Maine Community College System

Preparing the next generation of the Maine workforce.

Maine’s community colleges enrolled 15,948 students in fall 2020, with 72% enrolled in career and occupational programs.

• 94% of incoming degree-seeking students are Maine residents.
• 72% of students are enrolled in career and occupational programs. The number enrolled in these programs has increased 20% since the transition to community colleges in 2003.
• More than 90% of 2016 graduates are employed in Maine or are continuing their education.
• Maine’s community colleges offer a range of low or no-cost training programs that are directly tied to jobs that employers are currently hiring for in Maine.
• For many of our students, community college is just the start. In fall 2020, 653 MCCS alumni enrolled in the University of Maine System. Others went on to study at colleges and universities in Maine, New England, and across the country.

MCCS graduates form the bedrock of the Maine economy. This year:

• Nearly 1,900 students are preparing to become nurses and allied health professionals, helping to meet Maine’s growing need for quality health care services.
• 1,086 students are enrolled in skilled trades programs, including construction trades, mechanic and repair technologies, and precision production.
• 544 students are preparing to become the state’s newest police officers, emergency medical technicians, and fire fighters.
• 595 students are enrolled in information technology.
• 546 students are enrolled in pre-engineering and engineering technology programs.
• 272 students are enrolled in tourism and hospitality programs, providing a skilled workforce for Maine’s largest industry.

MCCS has awarded more than 40,729 college credentials since 2003.

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Tuition and fees for a full-time student average $3,700 a year.

• Demands for short-term workforce training is at an all-time high. 3,625 workers trained last year, a 300% increase in two years.

• Some of Maine’s largest employers — among them Pratt & Whitney, Bath Iron Works, and Cianbro — turn to the college’s training divisions to help upgrade the skills of their workforce

• Grants from the MCCS Maine Quality Centers (MQC) program have helped 279 companies expand and strengthen their workforce. The result: 22,548 Maine people have upgraded their skills and/or trained for new positions.

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

• Our colleges work in close partnership with business and industry to ensure programs are relevant and responsive to employer’s workforce needs.

• 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.

• Short-term training programs include mechanized logging operations, medical assisting, commercial drivers license, medical coding, mecial records technician, pharmacy technician, phlebotomy, industrial electrical repair, Microsoft office specialist, facility maintenance technician, and more.

• In 2019-2020, the state’s community colleges served approximately 29,000 individuals — through degree programs, customized training, and credit and non-credit offerings.

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

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

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