



Preparing the next generation of the Maine workforce

Maine's community colleges enrolled 17,311 students in fall 2016. More than two-thirds were enrolled in career and occupational programs.

- 94% of entering degree-seeking students are Maine residents.
- 92% of graduates land jobs or continue their education.
- 92% of employed graduates are working in Maine.
- 98% 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.
- Students who graduated from a Maine community college with an associate degree during one recent three-year period earned an average first-year wage of approximately \$34,000.
- For many of our students, community college is just the start. 722 MCCS alumni enrolled in the University of Maine System in fall 2016. Students also continued their education at numerous other colleges and universities in Maine, New England, and across the country.



Over 75% of the programs offered at Maine's community colleges are the only ones of their kind in the state.



MCCS has awarded more than 30,000 college credentials since 2003.

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

- Over 1,800 students are preparing to become nurses and allied health professionals, helping to meet Maine's growing need for quality health care services.
- 750 students are enrolled in information technology programs. They are taking advantage of a wide variety of new IT programs made possible by the **Maine is IT!** initiative.
- Nearly 700 students are preparing to become the state's newest police officers, emergency medical technicians, and fire fighters.
- Over 400 students are enrolled in tourism and hospitality programs, providing a skilled workforce for Maine's largest industry.

Tuition and fees for a full-time student average **\$3,600 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:

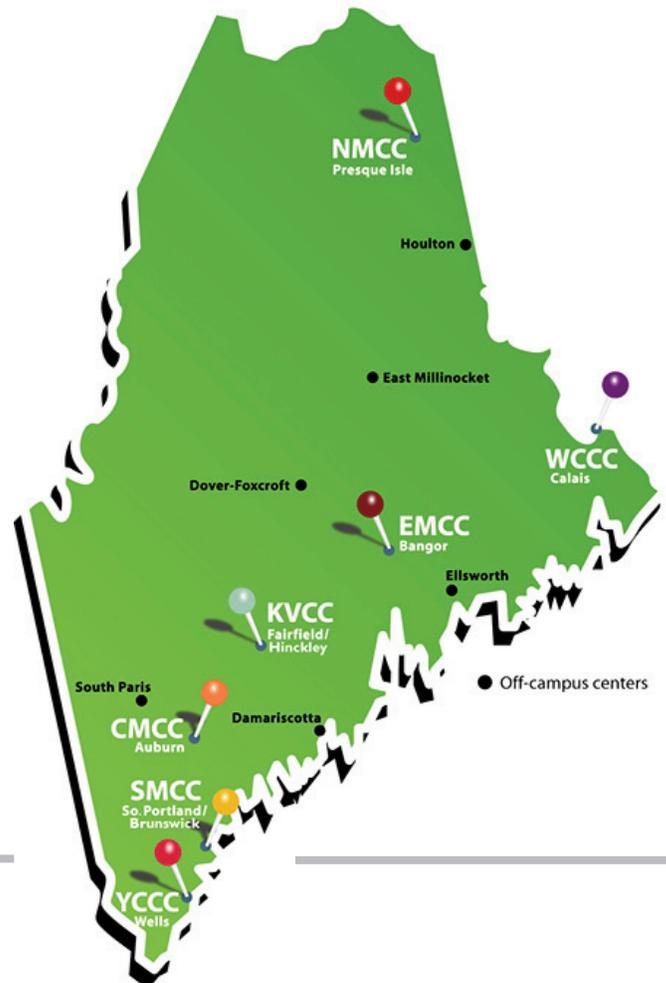
- Last year 133 Maine businesses and organizations contracted with the community colleges to provide specialized training to approximately 2,000 individuals.
- Some of Maine's largest employers—among them Pratt & Whitney, Bath Iron Works, and The Jackson Laboratory—turn to the colleges' training divisions to help upgrade the skills of their workforce.
- Grants from the MCCS Maine Quality Centers (MQC) program have helped 236 companies expand and strengthen their workforce. The result: those employers have hired a total of 12,469 MQC trainees to fill new positions around the state.

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.
- Our colleges work in close partnership with business and industry to ensure programs are relevant and responsive to employer's workforce needs.
- MCCS has recently added or expanded programs in the following areas to meet the changing needs of students, employers, and the Maine economy: information technology, precision machining, veterinary technology, sustainable construction, and more.

Our locations

The seven community colleges and their off-campus centers are within 25 miles of 92% of Maine's population.



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