

Community Colleges for Iowa

House Education Budget Subcommittee

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One voice for accessible excellence in education



About Us

- Community Colleges for Iowa advocates with one voice for accessible excellence in education. We are a nonprofit, volunteer membership association and the primary advocate for Iowa's 15 Community Colleges. We provide leadership on issues affecting the colleges and represent the collective needs, vision, and values of the colleges to state and federal policymakers.



15 Colleges, 124 Locally-Elected Trustees



2025 Legislative Priorities

Invest in Community College's Ability to Serve Students and Communities

- Increase State General Aid by \$12 million to continue the process of creating equity for students across the state no matter what region they choose to attend.



Funding Formula Update

- In 2024, the legislature gave authority to Iowa's community colleges to determine each year's distribution formula
- Per code, last October the presidents shared their decision with the Iowa Department of Education:
 - 50% of new appropriations will be distributed according to the formula previously in code
 - 50% of new appropriations will be distributed to five specific colleges according to an analysis of state averages (equalization)



2025 Legislative Priorities

Address the state's workforce needs

- \$5 million increase to WTED to encourage the post-high school education needed for Iowa's high demand jobs.
 - This will help to promote some of Iowa's initiatives, such as Iowa's Manufacturing 4.0 initiative, which strengthens the industry's momentum and helps them to maintain a competitive edge, and the Future Ready Iowa Initiative, which connects Iowans to the education and training required for good paying jobs and careers to improve people's lives.
- Fund Governor Reynolds' signature Last Dollar Scholarship program to meet the needs of students in high-demand programs and continue to address targeting and sustainability.
 - LDS is intended to cover any remaining gap between federal and state grants/scholarships and tuition and qualified fees.



Workforce Technology and Economic Development Fund (WTED)

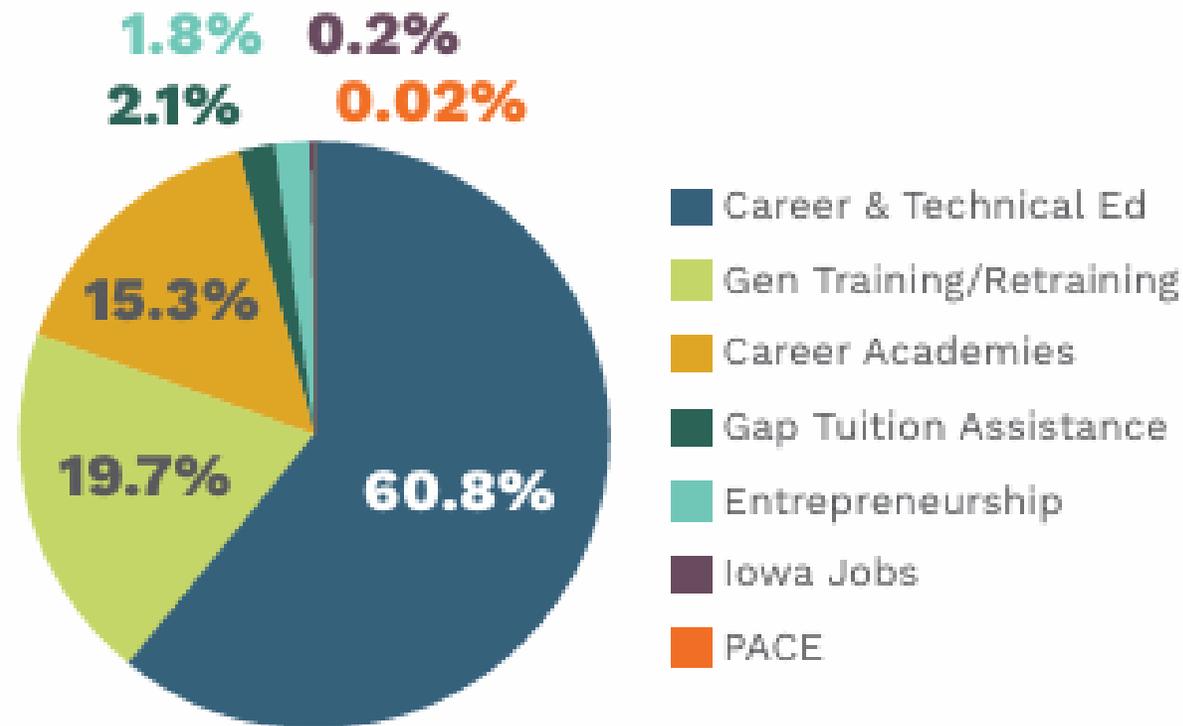


Figure 4-2: WTED Expenditures (%)

“ **Supporting community colleges means investing in the future of Iowa’s workforce.** ”



By empowering skilled trades students through education, we’re building a **pipeline of talented employees** and engaged citizens who strengthen our communities. ”

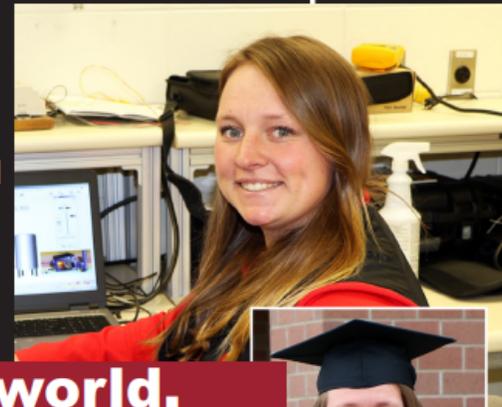
—Tom Miller, CEO, Electric Pump
Donor to the NCC Industrial Instrumentation and Control program

**WORKING
TOGETHER**



**TO PREPARE
TOMORROW'S
WORKFORCE**

“ I chose NCC because of their strong reputation in electrical programs. The Industrial Instrumentation & Control program is second to none. Every student in my class had **multiple job offers.** ”



**We are so needed in today’s world.
There is no shortage of jobs, and the
pay is really good.** ”

—Taylor Sandy, NCC Graduate
Industrial Instrumentation & Control
Chariton, IA



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WORKFORCE TRAINING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (WTED) FUND

WHAT IS WTED?

'03 Established in 2003 as part of Grow Iowa Values Fund

Important funding source for community college new program innovation, development and capacity building, specifically for career and technical education

Funding is allocated annually, through community college state general aid provided for in Iowa Code 260C.18A

Used to support the following community college programs:



Career Academies are career-oriented programs linking secondary career & technical education (CTE) to a postsecondary education program through concurrent enrollment coursework.



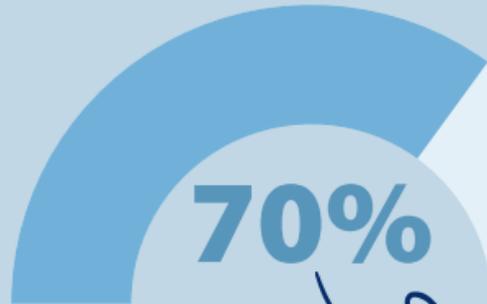
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs are a sequence of courses that prepare individuals for employment in current or emerging occupations.



Entrepreneurship Education & Small Business Assistance helps build and scale Iowa business ventures.



General training, retraining and educational initiatives for targeted industries.



70%

of funds are required to be used to support projects, programs and initiatives that fall within advanced manufacturing, information technology and insurance, alternative and renewable energy and life sciences (biotechnology, healthcare, nursing technology).

Iowa Department of Education has the opportunity to review and comment on proposed use of the funds and to provide an ongoing accountability process. Unexpended funds may be carried over to the next fiscal year. Colleges have the flexibility to modify their plans as needed during the year without approval.

NICC PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY WTED FUNDING

Credit Programs:

- Computer Numerical Control
- Computer Technology, Networking & Programming
- Heating and Air Conditioning
- Industrial Technologies
- Medical Assisting
- Welding

High School Career Academies

Workforce Retraining

2025 Legislative Priorities

Serve Local Communities

- Iowa has 124 locally elected trustees that serve on each of their boards to help guide decision-making at the colleges.
 - There are 15 regional colleges with over 100 locations across the state to serve communities regardless of size and location.
 - Their proximity is critical for access but also means community college leaders understand the needs of their communities.
- To be most effect, local colleges need support, collaboration, and autonomy.
 - Maintain strong local decision-making to connect programs to local community needs.
 - Change and eliminate policies that create unnecessary regulatory burdens to enhance operational efficiency.



Select Reporting Year

2023 ▼

Select College

STATE ▼

All Iowa Community Colleges (STATE)

2023

Institution Profile

Credit Student Enrollment: **117,172**

Noncredit Student Enrollment: **157,442**

Average Age, Years.....	20.9
Full-Time/Year.....	19.1%
Part-Time/Year.....	80.9%
Average Credits/Student/Year.....	13.1
Career & Technical Education (CTE).....	24.6%
Concurrent Enrollment.....	45.1%
Tuition and Fees, Average per Credit.....	\$206
Pell Award Recipients.....	23,540
Average Pell Award per Student.....	\$4,032
Conferred Associate Degrees.....	9,698
Conferred Diplomas/Certificates.....	8,740

Average Age, Years.....	36.9
Average Contact Hours/Student.....	31.8
Career & Technical Education (CTE).....	84,674
Enrolled in CTE.....	55.5%
Adult Basis Education (ABE).....	13,684
Enrolled in ABE.....	8.6%
Employed 1st Year After Training.....	91.8%
Employed in Iowa.....	89.9%
Median Wages Before Training.....	\$37,600
Median Wages After Training.....	\$43,856
Trasferred to Credit Education.....	18.2%

Data and Accountability



$$\text{Richmond Fed Success Rate} = \frac{\begin{array}{l} \text{Students who earned a degree, diploma,} \\ \text{certificate or industry recognized credential} \\ + \\ \text{Students who transferred without an award} \\ + \\ \text{Students who persisted and are in good standing} \end{array}}{\text{Students in cohort}}$$

Credit cohort: Measured 4 years after student entry

Questions?