

Baccalaureate Degrees in U.S. Community Colleges

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CCBA Vision

CCBA members believe:

A baccalaureate degree is an important requirement for better jobs and a better lifestyle.

Every person should have an opportunity to pursue the baccalaureate degree at a place that is

- ✓ convenient
 - ✓ accessible
 - ✓ affordable

Baccalaureate Degree Pathways

- ◆ Articulation Agreement
- ◆ Two + Two Program
- ◆ University Center
- ◆ Distance Learning/Degree Completion
- ◆ Community College Baccalaureate



It's a movement!

More than 50 community colleges
confer 465+ baccalaureate
degrees in 21 states.

Conferring History

New York	1970
West Virginia	1990
Utah	1992
Vermont	1993
Florida	1997
Nevada	1998
Louisiana	2001
Hawaii	2003
Texas	2003
Minnesota	2003
New Mexico	2004
Indiana	2004
Washington	2005
Georgia	2005
North Dakota	2006
Arkansas	2006
Oklahoma	2006
Colorado	2009
Wisconsin	2010
Illinois	2012
Michigan	2012



Why?

Have so many states authorized the
community college baccalaureate
degree or

are considering doing so?

Community Colleges

- Increase access to BA degrees—
geographically, financially and academically
- Flexible and responsive
- Committed to economic and workforce needs
- Are cost-effective

Local Workforce Need

- ✓ BAS in Instrumentation - Great Basin, NV
- ✓ BS in Energy Management - Bismarck, ND
- ✓ BAT in Technology Management - Midland, TX
- ✓ BS in Equine Studies - Vermont Technical
- ✓ BAS in Agriculture Management - Great Basin

Teacher Shortage

- BA in General Education - Vermont Technical
- BA in Bilingual Education - Northern New Mexico
- BS in Secondary Science Education - Chipola, FL
- BA in Elementary Education - Univ. of West Virginia
- BS in Biology Secondary Education - Indian River, FL

Health Care Crisis

- BS in Nursing (BSN) - Northern New Mexico
- BAS in Radiologic and Imaging Sciences - Bellevue, WA
- BS in Integrated Health Sciences - Northern New Mexico
- BS in Dental Hygiene - St. Petersburg, FL
- BAS in Cardiopulmonary Sciences - Edison State College, FL

Professional Credentialing

- BAS in Paralegal Studies - St. Petersburg State College
- BAS in Fire Science Management - Florida Community College
- BAS in Public Safety Management - Edison State College
- BS in Dental Hygiene - Community College of Southern Nevada

Technological Revolution

- ☑ BS in Technology - Vincennes, IN
- ☑ BT in Information Assurance & Technology - Oklahoma State
- ☑ BAT in Computers & Information Technology - South Texas
- ☑ BAS in Applied Business & Information Technology - Maui

Summary of national arguments in favor of the community college baccalaureate

- ✓ Ability to meet local workforce demands
- ✓ Expertise in applied and technical degrees
- ✓ Improved access to the baccalaureate
- ✓ Overcrowding at four-year colleges
- ✓ Support of under-represented students
- ✓ Reduced taxpayer cost
- ✓ Reduced student cost
- ✓ Alternative to for-profit institutions