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

ENROLLMENT

ENROLLMENT UP 63% SINCE TRANSITION TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Degree enrollment has increased 63% since the transition from technical to community colleges, for a total of 12,264 students in the fall of 2008.
- A total of 14,799 credit students (degree and non-degree) enrolled in fall 2008.
- In all, about 26,000 individuals were served by Maine's community colleges in 2007/08 through degree programs, customized education and training for businesses and their employees, and credit and non-credit offerings.

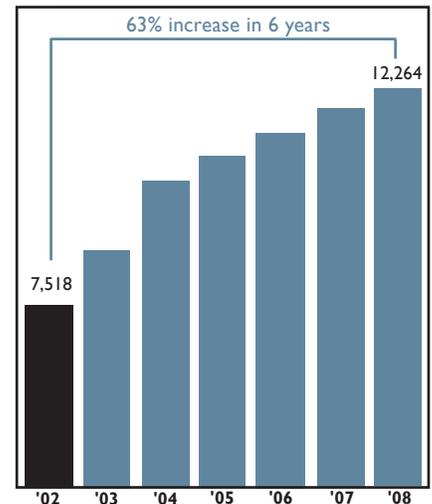
ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

- 5,458 first-year degree students enrolled in fall 2008. Of those, 39% came directly from high school.
- 13,005 applications were received for fall 2008.
- 51% of first-year students are male.
- 25% of first-year students entered with some prior college.
- 63% of first-year students are 21 or under; 27% are 25 or over.
- The average age of degree students is 26.
- 40% of degree students attend part time.

MORE STUDENTS ENTERING DIRECTLY FROM HIGH SCHOOL

- The number of students entering directly from high school has grown by 69% in six years – to 2,115 students in fall 2008.
- The MCCS Early College for ME program targets Maine high school students who are undecided about college but have the potential to succeed in higher education.
- Since 2003, ECforME has helped nearly 3,000 students prepare for and/or enroll in college.
- 68% of ECforME students have been successful: are still enrolled, have graduated, or have transferred to a 4-year college.

4,746 NEW COLLEGE STUDENTS



FACTS AT A GLANCE

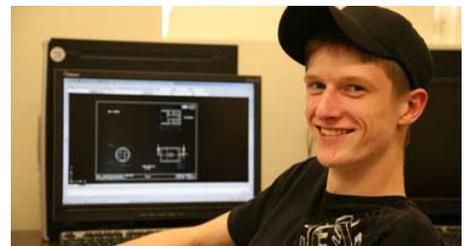
96% of first-year MCCS students are Maine residents.

94% of employed graduates find jobs in Maine.

The community colleges offer the lowest tuition in Maine: \$82 per credit hour.

74% of full-time students are receiving financial aid.

The MCCS is the second largest educator of health care professionals in Maine. Over 500 nurses and allied health professionals graduate from our colleges each year.





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OUR PROGRAMS

Nearly 300 associate degree, certificate, and diploma options are available in health care, business, liberal studies, computing, education, hospitality, automotive technology, electronics, manufacturing, construction, public safety, and more.

AFFORDABLE TUITION

The community colleges offer the lowest tuition in Maine: \$82 per credit hour. The average cost to attend a Maine community college is about \$3,300 a year in tuition and fees.

HOT CAREER PROGRAMS:

Of those students enrolled in career programs in fall 2008:

- 25% are in nursing and allied health programs;
- 19% are enrolled in trade or related programs;
- 19% are in business and office administration;
- 8% are in early childhood and paraprofessional education; and
- 7% are enrolled in computer and multimedia programs.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATISTICS

ABOUT COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Community colleges enroll over 11 million students in the U.S. each year, 46% of the nation's undergraduates.
- The first community college was established in 1901. Today, there are 1,195 two-year community colleges in the U.S.

GRADUATE RESULTS

- 95% of MCCA graduates land jobs and/or continue their education after earning a degree.
- Last year, 2,485 MCCA transfer students were enrolled at the University of Maine System, an increase of nearly 50% since 2002.
- A recent study of one group of MCCA graduates who went on to additional study found: 64% enrolled within the University of Maine System; 19% enrolled at another 4-year institution in Maine; and 12% enrolled at a 4-year college or university outside of Maine.

ABOUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

- 39% of community college students are first-generation college students.
- 59% of new nurses and a majority of new healthcare workers get their training at community colleges.
- Nearly 80% of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and EMT's are credentialed at community colleges.
- Nearly half of the students who receive a baccalaureate degree in the U.S. attend a community college in the course of their undergraduate studies.

Source: American Association of Community Colleges.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Maine's community colleges delivered customized education and training to 129 businesses, upgrading the skills of over 3,500 Maine workers in 2007/08.
- Since its creation, the Maine Quality Centers program has helped 219 companies expand their operations in Maine, representing an estimated \$1.9 billion in private investment in Maine.
- Over 12,700 Maine people have been trained through the Maine Quality Centers program, and more than 11,700 have been placed in full-time jobs with benefits and an average wage of \$11.21/hour.

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The seven community colleges and nine off-campus centers are within 25 miles of 92% of Maine's population. Off-campus centers are located in Augusta, Bath, Dover-Foxcroft, East Millinocket, Ellsworth, Houlton, Madawaska, South Paris, and South Portland.

Central Maine
Community College
Auburn

Eastern Maine
Community College
Bangor

Kennebec Valley
Community College
Fairfield

Northern Maine
Community College
Presque Isle

Southern Maine
Community College
South Portland

Washington County
Community College
Calais

York County
Community College
Wells