

PASSHE Performance Measures Described

Success: The primary mission of PASSHE universities is to help students achieve their educational goals successfully. To be successful in the 21st century, students must be prepared for lifelong learning, a habit of the mind that will force them to refresh their content knowledge continually. To ensure this outcome, PASSHE must lead the way in changing the manner in which students learn, faculty teach, and courses are delivered. As the Commonwealth's universities, PASSHE institutions have a special relationship with the state. As a result, PASSHE is obligated to address the strategic needs of the Commonwealth, filling an appropriate role in creating the policy and direction for the state's future.

Access: As state-owned universities, PASSHE serves a critical role through providing access to higher education, building college aspirations and enrollment among underserved populations, and facilitating the opportunity for advancement of educational achievement from pre-baccalaureate through baccalaureate and graduate degrees and professional certifications. PASSHE must ensure that the students who learn in its universities reflect the diversity of the communities from which they come, that the faculty and staff who teach and support them do as well, and that students are well prepared to enter a global work force.

Stewardship: As stewards of public resources, PASSHE universities must be fiscally efficient and responsible. The human, financial, and physical resources necessary to create the highest quality learning opportunities for our students need to be effectively and efficiently managed. PASSHE prides itself as a national leader in identifying and implementing significant cost reductions and cost avoidance strategies. Providing adequate resources in difficult economic times will require continual rethinking of university entrepreneurship and flexibility, and a realization that new ways of thinking and conducting our operations are essential. The communities and regions in which PASSHE universities are located must be better for and enhance those institutions. This mutually beneficial relationship must be nurtured and enhanced in many ways that respect and use each other's strengths. PASSHE universities have an obligation to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of our communities, and help improve local and regional economic conditions.