

Why CCRI?

Change your life. Achieve your dreams.

CCRI is a great place to start a postsecondary education. In fact, more than half of all full-time freshmen attend community colleges nationwide. Students may choose to earn an associate degree or a certificate at CCRI and then enter the workplace, or earn a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university. In addition, CCRI is the choice of Rhode Island workers seeking to upgrade their skills for a promotion or career change.

Research shows that education pays. Students who complete associate degrees and certificates are more likely to move to higher status jobs with higher earnings. In fact, students who earn associate degrees earn an average of \$250,000 to \$400,000* more during their lifetimes than people without degrees.

Convenient Locations and Flexible Schedules

Both credit and non-credit courses are offered during daytime and evening hours as well as on weekends. Distance learning also provides online options. Classes are held during fall and spring semesters and during two summer sessions. Wherever students live or work, they're only a short distance from one of CCRI's campuses or satellite locations.

Knight Campus at Warwick is located on 205 acres adjacent to routes 95 and 295. All academic facilities at this campus are housed under one roof to encourage social, educational and cultural exchanges among the student body. Athletic facilities are located in a separate field house.

Flanagan Campus at Lincoln occupies a 300-acre site off Louisquisset Pike. It features one building composed of three connected modules, totaling nearly 7½ acres of floor space. The field house on this campus contains a swimming pool.

Liston Campus at Providence is located on almost seven acres of land on the capital city's south side. The contemporary brick structure contains more than 25 classrooms; several science, allied health and computer labs; a central atrium; and a 250-seat auditorium.

Newport County Campus occupies a five-acre site off Coddington Highway. The 65,000-square-foot campus appears as a single, three-story building that is, in fact, three connected structures including a student services complex, a classroom/laboratory wing and a 250-seat auditorium.

CCRI classes also are offered at **satellite facilities in DOWNCITY Providence and Westerly.**

Extensive Program Choices

CCRI, New England's largest community college, offers a diverse selection of almost 90 associate degree and certificate programs. Community College of Rhode Island grants the Associate in Arts (A.A.), the Associate in Science (A.S.), the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.), the Associate in Applied Science in Technical Studies (A.A.S.-T.S.) and the Associate in Fine Arts (A.F.A.) degrees.



Affordable Tuition and Financial Aid Opportunities

CCRI tuition and fees are the lowest of any postsecondary school in the state. A deferred payment plan is available for students so tuition can be paid in installments with no interest.

Thousands of CCRI students receive financial aid. Financial aid is awarded in the form of grants, scholarships, loans and paid employment to assist students in meeting their educational expenses. Financial aid at CCRI is specially designed to help those students whose limited financial resources would seriously jeopardize their ability to begin or continue their college careers. Financial aid has specified deadlines that must be met.

Academic Support

A wide variety of support services is available to assist CCRI students with academics. **The Department of Advising and Counseling** offers academic advising to students with program and course selection concerns and provides career counseling for students requesting help in establishing educational and career goals. Counselors also assist students with transfer planning to ensure a smooth transition and maximum transfer of credits to four-year institutions. **Student Success Centers** help students who are having difficulty with a course and would like to work with a tutor or a study group, are unsure about future career or educational plans or who need access to additional resources, referrals and information. The Success Centers provide many programs and services, including reading, writing and math assistance, as well as access to computers and software.

*Sources: American Association of Community Colleges and Bureau of Labor Statistics

Technology

A wide variety of technology resources is available to all CCRI students in classrooms, labs and from home. The open computer labs on each campus provide access to special course-related software, as well as standard software for e-mail, word processing, spreadsheets and browsing the Internet.

CCRI assigns students an account for CCRI's Web portal, MyCCRI. Through MyCCRI students can register for courses; check grades, transcripts, degree audits, financial aid and billing accounts; access course resources; and use Web-based e-mail.

Technology support is available through the Information Technology Help Desk, which provides first-line technology-related assistance. In addition, free non-credit training classes are offered to orient students to MyCCRI, Microsoft Word and campus technology resources.

Transfer to Four-Year Colleges and Universities

Nearly half of the students who come to CCRI continue their education at four-year colleges and universities after earning an associate degree. CCRI has formal transfer agreements with dozens of colleges and universities that help make the post-CCRI transition easier. In every sense, CCRI is often the gateway to higher education, advanced degrees, and professional growth and achievement.

Diverse Student Body

Whether CCRI students just graduated from high school or have been away from the classroom for many years, they won't feel alone at CCRI. Our student body is rich with diversity, allowing students to study and mingle with others like themselves and also with those who can enrich their education through varied experiences and perspectives. In Fall 2010, almost 40 percent of CCRI students were older than 25. More than 25 percent were minority students. More than 6,200 went to school full time and more than 11,000 chose to attend on a part-time basis.

Top-Rated Athletic Programs

CCRI is home to one of Rhode Island's finest and most successful intercollegiate athletic programs. The CCRI program has long been considered a front-runner in New England community college and junior college athletic circles. The basketball, baseball, tennis, volleyball, cross-country, golf and soccer teams have all been nationally ranked. The college holds membership in the National Junior College Athletic Association and is an associate member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The Community College of Rhode Island has proven to be a steppingstone for many student athletes who have moved on to complete their academic and athletic careers at four-year colleges and universities throughout the nation.

CCRI fields intercollegiate men's teams in baseball, basketball, soccer, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and golf and intercollegiate women's teams in volleyball, basketball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track, soccer and softball. CCRI also has a coed tennis team.

CCRI athletic facilities are located on the Warwick and Lincoln campuses. Each of these campuses has a field house with four basketball courts, four indoor tennis courts and a fully equipped weight room. The Vincent A. Cullen Field House also has three volleyball courts and is where the men's and women's basketball teams play their home games. In addition, the Flanagan Campus field house contains an indoor track, four volleyball courts, a modern dance studio and a six-lane swimming pool. Both campuses have their own outdoor fields.

