

University of Charleston 3-Year Student Attrition Table

	Graduated Classes		
	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Maximum entering class size (as approved by ARC-PA)	30	30	30
Entering class size	30	31	30
Graduates	27	29	22
* Attrition rate	10%	3%	27%
**Graduation rate	90%	97%	73%

*Attrition rate calculation: Number of students who attrited from cohort divided by the entering class size.

**Graduation rate: Number of cohort graduates divided by the entering class size.

Comments:

Statistics:

- Percent of students over the past three cohorts that did not graduate with their original cohort = 14%
- Percent of students over the past three cohorts that did not graduate with their original cohort who were offered deceleration = 31%
- Percent of students over the past three cohorts that did not graduate with their original cohort who reapplied and were accepted back into the program = 8%
- Percent of students over the past three cohorts who graduated with their original cohort after successfully progressing from semester 1 to semester 2 = 99%

Analysis: The first-semester in the University of Charleston PA Program covers the basic sciences; therefore, students without a strong foundation in the basic sciences (biology, anatomy, physiology, chemistry, etc.) may not be successful semester 1. There was a spike in the attrition rate for the Class of 2024. A majority of the Class of 2024 students took their undergraduate science courses online during COVID (2019-2021), during a time when many professors and students were new to online instruction. Online instruction is not the best instructional modality for all students. In addition, during COVID, students may not have been held to the same standards.

Students with unexpected life experiences while in the University of Charleston PA Program are offered deceleration as permitted by policy. Students who are not successful and are not offered deceleration can re-apply and be reconsidered in another application cycle.

Nearly 100% of students with successful progression from semester 1 to semester 2 graduate from the program.