

CoA-ATE Outcomes Thresholds

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Programs are required to collect, assess, and report the following outcomes for each class of students: 1) Attrition; 2) Employment/Positive Placement; 3) National Certification Exam pass rate; 4) Graduate Satisfaction; and 5) Employer Satisfaction.

A. Attrition

Attrition is a measure of students no longer enrolled in the program against the number enrolled. Students no longer enrolled include those who have withdrawn from the program and students who are withdrawn by the program or institution. Students on approved leaves of absence or held back for academic or other reasons are not considered as part of the attrition rate until they withdraw or are withdrawn by the institution.

CoA-ATE Threshold: no more than 10% attrition

B. Employment/Positive Placement

Graduates are considered to be positively placed if they are employed, continuing their education, or are active military. Employment includes working in a full- or part-time position as an anesthesia technologist or in a related field.

CoA-ATE Threshold: 80% of graduates must be employed/positively placed

C. National Certification Exam

The National Certification Examination (NCE) for Anesthesia Technologists, administered by Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. for the American Society of Anesthesia Technologist & Technicians (ASATT) is used to determine national certification exam success. Results should be reported for first-time test takers only.

CoA-ATE Threshold: 80% of graduates taking the exam must pass on the first attempt

D. Graduate Satisfaction

Programs are required to assess graduate satisfaction by distributing and collecting the CoA-ATE approved Graduate Survey. Programs must include all questions on the survey, but can add additional questions at their discretion. Graduate Surveys should be administered six (6) months following graduation.

CoA-ATE Thresholds: 100% distribution rate

*Surveys must be distributed to 100% of the program's graduates; of surveys returned, each question item will have at least 80% of the responses rated 3 or greater on a 5-point scale.

E. Employer Satisfaction

Programs are required to assess employer satisfaction by distributing and collecting the CoA-ATE approved Employer Survey. Programs must include all questions on the survey, but can add additional questions at their discretion. Employer Surveys should be administered six (6) months following graduation.

CoA-ATE Thresholds: 100% distribution rate

*Surveys must be distributed to 100% of the graduates' employers; of surveys returned, each question item will have at least 80% of the responses rated 3 or greater on a 5-point scale.