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THIRD largest in the nation.

58 COMMUNITY COLLEGES

with 124 remote locations,
all within a **30 minute** drive
of North Carolina's citizens,
serving all **100** counties.

STUDENTS

- An estimated 810,000 students enrolled at one of the 58 community colleges during the 2013-2014 academic year, accounting for 1 in 9 N.C. citizens 18 and older.
- The average age of a community college student in North Carolina is 28 years old.
- During the 2012-2013 academic year, our colleges awarded more than 7,000 Associate in Arts Degrees, 15,400 Associate in Applied Science degrees, 1,300 Associate in Science degrees, and more than 1,400 Associate in General Education degrees; as well as more than 15,500 certificates and diplomas.
- Eighty-eight percent of associate degree recipients from the System have a grade-point average of 2.0 or better at the University of North Carolina System institutions or private colleges after two semesters.
- North Carolina awards approximately 15,000 GED and Adult High School diplomas annually.

The Community College System Office is designated as the primary lead agency for delivering workforce development training, adult literacy training and adult education programs in North Carolina. (G.S. 115-D)

40%

of North
Carolina wage-earners
attended an N.C.
community college in
the past 10 years.

WORKFORCE & CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Workforce Continuing Education programs offer short term, affordable training opportunities with flexible scheduling.
- More than 800 courses are available through Continuing Education programs with 300 courses leading to a state-regulated or industry-recognized workforce credential.
- Offered at NC Community Colleges, the North Carolina Career Readiness Certificate (NC CRC) is a nationally recognized workplace skills credential. Since its initial implementation in 2006, more than 247,000 individuals have earned the NC CRC credential, placing North Carolina fifth in the nation for number of certificates earned.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- Built on the foundation of North Carolina's industrial education centers, our community colleges' technical education programs have provided a highly qualified workforce for our state's business and industry for more than 50 years.
- Recently we streamlined and refocused technical education programs and consolidated more than 80 curriculum standards into only 32, allowing similar program majors to be grouped together under curriculum programs that share a common academic and technical core. Students get a foundation of general skills, with the opportunity to branch into specific program majors in order to explore careers and job opportunities.
- A new funding formula provides more dollars per FTE (full-time equivalent student) for high-cost, technical programs such as nursing, biotech, welding, machining and other lab-based offerings to help fund these in-demand careers.

Enrollment in technical education programs has increased by **35%** since 2007-08.

NCWorks customized training

- North Carolina was one of the first states in the nation to offer Customized Training – no-cost, company-specific training to eligible companies in our state.
- Training may be provided to companies that create eligible jobs, make significant investments in technology or take on critical productivity enhancement efforts.
- During fiscal year 2013-14, the Customized Training Program provided customized job training to 29,299 individuals at 820 eligible companies. A total of \$11,653,721.88 was expended at an average cost of \$397.75 per trainee.

SMALL BUSINESS CENTER NETWORK

- NC Community Colleges' Small Business Center Network (SBCN) is the most extensive state-funded small business assistance program in the nation. Most seminars offered are free, or at a nominal price, and all 58 community colleges have a Small Business Center.
- The NC Community Colleges Small Business Center Network assists in starting an average of more than 650 businesses each year. Small Business Centers have an economic impact in 90% of all NC Counties each year including helping to create and retain more than 3,000 jobs annually.

All 58 community colleges are home to a Small Business Center

BIONETWORK

BioNetwork delivers economic and workforce development for life science industries across the state through education, training, lab services, and outreach.

- BioNetwork participated in 241 outreach events between 2013-2014, sharing information with more than 38,006 job seekers, employees, K-14 students, and teachers about biotechnology and life science careers available in N.C.
- BioNetwork developed 93 eLearning resources, including media development for 13 Customized Training projects, 62 videos and webinars, 14 eLearning Tools, and five websites.