**sam** offers a comprehensive and realistic picture of student progress and completion within the higher education system. **sam** is an alternative to the federal graduation rate, which is limited to reporting the completion of first-time, full-time students at one institution and underreports student achievement. **sam** is a voluntary, collaborative effort – public and private colleges, universities, and community colleges are invited to participate. **sam** includes transfer students, part-time students, full-time students and the outcomes of students who enroll in multiple institutions.

Two Required Cohorts
- Full-time bachelor’s seeking students, first-time in higher education
- Full-time, transfer-in students, first time at institution
- OPTIONAL Part-time cohorts added in 2014

Three Time Periods
- FTFT: After 4, 5, 6 years
- FT Transfer: After 2, 4, 6 yrs
- Part-time: After 6, 8, 10 yrs

Five Outcomes
- Graduated: Reporting
- Transferred & Graduated: Other
- Enrolled: Reporting
- Transferred & Enrolled: Other
- Unknown Status

One Cohort, Disaggregated:
- Associate or certificate seeking students, first-time at institution
- Complete cohort (all students)
- Full-time students
- Part-time students

One Time Period
- After 6 years

Four Outcomes
- Graduated: Reporting
- Enrolled: Reporting
- Transferred: Other
- Unknown Status

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