

Virginia's Community Colleges

Essential to Our Economic Prosperity

Funding VCCS ensures Virginia's largest higher education institution can sustain and grow programs that are aligned with regional business interests, offer direct paths to family-sustaining careers, and provide local employers with a robust pool of highly skilled workforce talent to support Virginia's economy.

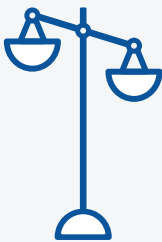
Impact

Virginia's Community Colleges account for nearly half of all public undergraduate students in Virginia (46%)

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2.7x Added Tax Revenue & Public Sector Savings¹

Every \$1
invested
in VCCS



Yields
\$2.70 in
returns



\$11.6 Billion²

Annual economic
activity generated
by VCCS



232,817³

Students Served

81% of VCCS students stay local and contribute back to their communities and economies

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99,045⁴

Minority Students



+ \$12,000⁵

More per year for
associate-degree earners



\$21,423 Savings⁶

Associate to Bachelor
vs. 4-Year Bachelor



351,775⁷

Degrees, Certificates,
and Credentials



Dominique, LPN Program,
Virginia Highlands



Samuel, Heavy Equipment
Operator, Paul D. Camp



Katie, Welding,
Mountain Gateway

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Opportunity: Maintaining Virginia as the Top Destination for Business

Virginia's Community Colleges are closing the Commonwealth's skills gap. Virginia is one of 16 states whose labor shortage is classified as "most severe."⁸

College & Career Preparation: More than 55,000 high school students received college credit through dual enrollment courses.

Guaranteed Transfer: Qualifying VCCS students may obtain guaranteed admission to 30+ public and private Virginia institutions.

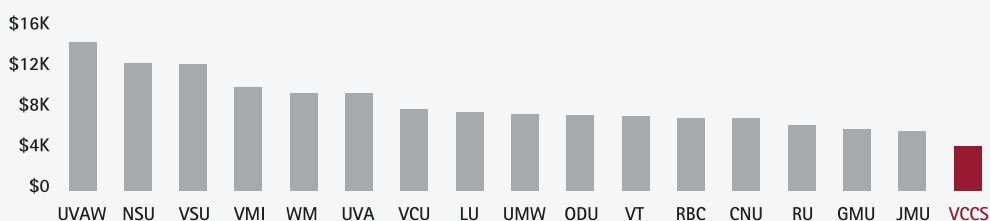
High Demand Training: Nearly 65,000 students annually seek training aligned with Virginia's most in-demand jobs.⁹

"Weeks, Not Months" Credentials: FastForward students earn industry-recognized credentials in as little as 6-12 weeks.

"[Community colleges] partner with communities to help build a talent pipeline for an area's strategic sectors. They partner with employers to help train potential employees and upskill existing ones. You get the point; they are a key partner."

– Tom Barkin, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Remarks for the 2024 Virginia Education and Workforce Conference

For every \$1 that supports a full-time equivalent student at a public Virginia university, VCCS receives 57 cents.



Our colleges are the lowest-funded higher education institutions in Virginia.



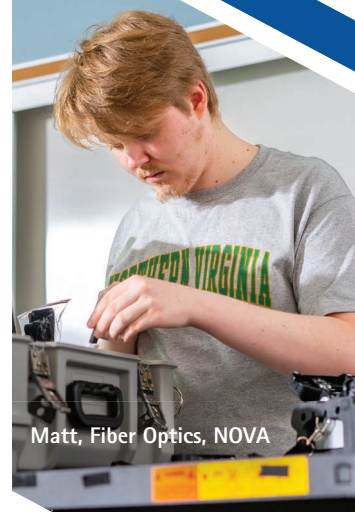
Hear from current and former students about how Virginia's Community Colleges transformed their lives tinyurl.com/VCCSstories

1. Lightcast Survey, 2024
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3. Through credit, noncredit, transfer, CTE, and dual enrollment educational programs (2023 -2024)
4. Approximately 48% of enrolled credit students identified as a minority (36,432 as Black/African American; 31,827 as Hispanic/Latino; 18,791 as Asian)

5. Average earnings increase compared to a high-school diploma or equivalent
6. SCHEV, 2024-2025 Tuition and Fees Report
7. Earned since 2016
8. U.S. Chamber of Commerce
9. Includes FastForward students



Joanne, Culinary Arts, Virginia Western



Matt, Fiber Optics, NOVA



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Rose, Power Line, Wytheville