Our goal at GRCC is to increase student success through the accomplishment of the Completion Agenda. This agenda includes a slate of specific college action projects (outlined in our Strategic Plan) as well as department-level projects directly and indirectly aimed at improving student success. Where the College is pursuing projects with indirect impact on the completion agenda, it is building infrastructure and capacity for future projects with more direct impact. We will measure the success of our efforts by monitoring student performance in three specific areas: Persistence (Retention), Completion, and Transfer.

This report focuses on efforts to increase the number of students who earn certificates or degrees. Table 1 presents the total number of credentials awarded for the total number of students enrolled. This “graduation yield” is an alternative method for reporting graduation rate than the 3-year cohort rate that is normally reported.

**Table 1:** Percent of credit students earning a credential (degree or certificate) in an academic year

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Current Strategies to Increase Graduation Yield:

- **MyDegreePath Software**
  - Implemented October 2012
  - Over 16,000 unduplicated log ins since launch
  - Part of the graduation process and an advisement tool to help students complete a degree at GRCC

- **Reverse Transfer**
  - Awarded $12,000 grant from Credit When It's Due state of MI initiative
  - 119 students graduated from GRCC through Reverse Transfer
  - Partnership luncheon held annually to share best practice (2012 – 2014)
  - MSU and U of M new Reverse Transfer partners in summer 2013

- **Automatic Graduation**
  - Academic Governing Council passed a college generated graduation policy in 2013
  - Tested a potential process to automatically graduate students
  - Surveyed students regarding graduation process
  - Developing a process utilizing MyDegreePath to automatically graduate students