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

ENROLLMENT

ENROLLMENT UP 55% SINCE TRANSITION TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Degree enrollment has increased 55% since 2002, for a total of 11,682 students in the fall of 2007.
- A total of 13,845 credit students (degree and non-degree) enrolled in fall 2007.
- In all, about 28,000 individuals were served by Maine's community colleges in 2006/07 through degree programs, customized education and training for businesses and their employees, and credit and non-credit offerings.

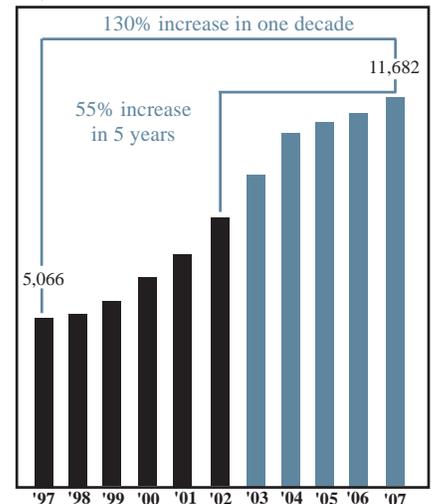
ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

- 5,966 first-year degree students enrolled in fall 2007. Of those, 34% came directly from high school.
- 9,245 applications were received for fall 2007.
- First-year students are evenly split (50/50) between male and female.
- 33% of first-year students entered with some prior college.
- 58% of first-year students are 21 or under; 29% are over 25; and 9% are over 40.
- The average age of degree students is 26.
- 47% 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 61% in five years – to 2,019 students in fall 2007.
- Since 2003, the MCCS' Early College for ME program has helped 2,179 students prepare for and/or enroll in college. The program targets Maine high school students who are undecided about college but have the potential to succeed in higher education.
- Of the ECforME students who had completed or entered their second year of college as of October 2007, 69% were successful.

6,616 NEW COLLEGE STUDENTS



FACTS AT A GLANCE

95% of first-year MCCS students are Maine residents.

96% of graduates are placed in jobs or continue their education.

93% of employed graduates find jobs in Maine.

The community colleges offer the lowest tuition in Maine: \$80 per credit hour.

76% of full-time students are receiving financial aid.

A quarter of the state's registered nurse graduates in 2006/07 earned their degree from a Maine community college.





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OUR PROGRAMS

More than 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.

HOT CAREER PROGRAMS:

Of those Maine community college students enrolled in career programs in fall 2007:

- 24% are in nursing and allied health programs;
- 21% are enrolled in trade or related programs;
- 18% are in business and office administration;
- 12% are enrolled in computer and multimedia programs; and
- 9% are in early childhood and paraprofessional education.

GRADUATE RESULTS

- 96% of graduates land jobs and/or continue their education after earning a degree.
- Some 2,500 Maine community college transfer students are currently enrolled at one of the state's public universities, an increase of nearly 50% since fall 2002.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Research shows that taxpayers' investments in community college students are returned within 7 to 10 years of graduation through increased income and sales tax revenues.
- Maine's community colleges delivered customized education and training to 172 businesses in 2006/07, upgrading the skills of over 4,700 Maine workers.
- The Maine Quality Centers program has helped 202 companies expand their operations in Maine, representing an estimated \$1.7 billion in private investment in Maine.
- Over 12,000 Maine people have been trained through the Maine Quality Centers program, and nearly 11,000 have been placed in full-time jobs with benefits at an average wage of \$10.98/hour.

AFFORDABLE TUITION

The community colleges offer the lowest tuition in Maine: \$80 per credit hour. The average cost to attend a Maine community college is about \$3,200 a year in tuition and fees.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATISTICS

- 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.
- 50% 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.

Sources: American Association of Community Colleges, National Center for Education Statistics, Community College Research Center.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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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