To: The RSD17 Board of Education

Date: *September 12, 2024*

Submitted for Board meeting dated: *September 17, 2024*

Re: *Class of 2024 Graduate Report*

Purpose of memo: *Informational*

Executive Summary:

The outcomes analysis for the Class of 2024 has been completed with a full report attached. Each year, the most recent graduating class statistics are compared to those of prior classes, with an eye toward program improvement and, as the statistics regularly allow, celebration. Slight variations are normal from year to year and reflect not only the personality of the class, but also other outside factors beyond our control. For example, the ever-rising cost of college impacted some students' decisions as to where to attend college.

Trends to note this year include a steady percentage of students (87%) choosing to continue their formal education after HKHS. Our rate of acceptance overall was also up again at 78.2% (compared to 77% for the Class of 2023 and 71% for the Class of 2022) alongside an increase in the number of applications (12.9%) submitted to Highly Competitive schools. The most popular majors shifted this year to a "close race" between STEM-related fields (16.7%), Business (17.5%) and Humanities (18.3%). We are also pleased that the percentage of students pursuing a career in education doubled this year (to 4%) after our first year of UCONN's If You Love it, Teach it course.

Of note, Barron has ceased classification of colleges into the categories that we are accustomed to reporting (i.e. Highly Competitive, Most Competitive,etc.) Hence, this portion of the report will sunset in the near future. We are open to suggestions as to what information the Board may wish to receive.

Board Action: *None*

Next Steps: *None*

CC:
Board Administrator
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures:
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HKHS Class of 2024 Graduate Report

The HKHS team has compiled the following report about the post-secondary plans for the Class of 2024. As you will see in the student outcomes summary that follows, 76.5% of the Class of 2024 has moved on to attend a four-year college this fall with an additional 10.6% attending two-year schools and 7.5% pursuing technical training or the military. All totaled, about 93.9% of the class will formally continue their education after HKHS. Three of our graduates will join the military (one enlisting directly and two are joining the ROTC on campus) and seven will join the workforce. In general, these statistics are fairly stable with an increase in the percentage of students continuing their education after high school.

Our students continue to have a positive impact on the greater Haddam Killingworth community. The Class of 2024 dedicated **over 11,029 hours** to the surrounding areas through community service. This is a slight increase over the previous year.

Post-Secondary Plans:

A Comparison of Classes from 2021 - 2024

Categories	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Graduates	174	133	149	132
Four-Year College	68.3% (119)	70% (93)	69.1% (103)	76.5% (101)
Two-Year College	16.6% (29)	17.3% (23)	18.8% (28)	10.6% (14)
Military / Technical Education	5.7% (10)	7.6% (9)	3.4% (5)	7.5% (10)
Employment / Other	9.1% (16)	5.1% (6)	8% (12)	5.3% (7)

Class of 2024 Observations & Trends:

(132 students)

- Total number of applications submitted: 763
- Number of applications to Highly Competitive schools increased 12.9% from last year
- Overall college attendance increased including an increase in four-year college attendance

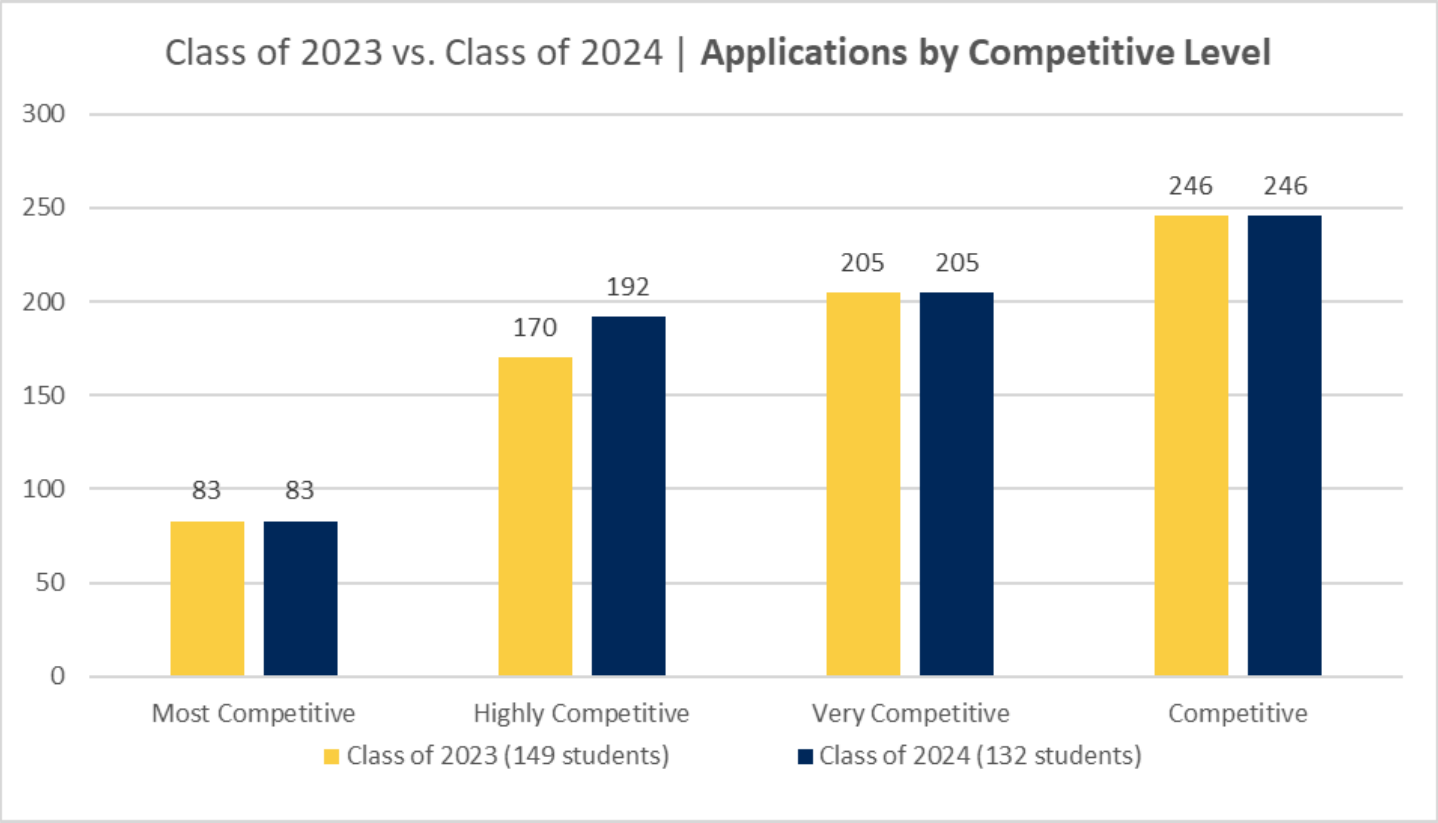
Much of this report is dedicated to providing a summary of the colleges sought by our students and the success rate of their applications. It is important to remember that the primary focus of our school counseling department in providing college counseling is helping students and their families to find the best "educational fit" for them given many factors including academics, family finances, and individual student personalities. Our Student Success Plan and other tools through Naviance help students to self-assess their goals and proceed with the college application process accordingly.

Class of 2024 Post-Secondary Application Highlights:

Applications Submitted

Categories	Class of 2021 (174 Students)	Class of 2022 (133 Students)	Class of 2023 (149 Students)	Class of 2024 (132 Students)
Most Competitive Applications Submitted	114	98	83	83
Highly Competitive Applications Submitted	161	138	170	192
Very Competitive Applications Submitted	182	133	205	205
Competitive Applications Submitted	267	239	246	246

- Overall acceptance to colleges: 78.2% acceptance rate out of 763 applications submitted
- Of those 763 college applications submitted on behalf of the Class of 2024, 726 (84.4%) were submitted to colleges with a rating of **"Competitive" or higher**, by *Barron's Guide to the Colleges*, an independent publication
- Of the 726 applications submitted to colleges rated **"Competitive" or higher**, 68.7% resulted in the student's acceptance to the college which is an increase from 2023
- Please note that the "**Less Competitive**" category is no longer used by Barron's


Class of 2023 vs. Class of 2024 | Applications by Competitive Level
300
250
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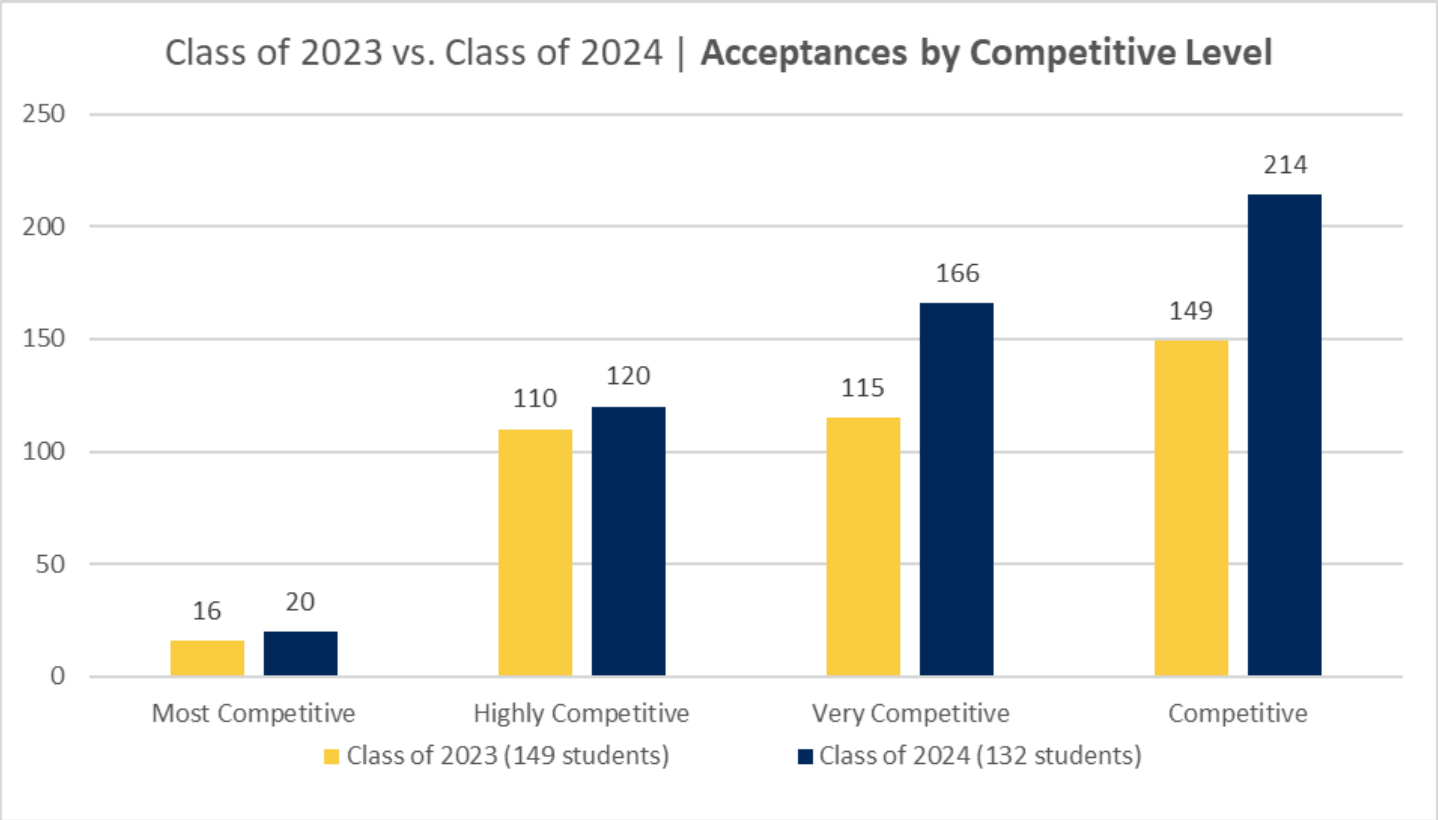
Most Competitive
Highly Competitive
Very Competitive
Competitive
Class of 2023 (149 students)
Class of 2024 (132 students)


Class of 2023 vs. Class of 2024 | Acceptances by Competitive Level
250
200
150
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50
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16
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110
120
115
166
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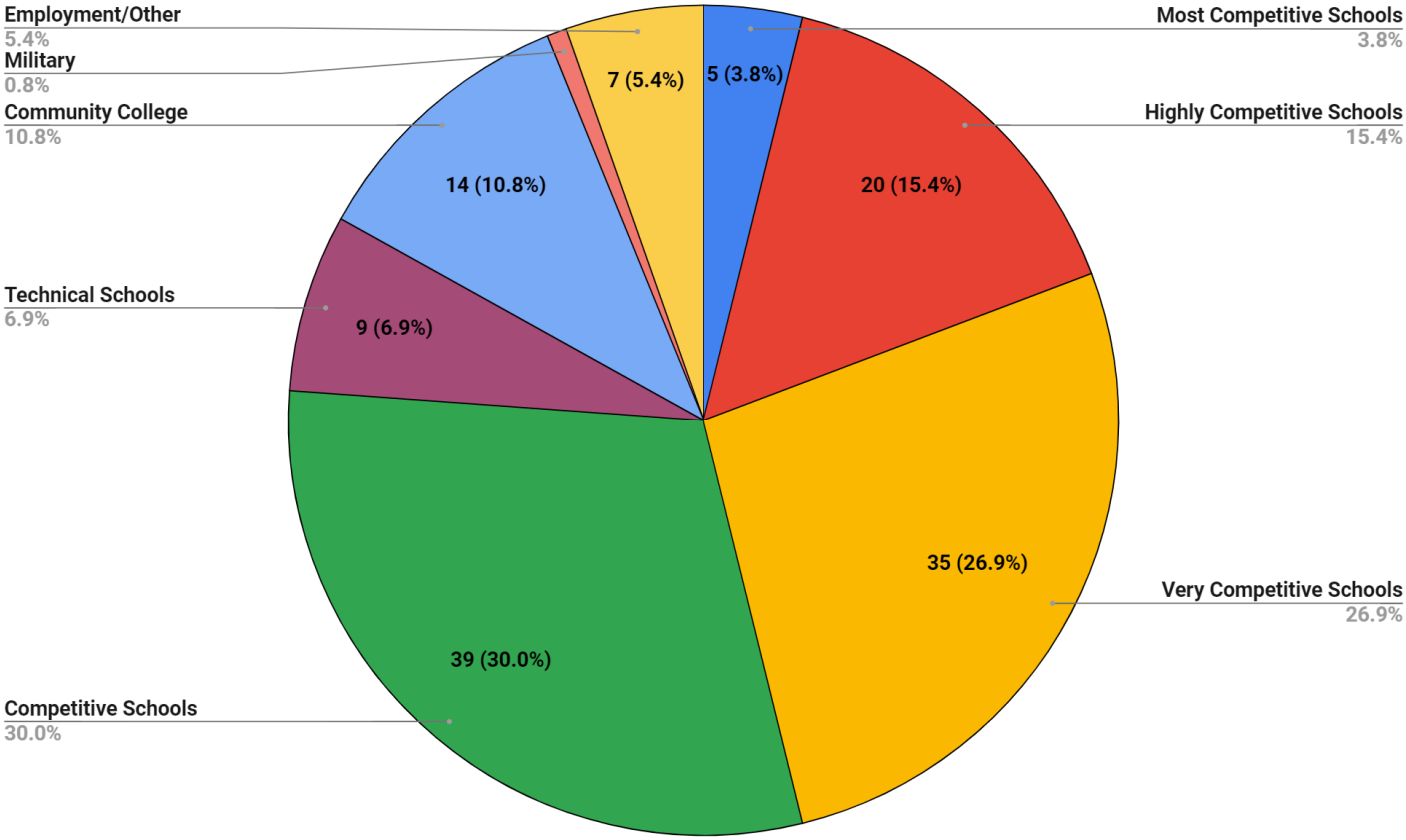
Class of 2024 Post-Secondary Destinations:



Class of 2024 College Majors by Cateogry:

- ➔ Health Sciences: [17] **14.2%**
- ➔ Humanities: [22] **18.3%**
- ➔ Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math: [20] **16.7%**
- ➔ Business: [21] **17.5%**
- ➔ Education: [5] **4.2%**
- ➔ Fine Arts: [3] **2.5%**
- ➔ Other: [10] **5%**
- ➔ Undecided: [20] **16.7%**

COLLEGES THE CLASS OF 2024 ARE ATTENDING:

Adelphi University	Simmons University
Albertus Magnus College	Southern Connecticut State University
Anna Maria College	Southern New Hampshire University
Bryant University	Springfield College
California State University - Sacramento	SUNY College of Agriculture & Technology at Cobleskill
Central Connecticut State University	
Charleston Southern University	Syracuse University
Clemson University	The University of Alabama
Coastal Carolina University	University at Albany, SUNY
Culinary Institute of America	University of Colorado Boulder
DeSales University	University of Connecticut
Drexel University	University of Delaware
Eastern Connecticut State University	University of Maine
Entech Advanced Energy Training	University of Maryland - College Park
Fairfield University	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Hampshire College	University of Missouri - Kansas City
James Madison University	University of New Hampshire
Johnson & Wales University - Providence	University of New Haven
Keene State College	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Lafayette College	University of Pennsylvania
Michigan State University	University of Rhode Island
Norwich University	University of Saint Joseph
Ohio State University	University of South Carolina - Columbia
Pace University	University of Southern Maine
Pennsylvania State University - Main Campus	Vermont State University
Plymouth State University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Quinnipiac University	Virginia Tech
Roger Williams University	West Virginia University
Rollins College	Western New England University
Rowan University	Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Sacred Heart University	Word of Life Bible Institute
Salve Regina University	

COLLEGES THE CLASS OF 2024 WERE ACCEPTED TO:

Adelphi University	Eastern Connecticut State University
Albertus Magnus College	Elon University
American International College	Emmanuel College
American University	Endicott College
Anna Maria College	Entech Advanced Energy Training
Appalachian State University	Fairfield University
Arcadia University	Florida Gulf Coast University
Assumption University	Florida Institute of Technology
Baylor University	Florida International University
Belmont University	Florida Southern College
Binghamton University	Fordham University
Bryant University	Franklin Pierce University
Bucknell University	Frostburg State University
California State University - Long Beach	George Mason University
California State University - Sacramento	George Washington University
Catholic University of America	Goucher College
Central Connecticut State University	Hampshire College
Champlain College	High Point University
Charleston Southern University	Hofstra University
Clark University	Howard University
Clarkson University	Illinois Wesleyan University
Clemson University	Indiana University - Bloomington
Coastal Carolina University	Iona University
Colby-Sawyer College	Ithaca College
College of Charleston	James Madison University
Colorado Mesa University	Johnson & Wales University - Providence
Colorado School of Mines	Keene State College
Connecticut College	Lafayette College
Culinary Institute of America	Lasell University
Curry College	Lincoln Technical Institute - New Britain
Dean College	Long Island University - Post
Delaware Valley University	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
DeSales University	
Dickinson College	Marist College
Drew University	Marywood University
Drexel University	Merrimack College
Duquesne University	Miami University - Oxford
East Carolina University	Michigan State University

COLLEGES THE CLASS OF 2024 WERE ACCEPTED TO: *(continued)*

New England College	SUNY at Purchase College
New England Institute of Technology	SUNY College at Geneseo
Nichols College	SUNY College at Oswego
Norwich University	SUNY College at Potsdam
Nova Southeastern University	SUNY College of Agriculture & Technology at Cobleskill
Ohio State University	SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry
Oregon State University	SUNY College of Technology at Delhi
Pace University	SUNY Cortland
Paul Smiths College of Arts & Science	SUNY Maritime College
Pennsylvania State University - Berks	Syracuse University
Pennsylvania State University - Main Campus	Temple University
Pennsylvania State University - Scranton	Texas A & M University - College Station
Plymouth State University	Towson University
Quinnipiac University	University at Albany, SUNY
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Alabama - Main Campus
Rhode Island College	University of Alabama - Huntsville
Roanoke College	University of Bridgeport
Rochester Institute of Technology	University of California - Santa Barbara
Roger Williams University	University of California - Santa Cruz
Rollins College	University of Colorado Boulder
Rowan University	University of Connecticut
Russell Sage College	University of Dallas
Rutgers University - New Brunswick	University of Delaware
Sacred Heart University	University of Hartford
Saint Anselm College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Saint Joseph's University	University of Louisville
Saint Michael's College	University of Maine
Seton Hall University	University of Maryland - College Park
Siena College	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Simmons University	University of Massachusetts - Boston
Southern Connecticut State University	University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth
Southern New Hampshire University	University of Massachusetts - Lowell
Springfield College	University of Missouri - Columbia
St Bonaventure University	University of Missouri - Kansas City
Stetson University	University of New England
Stonehill College	University of New Hampshire - Main Campus
Stony Brook University	University of New Haven
Suffolk University	University of North Carolina Wilmington

COLLEGES THE CLASS OF 2024 WERE ACCEPTED TO: *(continued)*

University of North Florida
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown
University of Rhode Island
University of Saint Joseph
University of South Carolina - Columbia
University of South Florida
University of Southern Maine
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee - Knoxville
University of Vermont
Vermont State University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Washington & Jefferson College
Wentworth Institute of Technology
West Virginia University
Western Carolina University
Western Connecticut State University
Western New England University
Westfield State University
Wheaton College - Massachusetts
Wilkes University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Worcester State University
Word of Life Bible Institute

Barron's College Selectivity Ratings

The Barron's Selectivity Index is a system used by Barron's Profiles of American Colleges to categorize colleges and universities based on their admission selectivity. It rates institutions on a scale from "Noncompetitive" to "Most Competitive." The index is calculated primarily by considering factors such as the percentage of applicants admitted, the median SAT and ACT scores of incoming students, high school class rank of enrolled students, and the high school GPA of enrolled students.

Most Competitive (Highest selectivity ranking)

Typically admitted -
Students ranked in the top 10% to 20% in high school
Admit fewer than 33% of applicants

School examples:
Harvard (Northeast)
University of Florida (South)
Stanford University (West)
University of Notre Dame (Midwest)

Competitive

Typically admitted -
Students ranked the top 50% to 65% in high school
Admit between 75% and 85% of applicants

School examples:
University of Nebraska (Midwest)
Temple University (Northeast)
University of Alabama (South)
Arizona State University (West)

Highly Competitive

Typically admitted -
Students ranked in the top 20% to 35% in high school
Admit between 33% and 50% of applicant

School examples:
Brigham Young University (West)
Clemson University (South)
Northeastern University (Northeast)
Grinnell College (Midwest)

Less Competitive - NO LONGER USED as of 2024

Typically admitted -
Students ranked in the top 65% in high school
Admit more than 85% of applicants

School examples:
California State-Fresno (West)
Indiana State (Midwest)
University of South Carolina at Aiken (South)
New England College (Northeast)

Very Competitive

Typically admitted -
Students ranked in the top 35% to 50% in high school
Admit between 50% and 75% of applicants

School examples:
Ohio State University (Midwest)
University of Rhode Island (Northeast)
University of South Carolina (South)
University of Arizona (West)

Non-Competitive (Lowest selectivity ranking)

Typically admitted -
Any student who graduated high school
Admit 98% or more applicants

School examples:
University of Arkansas at Little Rock (South)
University of Nebraska at Kearny (Midwest)
Wilmington College (Northeast)
Eastern Oregon University (West)

Special

Listed are the colleges whose programs of study are specialized professional schools of art, music, nursing and other disciplines. In general, the admissions requirements are not based primarily on academic criteria, but on evidence of talent or special interest in the field. Many other colleges and universities offer special-interest programs in addition to regular academic curricula, but such intuitions have been given a regular competitive rating based on academic criteria. Schools oriented toward working adults have also been assigned this rating.

School examples:
Albany College of Pharmacy (Northeast)
Burlington College (Northeast)
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Northeast)
Savannah College of Art and Design (South)