

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Why CCRI?

...a great place to start!

CCRI is a great place to start your post secondary education. In fact, more than half of all full-time freshmen attend community colleges nationwide. You 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 \$250,00-\$400,000* more during their lifetimes than people without degrees.

Convenient Locations and Schedules

Both credit and non-credit courses are offered during daytime and evening hours as well as on weekends. Classes are held during fall and spring semesters and during three summer sessions. Wherever you live or work, you'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 7 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 5-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 are also offered in **satellite facilities in Downcity Providence and Westerly.**

Extensive Program Choices

New England's largest community college, CCRI offers a diverse selection of nearly 80 associate degree and certificate programs in almost every area of study. 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 post secondary school in the state. A deferred payment plan is available for students so tuition can be paid in four 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.

Academic Support

A wide variety of support services are available to assist CCRI students with academics. **The Office of Advising and Counseling** offers academic advising for 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 a future career or educational plans or who need access to additional resources, referrals and information. Programs and services, including reading, writing and math assistance, as well as access to computers and software are provided.

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



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Academic Support-continued

Access (TRIO Student Support Services) is a retention program designed to assist 300 students per year who have academic potential but whose specific needs may interfere with their success in college. To qualify for this program, students must be low-income and/or first generation in college (neither parent having graduated from a four-year college) or have a disability. The purpose of Access, a program formatted by the U.S. Department of Education, is to help students graduate from CCRI and transfer to a four-year college or university.

Technology

Students have access to a wide variety of technology resources on all campuses in classrooms, labs and from home. Open computer labs containing Internet-connected computers and printers are available to students seven days a week at each main campus. These labs provide access to special course-related software as well as standard software for electronic mail, word processing, spreadsheets and browsing the Internet.

Students are provided accounts to CCRI's Web portal, Pipeline. Through Pipeline, they can register for courses; check grades, transcripts, degree audits, financial aid and billing accounts; access course resources; and utilize Web-based e-mail.

Technology support is available through the Technology Help Center, which provides first-line technology-related assistance. In addition, free non-credit training classes are offered to orient students to Pipeline, 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 approximately 75 colleges and universities and the number is growing. In every sense, CCRI is often the gateway to higher education, advanced degrees, and professional growth and achievement.

Diverse Student Body

Whether you're a recent high school graduate or have been away from the classroom for many years, you 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. Last year, more than 3,600 CCRI students were older than 35. More than 3,100 were minority students. More than 5,700 went to school full-time and more than 10,000 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.

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

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 athletic facilities are located on its campuses in Warwick and Lincoln. Each of these campuses has a field house with an indoor track, four basketball courts, four indoor tennis courts, a modern dance room and a fully equipped weight room. In addition, the Flanagan Campus field house contains a six-lane swimming pool. Both campuses have their own outdoor fields.

