

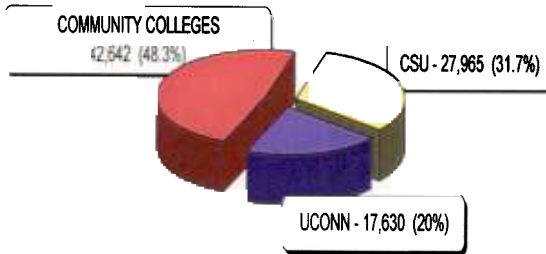


Connecticut Community Colleges

Education That Works For a Lifetime



The educational programs and student support services of the 12 Connecticut Community Colleges serve approximately 50% of the undergraduates in public higher education in Connecticut. Nearly 43,00 enrolled in credit courses in fall 2001 - a 6.5% increase in FTE from fall 2000.



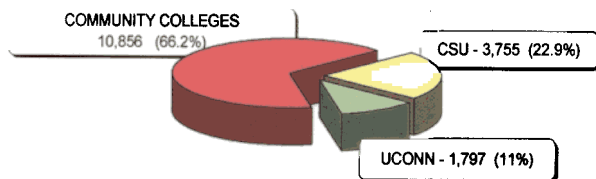
Non-credit Registrations

An additional 23,228 students registered for non-credit skill building and personal interest courses - a total of 66,000 served in both credit and non-credit programs in fall 2001. Two-thirds of the non-credit registrations - 12,784 - were related to workforce development as individuals sought career advancement, retraining or upgraded skills by continuing their educations. In addition, over 300 businesses contracted for training services and continuing education for their employees through the community colleges in the past year.

Student Demographics

Minority Enrollments

Approximately two-thirds of the African American and Hispanic undergraduates in public higher education in Connecticut are enrolled at the community colleges.



Program Enrollments

One-third of the colleges' enrollments are in **Liberal Arts, General Studies and the College of Technology**, a statewide curriculum, all of which offer the first two years of baccalaureate education for students interested in transfer. Another one third of enrollments are in **non-degree courses** that expand the student's knowledge base while improving literacy, communication and workforce skills. The remaining enrollments are in **occupational, vocational, technical, and career-related degree and certificate programs** that provide training for immediate employment, job retraining, and upgrading of skills to meet the needs of Connecticut's workers and employers.

Investing in a Community College Education

In 1998-2000:

- . 4,974 students graduated from occupational credit programs and were employed in the state.
- . Their average annual wages increased \$11,178.
- . Additional income in CT: \$55,600,770.
- . Overall pass rates on licensure examinations averaged 94% for community college students.
- . \$1 invested in a community college returns an average of \$4 to \$6 for students and the state.

Student Costs and Financial Aid

2002 Annual Full-Time Tuition & Fees: \$1,888

2003 Annual Full-Time Tuition & Fees: \$1,980

Access to educational opportunity is supported by low tuition and fees and readily available financial aid. In FY 2000, more than 12,000 students received approximately \$28 million in Financial Aid from Federal, State and college sources. An additional \$2 million was devoted to statutory waivers for veterans and other eligible groups.

Budget Overview

In 2000-01, the system's budget totaled: **\$219,821,187** with **\$113.4 million in General Fund** support from the General Assembly and **\$106.4 million in the Operating Fund**. The colleges' capital budgets have benefited from an unprecedented commitment by the Rowland administration beginning in 1996 with a multi-year plan investing \$343 million in capital projects. That commitment has been extended to 2007 with \$335 million planned for investment.

Workforce Impact

Lifetime earnings for associate degree graduates are approximately \$200,000 more than H.S. grads. The large majority of students study part time (72%), and 53% of the students are over the age of 25 - the state's current and future workforce.

