Baccalaureate Degrees in U.S. Community Colleges

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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.
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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