

Preparing the next generation of the Maine workforce

- Maine's community colleges enroll nearly 17,500 students each fall and serve an additional 13,000 individuals each year through customized training, continuing education, and credit and non-credit courses.
- 93% of all incoming students are Maine residents.
- Over 764 current students are preparing to become the state's newest police officers, emergency medical technicians, and fire fighters.
- Maine's community colleges have 758 students enrolled in information technology programs this fall. They are taking advantage of a wide variety of new IT programs made possible by the **Maine is IT!** initiative.
- The community colleges graduated 680 nurses and allied health professionals in 2014, nearly one third of all undergraduate health care completers in Maine.
- Over 440 students are enrolled in MCCA tourism and hospitality programs, providing a skilled workforce for Maine's largest industry.

70% of students are enrolled in career and occupational programs in fall 2015. An additional 2,735 students are now enrolled in MCCA career and occupational programs than were a decade ago.



The future is bright for these graduates and for Maine:

- The average 1st-year wage for MCCA graduates with an associate degree who are employed full time is \$34,433.
- 92% of employed graduates are working in Maine.
- For many of our students, community college is just the start. Forty-two percent of MCCA graduates in three recent classes pursued further education at over 223 different colleges and universities. Forty percent of those students (1,115) enrolled in the University of Maine System.

Maine's community colleges deliver an impressive return on investment

- 92% of graduates land jobs or continue their education.
- MCCA awarded 2,766 credentials in 2014-15. Since 2003, when Maine's technical colleges became community colleges, MCCA has awarded a total of 27,295 college credentials, including:
 - ▶ 7,263 in healthcare professions
 - ▶ 3,567 in business studies
 - ▶ 3,411 in liberal arts & sciences
 - ▶ 2,451 in mechanic & repair technologies
 - ▶ 2,016 in engineering technologies
 - ▶ 1,820 in construction trades
 - ▶ 1,198 in precision production & machining
 - ▶ 1,025 in law enforcement, fire science, & homeland security

Tuition and fees for a full-time student average **\$3,400 a year.**



The colleges offer a high quality, high skills education *at the lowest price in New England.*

The colleges work with employers across the state to provide customized training to upgrade the skills of Maine's workforce:

- Last year 126 Maine businesses and organizations contracted with the community colleges to provide specialized training to approximately 2,000 individuals.
- Some of Maine's largest employers—among them Pratt & Whitney, Bath Iron Works, and Maine Medical Center—depend on the colleges' training divisions to upgrade the skills of their workforce.
- Since 1994, grants from the MCCA Maine Quality Centers program have helped 234 companies expand and strengthen their workforce. The result: a projected 13,392 new Maine jobs.

The mission of the colleges is vital to the Maine economy and the state's future:

- Maine's community colleges offer one- and two-year programs of study leading to careers in technical and occupational programs. They also provide students with an affordable entry point to higher education, enabling them to transfer to four-year degree programs and save thousands of dollars.
- Over 75% of programs offered at Maine's community colleges are the only ones of their kind in the state.
- Our colleges work in close partnership with business and industry to ensure programs are relevant and respected. Recently, programs have been added or expanded in the following areas to meet the needs of students, employers, and the changing Maine economy: information technology, precision machining, veterinary technology, wind power technology, sustainable agriculture, and more.

Our locations

The seven community colleges and their off-campus centers are within 25 miles of 92% of Maine's population. Centers are located in Damariscotta, Dover-Foxcroft, East Millinocket, Ellsworth, Houlton, and South Paris.

Central Maine Community College (Auburn)
www.cmcc.edu

Eastern Maine Community College (Bangor)
www.emcc.edu

Kennebec Valley Community College
(Fairfield/Hinckley)
www.kvcc.me.edu

Northern Maine Community College (Presque Isle)
www.nmcc.edu

Southern Maine Community College
(South Portland/Brunswick)
www.smccme.edu

Washington County Community College (Calais)
www.wccc.me.edu

York County Community College (Wells)
www.yccc.edu



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