

## Appendix 33: Program graduation rates 2006-2009 (CFR 1.2)

Retention and completion are typically very high for graduate academic and professional programs at Research 1 universities, and transfers into and out of programs at UCSF rarely happen. Consequently, we were given permission by WASC to not submit Data Exhibit 3.2 - Cohort Graduation, Retention and Transfer Rates for our Capacity and Preparatory Review.

To address the 2008 changes in CFR 1.2, we have prepared the tables below. Table 1 shows the average graduation rate from each program over the period 2006-2009. The projected figures for expected graduation for this academic year (ending Spring, 2010) are consistent with these means (the official report from the Registrar's Office will not be available until mid-Fall, 2010).

**Table1: Average graduation rates 2006-2009**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Avg. rate</u>	<u>Term (yrs)</u>
Dentistry	DDS	96%	4
Medicine	MD	99%	5 <sup>1</sup>
Nursing	MS	95%	3
	MEPN-MS	93%	1 <sup>2</sup>
Pharmacy	PharmD	98%	4
PT	MS	90%	3 <sup>3</sup>
	DPT	98%	3
All PhD	PhD	82%	10 <sup>4</sup>

Notes:

- (1) The term used for Medicine is five rather than four years since a substantial number of medical students 'step out' after their pre-clinical years to undertake other experiences, for example to a earning an MPH at UC Berkeley.
- (2) Some MEPN-MS students leave the program after their first year, pass their licensure examination, and begin practice as RNs rather than moving into the Masters program, which thus decreases the graduation rate from this program.
- (3) As of 2010, the terminal degree for professional practice in Physical Therapy is the DPT, and the MS-DPT degree will be disestablished.
- (4) While the cumulative ten-year completion rate for the PhD programs is less than that for the graduate professional programs, it is well above the national average – see below.

Table 2 compares UCSF's PhD graduation rates with national doctoral completion rates obtained from the Council of Graduate School's Ph.D. Completion Project (PhDCP) <http://www.phdcompletion.org/>). The B-cohort of the PhDCP consisted of students entering their doctoral programs between 1995 and 1997, and the UCSF data is from the same interval. The percentages represent the aggregate cumulative completion rate for each set of disciplines.

**Table 2: UCSF vs National PhD completion rates**

	STEM	SSH
PhDCP	50.6%	35.7%
UCSF	69.2%	33.3%*

\* UCSF has three small SSH (Social Sciences & Humanities) programs, and the sample size is not large.

While UCSF's doctoral completion rates for STEM disciplines is well above the national average, there is still room for improvement. The sample size for SSH programs is too small to make a meaningful comparison.