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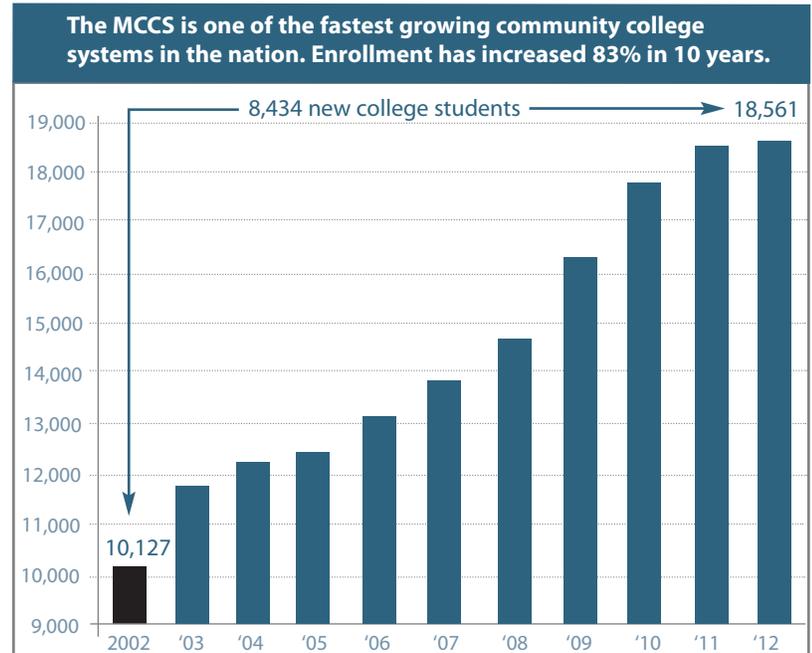
Maine Community College System

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

Who we serve

- 18,561 students enrolled in the fall of 2012.
- 93% of first-year MCCA students are Maine residents.
- 38% come directly from high school.
- 32% entered with some prior college.
- 57% of all students attend part time.
- The average age of first-year students is 27.
- 60% of first-year students are 21 or under; 20% are between 22 and 29; 19% are 30 or older.
- 82% of full-time students receive financial aid.

Enrollment growth



About our alumni

- 93% of graduates land jobs or continue their education.
- 92% of employed graduates are working in Maine.
- Each year, more and more MCCA students transfer to 4-year institutions. In the fall of 2012, 836 MCCA students transferred to the University of Maine System, an increase of 20% in just one year. They joined hundreds of other recent MCCA alumni who are working towards degrees at over 164 colleges in 40 states.
- Maine's community colleges graduated over 750 nurses and allied health professionals in 2011, more than one-third of all the undergraduate healthcare completers in Maine and more than any other college, university, or higher education system in the state.



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

\$86 a credit hour.

The average cost to attend full time is about \$3,300 a year in tuition and fees.

A wide range of academic programs

- The Maine Community College System offers nearly 300 associate degree, certificate, and diploma options.
- About 85% of programs offered at Maine's community colleges are the only ones of their kind in the state.

Affordable

- Maine's community colleges have frozen tuition eight of the past 14 years. The colleges' annual tuition and fees are the lowest in New England and average \$3,300 for a full-time student.

Responsive to the needs of business and industry

- In 2012/13, over 830 MCCS students are preparing to become the state's newest police officers, emergency medical technicians, and fire fighters.
- Nearly 550 students enroll annually in MCCS tourism and hospitality programs, providing a skilled workforce for Maine's largest industry.
- New MCCS programs in wind power technology and building science and sustainability are supporting Maine's growing green economy.
- The MCCS has recently added or expanded new degree programs in composite technology, health information technology, precision machining, and other high demand fields to meet the workforce needs of Maine employers.

Serving students of all ages

- Through Early College for ME and On Course for College, the MCCS has awarded over \$3.5 million in scholarship assistance to high school students studying at a Maine community college.
- The number of students entering a Maine community college directly from high school has increased 64% in 10 years, from 1,251 in 2002 to 2,050 in 2012.
- Accelerate ME is designed to help Maine residents who have earned some college credit complete their associate degree. In the past two years, the pilot program has served over 260 students and 80% of participants in the first year of the program completed a college credential in 12 months.

Offering customized training and education

- Since 1994, the MCCS Maine Quality Centers program has helped 224 companies expand their operations in Maine. The result: 12,670 new jobs for Maine people.
- Over 31,000 individuals are served by the state's community colleges each year—through degree programs, customized training, and credit and non-credit offerings.

Our locations

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

Central Maine Community College (Auburn)
www.cmcc.edu

Eastern Maine Community College (Bangor)
www.emcc.edu

Kennebec Valley Community College
(Fairfield/Hinckley)
www.kvcc.me.edu

Northern Maine Community College (Presque Isle)
www.nmcc.edu

Southern Maine Community College
(South Portland and Brunswick)
www.smccme.edu

Washington County Community College (Calais)
www.wccc.me.edu

York County Community College (Wells)
www.yccc.edu