services (SSS) Program  
Standard Objectives Report  
2014-15 Reporting Year**

PR/Award Number: P042A100643  
 Grantee: University of Montana Western  
 State: MT  
 Sector: Public 4-Year  
 First Funded in FY 2010: No

**Introduction**

The results for the standard objectives for the 2014-15 reporting year are provided solely for informational purposes and are not used to determine a project's prior experience points. In addition, the report can be used by projects as a tool to continue to monitor their performance. The results below were based on serving the approved number of students and meeting or exceeding the project's approved objectives. The Department calculated the standard objectives using student-level data as reported in the project's 2014-15 annual performance report (APR). For a summary of policies and procedures for assessing a project's standard objectives and the formulae for calculating standard objectives, please see the Appendix which is located on the TRIO web site.

The Department will not accept any changes to the project's 2014-15 APR data after the APR is submitted.

No results will be calculated for a project that served less than 90 percent of the number of students the project was funded to serve in 2014-15 (refer to Funded Number in table below).

Results for projects who did not submit an APR for the attainment (degree) criteria are not provided because a project must have submitted an APR for the year in which the cohort was established.

<b>2014-15 Summary Results for the Standard Objectives (P042A100643)</b>					
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Score Allowed</b>	<b>Approved Rate</b>	<b>Actual Attained Rate</b>		<b>Standard Objectives Scores</b>
<b>Persistence</b>	4	65%	83%		4
<b>Good Academic Standing</b>	4	80%	95%		4
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	4	32%	52%		4
<b>Funded Number</b>	3	<b>Number of Participants Funded to Serve</b>	<b>Number of Participants Served</b>	<b>Percent Served</b>	3
		160	164	102%	
<b>Total Scores</b>	<b>15</b>				15

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**Funded Number**

The Funded Number Criterion is based on the project having served the approved funded number of participants. To attain a score, the actual number served must be equal to or greater than the number of participants the project was funded to serve. For a detailed description on how this criterion was calculated, please see the Appendix, under *“How is the Funded Number Criterion Calculated?”*

2014-15 Results for the Funded Number Criterion			
Number of Participants Funded to Serve	Number of Participants Served	Percent Served	Standard Objective Score
160	164	102%	3

**Persistence**

The Persistence Rate for a 4-year institution is defined as the percentage of all participants served by the SSS project in the reporting year who enroll at the grantee institution in the fall term of the next academic year or graduate with a bachelor's degree during the reporting year.

The Persistence Rate for a 2-year institutions is the percentage of all participants served in the reporting year who enroll at the grantee institution in the fall term of the next academic year or graduate with an associate’s degree or receive a certificate and/or transfer from a 2-year to a 4-year institution by the fall term of the next academic year. For a detailed description on how the rate was calculated, please see the Appendix, under *“How is the Persistence Rate Calculated?”*

**Note:** The Actual Persistence Rate is calculated based on the greater of the number of participants funded to serve or the number of participants served.

2014-15 Results for the Persistence Objective					
Number of Participants Funded to Serve	Number of Participants Served	Number Persisted	Approved Persistence Objective	Actual Persistence Rate	Standard Objective Score
160	164	136	65%	83%	4

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**Good Academic Standing (GAS)**

Good Academic Standing (GAS) is defined as the percentage of participants served by the SSS project who met the performance level required to stay in good academic standing at the grantee institution. For a detailed description on how the rate was calculated, please see the Appendix, under *“How is the Good Academic Standing Rate Calculated?”*

**Note:** The Good Academic Standing Rate is calculated based on the greater of the number of participants funded to serve or the number of participants served minus any new summer participants served by the project that did not earn college credit. If applicable to your project, the Numbers of Participants Funded to Serve and the Number of Participants Served shown in the table below do not include the new summer participants that did not earn college credit.

2014-15 Results for the Good Academic Standing (GAS) Objective					
Number of Participants Funded to Serve	Number of Participants Served	Number in GAS	Approved GAS Objective	Actual GAS Rate	Standard Objective Score
160	164	156	80%	95%	4

**Bachelor’s Degree Attainment (4-year institutions)**

Bachelor’s degree attainment is defined as the percentage of new participants served in the Cohort Year who graduate with a bachelor’s degree within six reporting years. For a detailed description on how the rate was calculated, please see the Appendix, under *“How is the Bachelor’s Degree Attainment Rate Calculated?”*

**Note:** If your project was first funded in 2010-11, the project is not eligible to earn PE points for this criterion.

2014-15 Results for the Bachelor’s Degree Attainment Objective					
Cohort Year	Number of Participants in Cohort	Number of Participants Attaining Bachelor’s Degree	Approved Bachelor’s Degree Objective	Actual Bachelor’s Degree Attainment Rate	Standard Objective Score
2009-10	42	22	32%	52%	4