

Educational Effectiveness

2017-18

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

In 2017-18, the students completing the B.A. exam took a written comprehensive exam for the first time. The method of compiling a comprehensive exam at SCBS is based on the direct testing of department goals, based on the program (degree) goals, and includes the learning outcomes of each course. Consequently, the results are equal to the percentage of students who achieved the learning goals set for them. The results of the percentage of students who achieved their learning goals by program in the last year are:

- Bachelor in Arts (written) = 87.7%
- Master in Arts in Philosophical Studies (oral and written) = 90.0%
- Master in Divinity (oral and written) = 91.8%
- Master in Arts (oral and paper) = 95.4%
- Master of Arts, School of Theological Studies (oral and written) = 88.4%

- In 2018, pastoral supervisors report that 100% of SCBS students are prepared or very prepared to do the pastoral work needed, ranking “cultural sensitivity” as the highest of 7 skills students possess.
- 90% of faculty rated the library as “excellent” in providing requested information in a timely manner.
- In rating the effectiveness of their Seminary education, College Alumni rated “understanding of their religious heritage” at 100%, and “development in apostolic formation” at 80%. Theology Seminary students rated the same categories as 93.3% and 93.3%.
- 100% of Theology Alumni think that their theological education prepared them for their ministerial work.
- Of the Theology Seminary alumni, 100% felt that they were well prepared or prepared for ministerial work. College Alumni scored 80% on the same question.
- Information Literacy students increased their skill level by 13%.
- 100% of the School of Theological Studies summer students would recommend the program to others.
- From 2012 to 2014 the cohort default rate ranged from 3.0 to 4.7%, much lower than the national 11.8% average default rate.
- Graduation rate for the M.Div. is 86%, higher than other Catholic Seminaries (66%)