



Tennessee Higher Education Commission

**THE CONDITION
OF
HIGHER EDUCATION
IN
TENNESSEE**

**The Second Annual Report on Progress toward
the goals of the state's public higher education institutions**

and

**the contributions of
the State's Independent, regionally accredited
higher education institutions**

- **Assessment:** Passage rates on professional licensure examinations in medicine, dentistry, engineering, nursing, law, pharmacy, and physical therapy
 - ✓ **Target:** By 2009-10, the average cumulative pass rate on licensure examinations will remain above 85 percent
 - ✓ **Baseline:** In 2000-01, the average cumulative pass rate on licensure examinations was 85 percent.
 - ✓ **Progress:** In 2001-02, the average cumulative pass rate on licensure examinations was 85 percent.
3. By the year 2010, general education evaluation results for Tennessee higher education institutions will exceed national norms for the respective examinations used by universities and two-year institutions.
- **Assessment:** Average score of graduating students on national assessments of general education
 - ✓ **Target:** By 2009-10, the overall mean score of at least 50 percent of the colleges and universities in Tennessee will be above national averages for the CBASE, CCTST, or Academic Profile tests.
 - ✓ **Baseline:** Seven institutions (30 percent) scored above the 60th percentile on national assessments of general education.
 - ✓ **Progress:** For 2001-02, seven institutions (30 percent) scored above the 60th percentile on national assessments of general education.
4. By the year 2010, the level of student satisfaction with their overall higher education experience will exceed 90 percent.
- **Assessment:** Responses to biennial *Enrolled Student Survey*
 - ✓ **Target:** By 2009-10, at least 90 percent of students participating in the *Enrolled Student Survey* will report that they were satisfied with their overall educational experience.
 - ✓ **Baseline:** In 2001-02, 91 percent of Tennessee undergraduates replied that they were satisfied with their undergraduate experience.
5. By the year 2010, the level of alumni satisfaction with their overall higher education experience will exceed 90 percent.
- **Assessment:** Responses to biennial *Alumni Survey*