2022-2023 Fact Sheet

Who We Are
• We’re affordable: Maine’s community colleges have the lowest tuition and fees in New England, and generous scholarships and aid.

• We’re vibrant: On-campus housing is available along with sports, clubs, athletic facilities, and campus events.

• We’re practical: High-tech facilities mean students learn on equipment they’ll use on the job. Through practicums and internships, students can get hands-on experience in their field.

• We’re welcoming: Our community includes high school students in early college programs; high school graduates starting their college path; job-focused adults in workforce training; and mid-career Mainers looking to gain new skills.

Who We Serve
• 16,791 students enrolled in credit courses in fall 2022.

• 95% of incoming degree-seeking students are Maine residents.

• About 70% of degree-seeking students get some form of grant aid. For over half of all degree-seeking students, grant aid covers the full cost of tuition and fees.

• 65% of all students attend part time.

• 80% of degree-seeking students are enrolled in career and occupational programs, while others are focused on completing an affordable first two years of college and then transferring for a four-year degree.

MCCS has awarded 45,195 college credentials since 2003. These skilled workers form the bedrock of the Maine economy.

Serving All Ages and Aspirations
• The average age of degree-seeking students is 25. 34 percent are adult learners age 25 or older.

• In 2021-2022, 3,594 Maine high-school students earned college credits through early college programs offered at Maine’s community colleges.

• 52% of new, degree-seeking students are recent high school graduates.

• Students at Maine’s community colleges can easily transfer credits for general education courses to the University of Maine System, and liberal studies students can be admitted to UMS with advanced standing. In fall 2020, 641 MCCS alumni enrolled in the UMaine System, while many other graduates continue their education at colleges across New England and the country.
Building a Skilled Workforce for Maine

- We’re focused on providing short-term workforce training so you can prepare for the job you want in weeks and months – not years. We trained 5,014 people in 2021-22, and we’re on track to train 24,000 Mainers through 2025 in a wide range of industries.

- Among our short-term workforce training programs: Advanced emergency medical technician, Amazon Web Services, CNC, commercial drivers license, dental assisting, CompTIA, early childhood education, electrician’s technology, heat pump installer, high pressure boiler, mechanized logging operations, medical assisting, medical coding, pharmacy technician, phlebotomy, surgical technician, welding, and more.

- These programs are coordinated by the new Harold Alfond Center for the Advancement of Maine’s Workforce, which provides short-term workforce training through Maine’s community colleges.

Offering Customized Training & Education

- The Alfond Center also offers customized training for our business partners so incumbent workers can improve their existing skills and develop new skills to keep pace with the market.

- Ongoing incumbent worker training also helps with retention and job security: 60% of incumbent worker trainees were over the age of 35, and 73% had a high school diploma, but no post-secondary degree.

- Over the years, Maine’s community colleges have provided customized training to more than 30,892 people.

Maine’s community colleges offer the lowest tuition in New England

Free for many. Affordable for all.

$96 per credit hour

The average cost for a full-time student $3,750 a year in tuition & fees.

High school graduates from Classes of 2020-2023 qualify for a Free College Scholarship that pays 100% of tuition and mandatory fees.

Over $54 million in grant aid is awarded each year.

In 2021-2022, the community colleges served more than 25,000 individuals — through degree programs, customized training, and credit and non-credit offerings.