

When You Do The Math

Connecticut's Community Colleges Add Value

Connecticut's economic growth depends on the education level and earning power of its workforce. With nearly 50% of the state's public college and university undergraduates enrolled at the twelve community colleges, Connecticut students and businesses benefit. Over 96,000 credit and non-credit students each year gain improved career skills, better job opportunities, and a better quality of life. Seventy percent of students attend part-time while working toward a degree.

- An associate degree graduate earns approximately \$400,000 in additional income over a lifetime in comparison to a high school graduate
- Graduates of community college occupational programs in 2000-2001 increased individual earnings by nearly \$13,000 annually, according to statistics from the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission
- Jobs requiring a two-year degree will grow by 31% between 1998 and 2008 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Students who transfer to complete a four-year degree through guaranteed admissions programs reduce the cost of education and student loans
- In 2003, over 600 Connecticut businesses contracted for employee education and training with the community colleges

A community college education makes the difference through:

- A 21st century workforce for
 - Allied Health and Bioscience
 - Information Technology
 - Insurance and Finance
 - Manufacturing
 - Teaching and Childcare
- Improved job opportunities
- Increased earnings
- Reduced unemployment
- Reduced welfare dependency
- Increased tax revenues
- Improved health habits
- Reduced health care costs
- Reduced criminal justice costs

This all adds up to a skilled workforce and economic prosperity for Connecticut.



Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield
Capital Community College in Hartford
Gateway Community College in New Haven & North Haven
Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport
Manchester Community College in Manchester
Middlesex Community College in Middletown & Meriden
Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury
Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted
Norwalk Community College in Norwalk
Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson & Willimantic
Three Rivers Community College in Norwich
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