

AGENDA ITEM B3: DEGREE COMPLETION
GRADUATION AND COMPLETION RATES
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This report presents trend data for associate degree and certificate completion rates earned by Belmont students over the last seven years. The data in this report reflect degrees and certificates earned in all credit programs by academic years. In the 2013/2014 academic year, a total of 305 awards were conferred; 51 of the awards were certificates, and 254 of the awards were associate degrees. A number of students earned more than one award. Overall, 282 students earned certificates and or associate degrees.

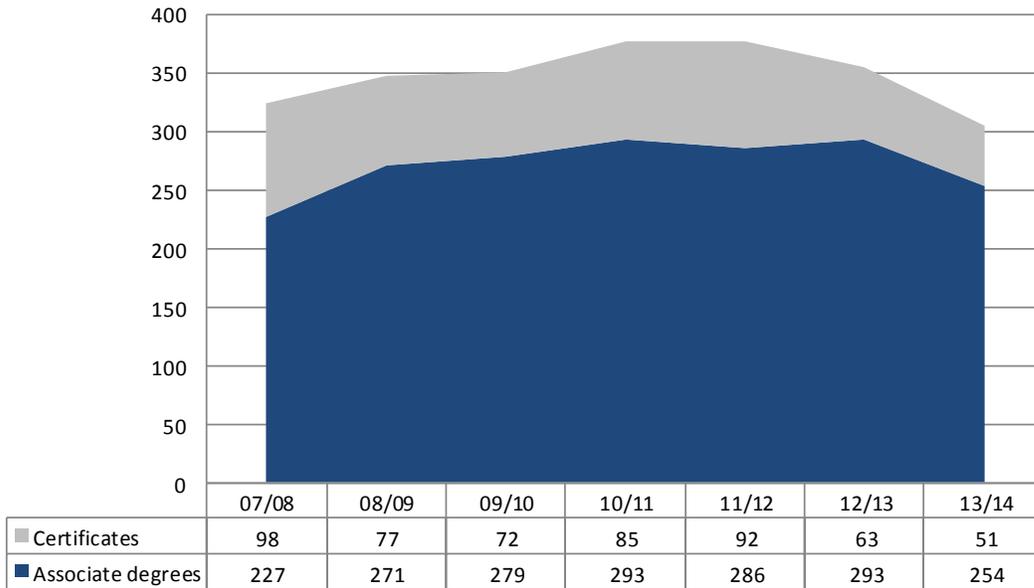
Presentation of Data

Table I, *Certificates and Associate Degree awards, 2007/2008 through 2013/2014*, displays Belmont data for certificates and associate degrees awarded during each of the last seven years. Figure I displays data from Table I in a chart where the total number of associate degrees is represented in blue and the total number of certificates is represented in grey. The data represented in this report have been reported to the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) and to the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) by academic program. This program-level data are used for the annual program review process at Belmont which is reported to the Board in the spring. Completion data is also the basis for awarding *success points* in the OBR funding model.

Table I, *Certificates and Associate Degree awards, 2007/2008 through 2013/2014*

	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	% increase or decrease from 2012/2013
Certificates	98	77	72	85	92	63	51	-19.0%
Associate Degrees	227	271	279	293	286	293	254	-13.3%
Total awards	325	348	351	378	378	356	305	-14.3%

Figure I, *Certificate and Associate Degree awards, 2007/2008 through 2013/2014*



Data Highlights

1. There were 254 associate degrees awarded in 2013/2014. This number represents 39 fewer degrees than in the prior year and is 13.3% lower than in 2012/2013.
2. The number of certificates awarded decreased from 63 in 2012/2013 to 51 in 2013/2014. This represents a 19 % decrease in the number of certificates awarded.
3. Over the last seven years, the number of associates degrees awarded has increased and the number of certificates awarded has decreased. Overall, the number of associate degree awards earned by Belmont students over the last seven years has increased from 227 to 254, an increase of 27 awards, or 12%. The number of certificates awarded has decreased from 98 in 2007/2008 to 51 in 2013/2014. The decrease in certificates earned over seven years is approximately 48%.

Conclusions and Targets for Improvement

1. Implement the College Completion Plan.
2. Structure a college-wide strategic enrollment management system and plan.
3. Continue to monitor and evaluate Key Performance Indicators related to retention and completion, and utilize the results to drive improvement.