

Understanding and Addressing the Factors Contributing to the 68% Graduation Rate at Wentworth Institute of Technology

Background of the Study:

As of 2022, the graduation rate at Wentworth Institute of Technology stands at 68%. While this rate is competitive with some institutions, there is still a significant portion of students who do not complete their degrees.

Problem Statement:

The 68% graduation rate suggests that approximately one-third of students at Wentworth Institute of Technology fail to complete their degrees. This issue could negatively impact the university's reputation, ranking, and financial standing. Identifying the root causes of student dropout and delayed graduation is critical to increasing retention and graduation outcomes.

Objective & purpose:

This research aims to investigate the underlying causes of this graduation rate and propose evidence-based interventions that could improve student success and raise the graduation rate.

Scope of the Study:

The study will focus on undergraduate students at Wentworth Institute of Technology, both current and former, including those who have graduated and those who left before completing their degree. The research will cover factors such as academic support, financial aid, campus engagement, and personal challenges, and will explore the university's existing support services. The study will be limited to the student body and will use surveys, interviews, and institutional data (if available).

Relevance of the Study

Improving the graduation rate at Wentworth Institute of Technology is essential for enhancing the institution's reputation and ensuring student success. By identifying the barriers to graduation, this

study will provide the university with actionable insights and strategies to improve student retention and completion rates.

Main research question:

“What are the key factors contributing to the 68% graduation rate at Wentworth Institute of Technology, and what strategies can be implemented to improve the graduation rate?”