



University of Northern Iowa

UNI@IACC \$1.63M

With support of federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) scale-up funds allocated through the Governor's office in 2022, UNI launched the highly successful UNI@IACC partnership with Iowa community colleges. The initiative provides an opportunity for students completing their associate's degrees to finish their bachelor's degree at a distance through UNI, and opens access for learners who may not have access to a four-year degree due to their location, job, or life commitments, but need the degree and education to succeed in Iowa's high-demand workforce. Over the last two years, the program has nearly doubled in size.

Initial ARP funding was used to establish Future Ready Scholarships for eligible UNI@IACC students, covering the difference between community college tuition and the UNI tuition. To qualify for the scholarship, students must be at 300% or less of the federal poverty level, enrolled in one of UNI's 12 online/distance bachelor's degree completion programs, reside in Iowa, and have attended an Iowa community college. Due to strong growth in the program and the number of students eligible for the scholarship (approximately half of all UNI@IACC students), we project that we will exhaust these funds by the end of 2025.

UNI is requesting \$1.63 million in FY 2026 state appropriations to continue providing access to four year education through UNI@IACC and support Iowa workforce through Future Ready Scholarships.

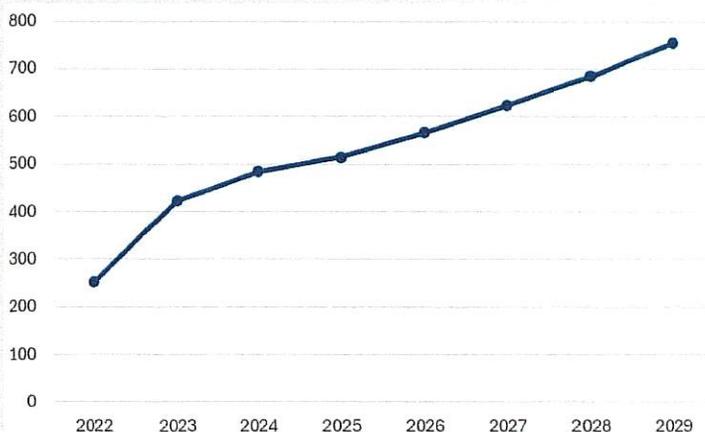
- The UNI@IACC enrollment count as of fall 2024 census is 484, an **increase of 14%** over last year's fall census count, and an **increase of 92% since fall 2022**.
- **All 15 Iowa community college districts are represented** in UNI@IACC enrollments and supported by Future Ready Scholarships
- **166 UNI@IACC students have graduated with their bachelor's degree** since the start of the program in fall 2022, with 34% of the 2022 fall starters graduating within two years.

UNI@IACC allows working adults who are placebound with the ability to upskill into high-need career fields.

51% of UNI@IACC students are non-traditional age (25 years or older)

48% are first-generation college students.

UNI@IACC Projected Growth



57% of UNI@IACC students are enrolled part-time (274 of 484)

UNI@IACC partnership is providing access to degrees in high need areas in the state including elementary and early childhood education, accounting, criminal justice, and business management.

FUTURE READY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Expanding Access through Financial Assistance: American Rescue Plan funding has been designated to support Future Ready Scholarships for UNI@IACC students who meet income and eligibility criteria. These scholarships assist in covering the difference between community college tuition and the UNI tuition rate for students pursuing one of the qualifying UNI online degree completion programs.

To qualify, students must have:

- / Meet UNI and online program admission requirements - with transfer credits from an Iowa college.
- / Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher
- / Enroll in at least 3 units per term (includes fall, spring and summer).
- / Scholarships may be adjusted if enrollment changes. The final scholarship award is based on units enrolled 10 days into the term.
- / Complete the FAFSA demonstrating financial need, as defined by ARP funding guidelines.

Future Ready Scholarships will be automatically awarded to eligible students; no application needed.

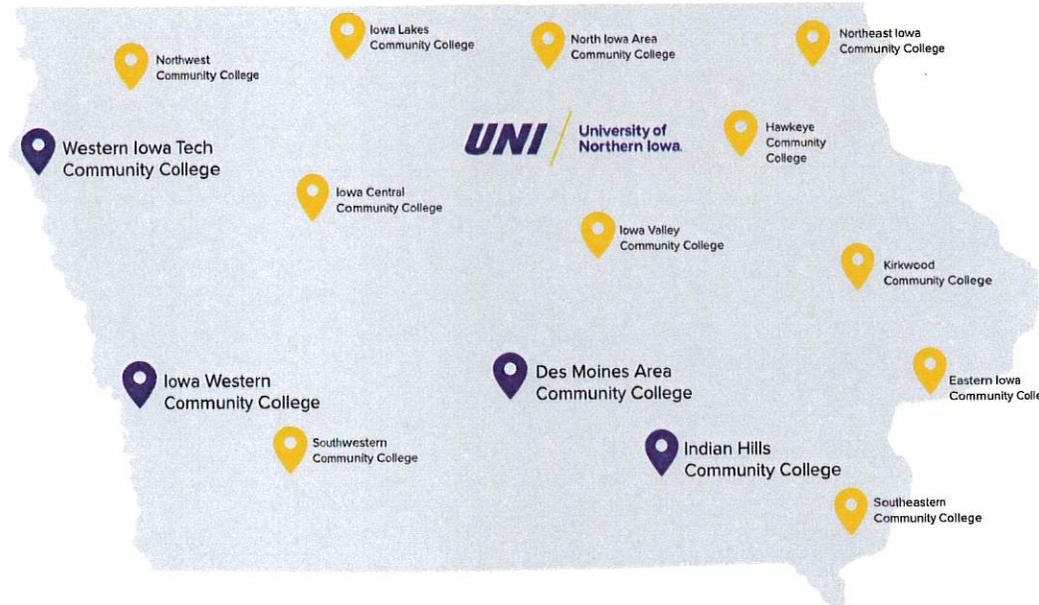
Awards:

- / 3 credits = \$600
- / 6 credits = \$1,200
- / 9 credits = \$1,800
- / 12+ credits = \$2,400

Completing the FAFSA will allow UNI to potentially reduce - or eliminate - a student's remaining balance through other forms of financial aid, based on availability.

49%

of UNI@IACC students qualify for the need-based Future Ready Scholarship, allowing students with financial need to access four-year degrees in high need fields. This has a meaningful impact on economic mobility in the state.



 UNI@IACC partner with on-site support

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AVAILABLE ONLINE DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAMS:

- / **Accounting BA** (Hybrid)
Requires AAS in accounting from DMACC or AA degree from an accredited institution or BA
- / **Bachelor of Liberal Studies**
Requires 24+ credits or AA/AS degree or BA
- / **Criminal Justice BAS**
Requires AAS degree or BA
- / **Criminology and Criminal Justice BA**
Requires 24+ credits or AA/AS degree
- / **Early Childhood Education Online Transfer BA program**
Requires AA, AS or BA degree
- / **Elementary Education Online Transfer BA program**
Requires AA, AS or BA degree
- / **Purple Pathway for Paraeducators**
Requires an AA or AS and employment as a paraeducator in a K-6 building or BA
- / **IS Human Services BA**
Requires AA degree from any community college or an AAS in Human Services from DMACC
- / **Management: Business Administration BA**
Requires 24+ credits or AA/AS degree or BA
- / **Managing Business and Organizations BAS**
Requires AAS degree and two years of relevant work experience
- / **Technology Management BA**
Requires an AAS or AAA degree
- / **IS Sports Administration BA**
Intended for students with an AA or AS degree; however, this program can be started without any previous college credit

**Most programs have both part-time and full-time options. Some programs also offer some in-person offerings, but can be completed entirely online*