Maine’s comprehensive two-year college system, offering technical, career, and transfer programs; customized training; and lifelong learning.

Who We Serve

- 17,327 students enrolled in credit courses in fall 2019.
- 94% of incoming degree-seeking students are Maine residents.
- 50% of entering, degree-seeking students are recent high-school graduates.
- 74% of full-time, degree-seeking students receive financial aid.
- 65% of all students attend part time.
- More than half of students report working more than 20 hours a week.
- 71% of students are enrolled in career and occupational programs. The number enrolled in these programs has increased 26% since the transition to community colleges in 2003.

Building a Skilled Workforce for Maine

- More than 90% of 2016 graduates are employed in Maine or continuing their education.
- Students who graduated from a Maine community college in 2016 and worked full time in 2017 earned an average wage of $39,900.
- 94% of MCCS graduates who take a state or national licensure exam are successful in earning the certification they need to work in their chosen field.

MCCS has awarded more than 38,129 college credentials since the transition to community colleges in 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. 38% percent are adult learners age 25 or older.

• In 2018-2019, over 4,228 Maine high-school students earned college credits through the various dual enrollment options offered by Maine's community colleges.

• Since 2003, Embark has worked to increase Maine’s college-going and college completion rates by supporting over 1,800 Maine students each year as they transition from high school to college.

• 685 MCCS alumni enrolled in the University of Maine System in fall 2018. Students also continued their education at numerous other colleges and universities in Maine, New England, and across the country.

Offering Customized Training & Education

• In 2018-2019, the state's community colleges served more than 27,000 individuals—through degree programs, customized training, and credit and non-credit offerings.

• Since its inception, the MCCS Maine Quality Centers (MQC) program has provided workforce training to 275 new or expanding Maine businesses. The result: 18,923 Maine people have upgraded their skills and/or trained for new positions.

• Through an initiative focused on incumbent workers, MQC has partnered with 73 employers to upgrade the skills of their employees over the past six years.

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

Free for many. Affordable for all.

$94 per credit hour

The average cost to attend full time is about $3,700 a year in tuition & fees.

Over $45 million in grant aid is awarded to students each year.

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