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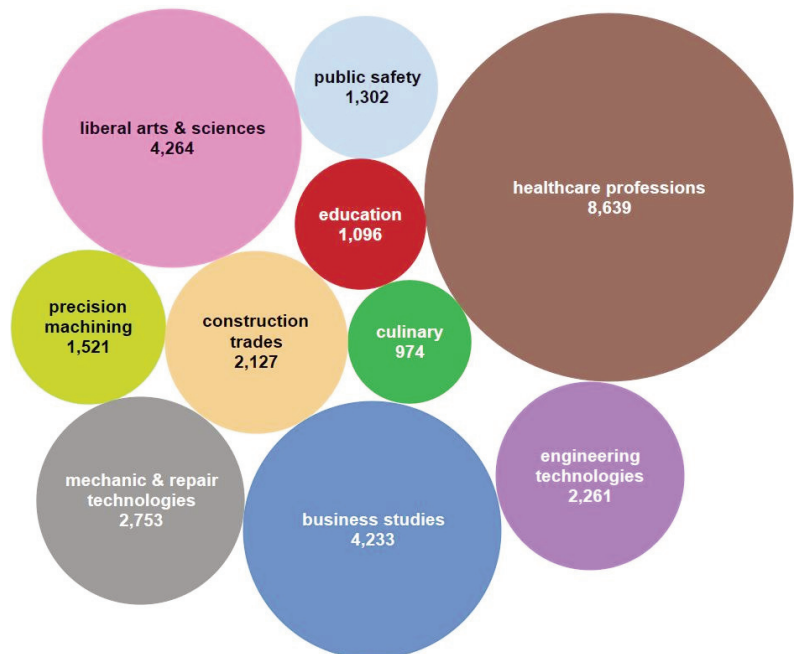
Maine's comprehensive two-year college system, offering technical, career, and transfer programs; customized training; and lifelong learning.

Who we serve

- 16,968 students enrolled in credit courses in fall 2017.
- 94% of incoming degree-seeking students are Maine residents.
- 46% of incoming students come directly from high school.
- 75% of full-time, degree-seeking students receive financial aid.
- 63% of all students attend part time.
- More than half of students report working more than 20 hours a week.
- 68% of students are enrolled in career and occupational programs. The number enrolled in these programs has increased 29% since the transition to community colleges in 2003.



MCCS has awarded nearly 33,000 college credentials since the transition to community colleges in 2003. These skilled workers form the bedrock of the Maine economy.



Building a skilled workforce for Maine

- 92% of graduates land jobs or continue their education.
- 92% of employed graduates are working in Maine.
- 96% 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.



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

\$92 a credit hour

The average cost to attend full time is about \$3,600 a year in tuition and fees.

Over \$36 million in grant aid is awarded to students each year.

Serving all ages and aspirations

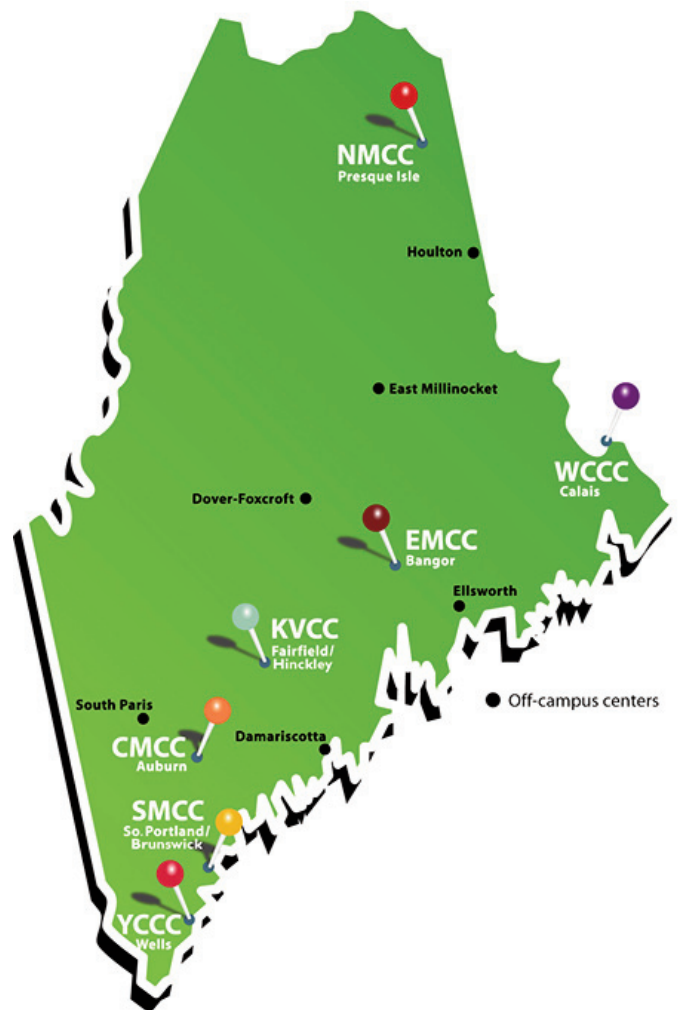
- The average age of degree-seeking students is 26. Thirty-nine percent are adult learners age 25 or older.
- In 2016-2017, over 3,200 Maine high school students earned college credits through the various dual enrollment options offered by Maine's community colleges.
- Since 2003, Early College for ME 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.
- 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.

Offering customized training and education

- In 2016-2017, the state's community colleges served nearly 28,000 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 237 new or expanding Maine businesses. The result: 15,068 Maine people have been trained for new positions.
- Through an initiative focused on incumbent workers, MQC has partnered with 44 employers to upgrade the skills of more than 1,356 of their employees over the past four years.

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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