

Ranking Exercise #3 for all GE Data Elements for Students Gainful Employment Information

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Instructions: Think about our discussion today of the types of information that matter to you as a student when you are choosing a program of study or college.

Please rank each of the items below in order of importance, from 1 (most important) to 10 (least important) in relation to the question ‘how important is this information in helping me to choose a program of study or college?’

Please note that some items are excluded because they are currently being collected or will be collected such as program length, program costs, enrollment, and whether the program is accredited.

- Number of clock or credit hours** or equivalent in the program
- Loan repayment rate** (calculated for all students who enrolled, completed or withdrew from the program who entered repayment on Title IV loans during the two-year cohort period)
- Percentage of students who received a Title IV loan or a private loan**
- Median loan debt**
- Program cohort default rate**
- Completion rates—full-time and part-time students**
- Withdrawal rates**
- Job placement rate**
- Mean or median earnings**
- Annual earnings rate**