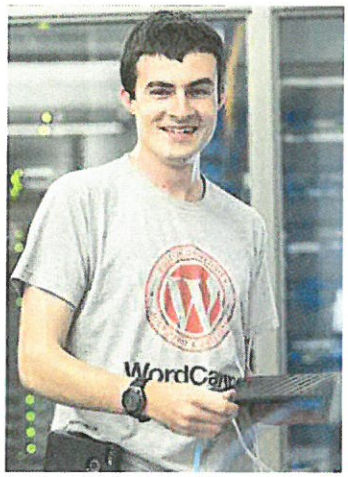
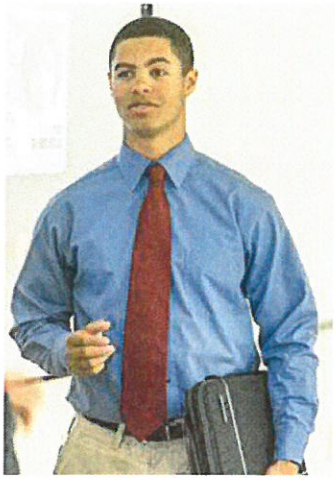
2015–2016 Fact Sheet



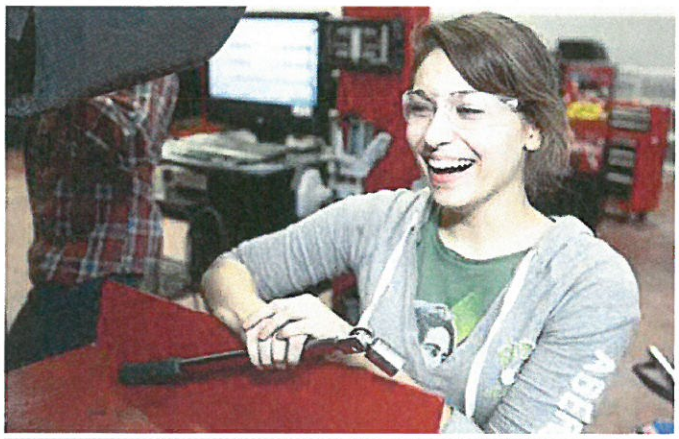


Maine Community College System

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

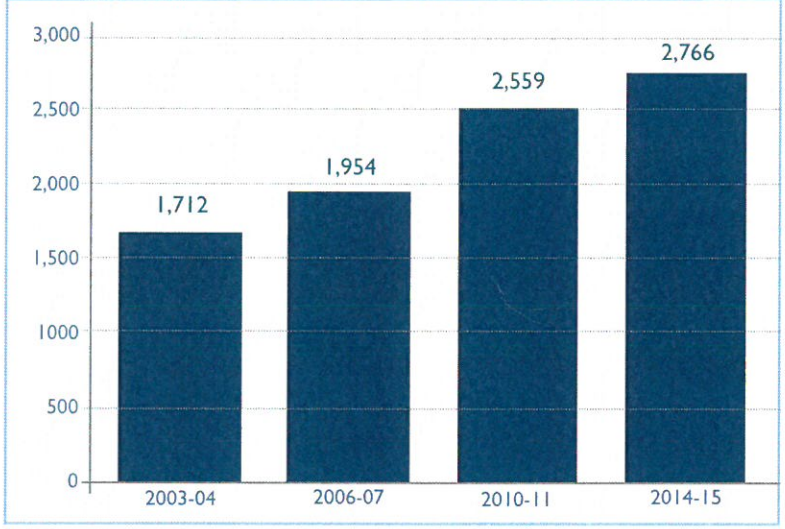
Who we serve

- 17,464 students enrolled in credit courses in fall 2015.
- 93% of incoming MCCS students are Maine residents.
- 44% come directly from high school.
- 34% entered with some prior college.
- 59% of all students attend part time.
- 70% of students are enrolled in career and occupational programs in fall 2015. The number of these students has increased 40% since the transition to community colleges in 2003.
- 78% of full-time, degree-seeking students receive financial aid.



More college graduates for Maine

MCCS awarded 2,766 credentials in 2014-15, a 62% increase over the 1,712 credentials awarded in 2003-04, the year Maine's technical colleges became community colleges.



About our alumni

- Since 2003, MCCS has awarded a total of 27,295 college credentials.
- 92% of graduates land jobs or continue their education.
- 92% of employed graduates are working in Maine.
- Forty-two percent of MCCS graduates in the classes of 2009, 2010, and 2011 pursued further education at over 223 different colleges and universities. Forty percent of those students (1,115) enrolled in the University of Maine System.
- Maine's community colleges graduated 680 nurses and allied health professionals in 2014, nearly one-third of all undergraduate healthcare completers in Maine.

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

$90 a credit hour.

The average cost to attend full time is about $3,400 a year in tuition and fees.

A wide range of academic programs

- The Maine Community College System offers nearly 300 associate degree and certificate options.
- Over 75% of programs offered at Maine's community colleges are the only ones of their kind in the state.

Responsive to the needs of employers

- In fall 2015, 764 MCCS students are preparing to become the state's newest police officers, emergency medical technicians, and fire fighters.
- MCCS has 758 students enrolled in information technology programs in fall 2015. They are taking advantage of a wide variety of new IT programs made possible by the ***Maine is IT!*** initiative.
- A total of 440 students are enrolled in MCCS tourism and hospitality programs, providing a skilled workforce for Maine's largest industry.

Affordable

- Maine's community colleges offer the lowest tuition and fees in New England and average $3,400 for a full-time student.

Serving students of all ages

- The average age of all degree-seeking students is 26. Thirty-seven percent of all incoming students are adult learners over the age of 21.
- In 2014-2015, over 2,800 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.

Offering customized training and education

- In 2014-2015, the state's community colleges served approximately 30,000 individuals—through degree programs, customized training, and credit and non-credit offerings.
- Since 1994, the Maine Quality Centers (MQC) program has helped 234 companies expand and strengthen their workforce. The result: a projected 13,392 new Maine jobs.
- Through a new initiative focused on incumbent workers, MQC has partnered with an additional 19 employers to upgrade the skills of more than 500 of their employees over the past two years.

Our colleges

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/Brunswick)
www.smccme.edu

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

York County Community College (Wells)
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