

# The Commitment to Michigan

To attract the industries to Michigan that are shaping the economy of tomorrow, Michigan's workers must have increased educational attainment and job skills. The state's 28 community colleges are committed to providing affordable access to high-quality education and training to meet those needs. But for this **commitment** to be successful, the state must provide colleges with support and resources. A successful partnership between the state and its community colleges can create a highly skilled work force and position Michigan as an economic leader on a national and global scale.

## The Problem

Michigan is facing a transitional economy with numerous issues that community colleges can address:

- Less than 24% of Michigan residents age 25 and older have either an associate degree or bachelor's degree. (*U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey*)
- The lack of higher education contributes to high-skill industries, such as nursing, facing a shortage of qualified workers.
- An under-educated work force acts as a deterrent for drawing new business development.
- Michigan has lost hundreds of thousands of jobs in the automotive and manufacturing industry. These workers need to be retrained for a new career.
- Many state residents need access to a college education close to home at an affordable cost.

## The Solution

Community colleges have the ability to quickly meet Michigan's needs:

- To address low baccalaureate attainment, access and affordability, authorize community colleges to confer certain baccalaureate degrees.
- Small class sizes mean greater attention is paid to student success. This is helpful for adults who have never been to college or are returning to college after being out of a classroom environment for several years.
- Community colleges are able to respond quickly to industry demand and begin offering programs in new high-growth fields, such as alternative energy.
- Returning students, many of whom are working and have families, can get their education through flexible day, night and weekend schedules, and online.
- Community college tuition costs a fraction of that at public and private four-year schools.

## What's Next

Community colleges remain the best tool for boosting Michigan's economy and employment outlook for three reasons:

- **Expertise.** Community colleges can more quickly adapt to the needs of their local economies by responding to industry demand and specific opportunities. Classes are taught by local full-time and part-time instructors who are experts in their fields.
- **Accessibility.** Enrollment continues to grow at community colleges because of flexible learning options. Students can learn in the classroom or online without leaving their hometown, jobs and families.
- **Affordability.** Community colleges not only cost less than four-year schools, but they are an investment. For every \$1 students invest in their community college education, they will receive \$6 in higher future earnings over the course of their careers.

## Who We Are

### Enrollment:

- 2008-09 Michigan community college enrollment (credit and non-credit): 473,077

### Tuition:

- Average in-district tuition rate (2009-10): \$76.70

### Awards:

- Total certificates and associate degrees provided by Michigan community colleges (2008-09): 29,357

### Revenue sources:

(with average percentages)

- State aid (20%)
- Property tax (39%)
- Tuition and fees (37%)
- Other (4%)

Source: *Activity Classification Structure (2008-09)*

### Top 10 degree programs by enrollment:

1. Nursing
2. Business administration/management
3. Criminal justice
4. Accounting
5. Automotive technology
6. Computer programming
7. Culinary arts
8. Medical radiologic science
9. Corrections
10. Child care and support services management

Source: *Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth*

# Michigan's 28 community colleges

**Alpena Community College**  
[www.alpenacc.edu](http://www.alpenacc.edu)

**Bay College**  
[www.baycollege.edu](http://www.baycollege.edu)

**Delta College**  
[www.delta.edu](http://www.delta.edu)

**Glen Oaks Community College**  
[www.glenoaks.edu](http://www.glenoaks.edu)

**Gogebic Community College**  
[www.gogebic.edu](http://www.gogebic.edu)

**Grand Rapids Community College**  
[www.grcc.edu](http://www.grcc.edu)

**Henry Ford Community College**  
[www.hfcc.edu](http://www.hfcc.edu)

**Jackson Community College**  
[www.jccmi.edu](http://www.jccmi.edu)

**Kalamazoo Valley Community College**  
[www.kvcc.edu](http://www.kvcc.edu)

**Kellogg Community College**  
[www.kellogg.edu](http://www.kellogg.edu)

**Kirtland Community College**  
[www.kirtland.edu](http://www.kirtland.edu)

**Lake Michigan College**  
[www.lakemichigancollege.edu](http://www.lakemichigancollege.edu)

**Lansing Community College**  
[www.lcc.edu](http://www.lcc.edu)

**Macomb Community College**  
[www.macomb.edu](http://www.macomb.edu)

**Mid Michigan Community College**  
[www.midmich.edu](http://www.midmich.edu)

**Monroe County Community College**  
[www.monroeccc.edu](http://www.monroeccc.edu)

**Montcalm Community College**  
[www.montcalm.edu](http://www.montcalm.edu)

**Mott Community College**  
[www.mcc.edu](http://www.mcc.edu)

**Muskegon Community College**  
[www.muskegoncc.edu](http://www.muskegoncc.edu)

**North Central Michigan College**  
[www.ncmich.edu](http://www.ncmich.edu)

**Northwestern Michigan College**  
[www.nmc.edu](http://www.nmc.edu)

**Oakland Community College**  
[www.oaklandcc.edu](http://www.oaklandcc.edu)

**Schoolcraft College**  
[www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu)

**Southwestern Michigan College**  
[www.swmich.edu](http://www.swmich.edu)

**St. Clair County Community College**  
[www.sc4.edu](http://www.sc4.edu)

**Washtenaw Community College**  
[www.wccnet.edu](http://www.wccnet.edu)

**Wayne County Community College District**  
[www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu)

**West Shore Community College**  
[www.westshore.edu](http://www.westshore.edu)



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