

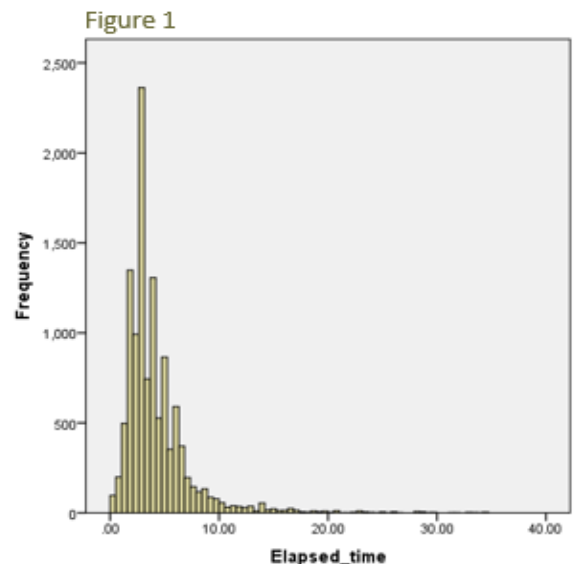
This report examines the elapsed time to completion for degrees and certificates awarded in academic years 2014-15, 2015-16 or 2016-17. **Elapsed time** is defined as the total number of calendar years between the first date of enrollment after the student’s graduation from high school and the date of degree attainment at Citrus College, regardless of how many terms the student actually enrolled in classes.

A total of 12,457 degrees and certificates were awarded during academic years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. For all degree types, the average elapsed time to degree is 4.5 years and the median is 3.5 years. For first time awards (i.e., recipients first graduated during the three-year period), the average time to degree is 4.2 years and the median is 3.3 years. This is significantly shorter than non-first time awards (i.e. recipients earned an award prior to 2014-15). **The following analyses focus primarily on time to first awards as it reflects a more accurate picture of time to completion.**

	First Time Awards			Non-First Time Awards			All Awards		
	n	Mean	Median	n	Mean	Median	n	Mean	Median
AA	3,712	4.5	3.8	241	7.4	5.8	3,953	4.7	3.8
AA-T	996	4.1	3.3	45	7.3	5.8	1,041	4.2	3.3
AS	2,057	4.5	3.6	311	7.7	6.3	2,368	4.9	3.8
AS-T	902	4.0	3.0	65	7.7	6.3	967	4.2	3.3
All Associate Degrees	7,667	4.4	3.5	662	7.6	6.0	8,329	4.6	3.8
CERT0 (below 18 units)	13	6.0	3.0	3	8.3	9.9	16	6.4	3.4
CERT1 (18-30 units)	681	3.9	2.8	46	8.0	6.5	727	4.2	2.8
CERT2 (31-60 units)	3,128	3.9	3.0	208	7.6	6.1	3,336	4.1	3.3
CERT3 (above 60 units)	38	3.7	3.1	11	6.1	3.5	49	4.2	3.3
All Degrees & Certificates	11,527	4.2	3.3	930	7.6	6.0	12,457	4.5	3.5

FIRST TIME AWARDS

- For all first time awards, the mean time to degree is 4.2 years and the median is 3.3 years. This suggests that half of the awards were completed within 3.3 years, but a few took a lot more time to complete (figure 1). It is worth noting that many of our students spent extended time to earn multiple awards, which may skew the mean.
- The mean time to all associate and transfer degrees is 4.4 years, which is about 225% of the expected time. The median 3.5 years, which is 175% of the expected time.
- Time to degree for transfer degrees is shorter than traditional associate degrees. The median time to AA-T and AA degrees is 3.3 and 3.8 years, respectively. The median time to AS-T and AS degrees is 3.0 and 3.6 years, respectively.
- Surprisingly, time to degree for certificates requiring less than 18 units is the longest of all degree types. However, this may be due to the small sample size (n=13).



AA AND AA-T PROGRAMS

- The median time to degree is less than four years for AA and AA-T degrees with at least 30 awards in the last three years. The mean is slightly larger, ranging from 3.6 years to 5.3 years.
- The “monster degrees” are still the most popular degrees in the last three years. In general, time to degree for those is longer than for transfer degrees.

AA Programs with at least 30 awards	First Awards AY1415-AY1617		
	n	Mean	Median
AA Social and Behavioral Science	1,430	4.7	3.8
AA Liberal Arts: Social and Behavioral Science	763	4.3	3.5
AA Language Arts	369	4.3	3.3
AA Liberal Arts: Math and Science	335	4.0	3.5
AA Liberal Arts: Business Technology	211	4.0	3.0
AA Fine and Performing Arts	193	4.7	3.8
AA Liberal Arts: Humanities	105	4.3	3.4
AA Liberal Arts Emphasis: Social and Behavioral Science	72	4.5	3.8
AA Liberal Arts Emphasis: Arts and Humanities	46	5.3	3.8
AA Music	37	4.0	3.6
AA Liberal Arts Emphasis: Math and Science	36	3.9	3.2

AA-T Programs with at least 30 awards	First Awards AY1415-AY1617		
	n	Mean	Median
AA-T Psychology	335	3.9	3.3
AA-T Sociology	235	4.4	3.8
AA-T Communication Studies	131	3.9	3.0
AA-T Kinesiology	66	3.6	3.0
AA-T History	64	5.0	3.8
AA-T English	52	4.2	3.1
AA-T Political Science	35	3.7	2.8

AS AND AS-T PROGRAMS

- Time to degree is shorter for AS-T degrees and slightly longer for AS degrees.
- Registered Nursing has the shortest median time to degree of 2.3 years. However, the mean time to degree is much longer.
- Of all the AS-T degrees, time to degree is longest for Early Childhood Education, with a mean of 4.7 years and a median of 5.0 years.

AS Programs with at least 30 awards	First Awards 1415-1617		
	n	Mean	Median
AS Biology and Physical Science & Math	993	4.5	3.8
AS Business	401	4.6	3.3
AS Child Development	108	5.6	4.3
AS Pre-Allied Health	96	4.8	3.8
AS Administration of Justice	89	3.9	3.3
AS Kinesiology	87	3.3	2.8
AS Registered Nursing	57	4.5	2.3
AS Biological Sciences	41	3.6	3.5
AS Recording Technology	37	3.8	3.5

AS-T Programs with at least 20 awards	First Awards 1415-1617		
	n	Mean	Median
AS-T Business Administration	564	3.9	3.0
AS-T Administration of Justice	153	3.7	3.0
AS-T Early Childhood Education	91	4.7	5.0
AS-T Mathematics	60	4.1	3.0
AS-T Physics	29	4.2	3.4

CTE/HEALTH PROGRAMS

- Time to degree is shortest for the Esthetician certificate, with a median of half a year and a mean of 2.2 years. Time to degree is longest for the Public Works I certificate, with a median of 4.5 years and a mean of 6.5 years.
- Time to degree varies for different automotive certificates. In general, time to degree is about three to four years.
- For Water Technology, time to degree is longer for the certificate and shorter for the AS degree.

CTE Programs & Health Certificates with at least 20 awards	First Awards 1415-1617		
	n	Mean	Median
Cert in Cosmetology (cert2)	286	2.7	1.8
Cert in Esthetician (cert1)	151	2.2	0.5
Cert in Vocational Nursing (cert2)	111	3.7	2.0
Cert in Dental Assisting (cert1)	70	3.0	1.9
Cert in Auto Undercar/Drivetrain (cert1)	68	3.5	2.9
Cert in Auto Underhood Specialist (cert1)	67	3.6	3.0
Cert in Water Technology (cert1)	54	6.0	3.0
Cert in Auto Master Technician (cert2)	44	3.9	3.3
Cert in Auto Toyota/Lexus/Scion (cert3)	38	3.7	3.1
AS Water Technology	25	3.4	2.8
Public Works I (cert1)	23	6.5	4.5
AS Cosmetology	20	5.1	3.0
Cert in Info Technology (cert1)	20	4.4	3.6

NON-CTE CERTIFICATES

Non-CTE Certificates with at least 20 awards	First Awards 1415-1617		
	n	Mean	Median
Cert in CSUGE (cert2)	2,401	4.1	3.3
Cert in Audio Recording Technology (cert2)	109	2.8	1.8
Cert in IGETC (cert2)	109	3.0	2.8
Cert in Wildland Resources and Forestry (cert1)	68	3.7	2.8
Cert in Administration of Justice (cert1)	53	4.0	3.5
Cert in Child Development Teacher (cert2)	38	6.6	5.2
Cert in Accounting (cert1)	36	5.2	3.3
Cert in Biomanufacturing (cert1)	25	6.2	4.5