

Mapping Postsecondary Pathways To More Equitable Student Success In a Robot Economy

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CCRC research points to these practices as essential to achieving more equitable student success.



High-opportunity programs:
Backward design programs to ensure they prepare students to secure a good job and/or transfer with no excess credits in student's field of interest



Academic and career and planning:
Help every student explore academic and career options and interests and develop a full educational plan by the end of term 1



Academic-career communities:
Help all students connect with faculty, advisors, students, alumni, employers, others in a field of interest from the start



Active and experiential teaching & learning: Ensure every student has “light the fire” learning experience starting in term 1 and opportunities for active and experiential learning throughout

Lessons on program mapping from early GP adopters

- 1) Main objectives: a) ensure alignment of program pathways with good jobs and major transfer outcomes; b) give students and advisors guides to develop individualized education plans; c) facilitate cross-silo collaboration to build academic and career communities
- 2) Mapping best done by cross-functional teams by metamajor—involve faculty, advisors, others from across divisions, credit and non-credit
- 3) Solicit regular feedback on maps (and student outcomes) from university and employer partners by metamajor
- 4) Mapping of program on-ramps is critical – and don't forget to map program pathways from high school and adult non-credit by metamajor
- 5) Avoid the “mapping trap” -- Mapping not an end in itself; use maps to continuously strengthen programs, advising and metamajor communities

Equity focus of GP is to ensure that underserved students enter and succeed in high-opportunity programs.

1. What programs are our students currently enrolled in?
2. Which programs lead to greater or lesser opportunity?
3. How can we ensure that underserved students are helped to enter and succeed in high opportunity programs?

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Unpacking Program Enrollments and Completions With Equity in Mind

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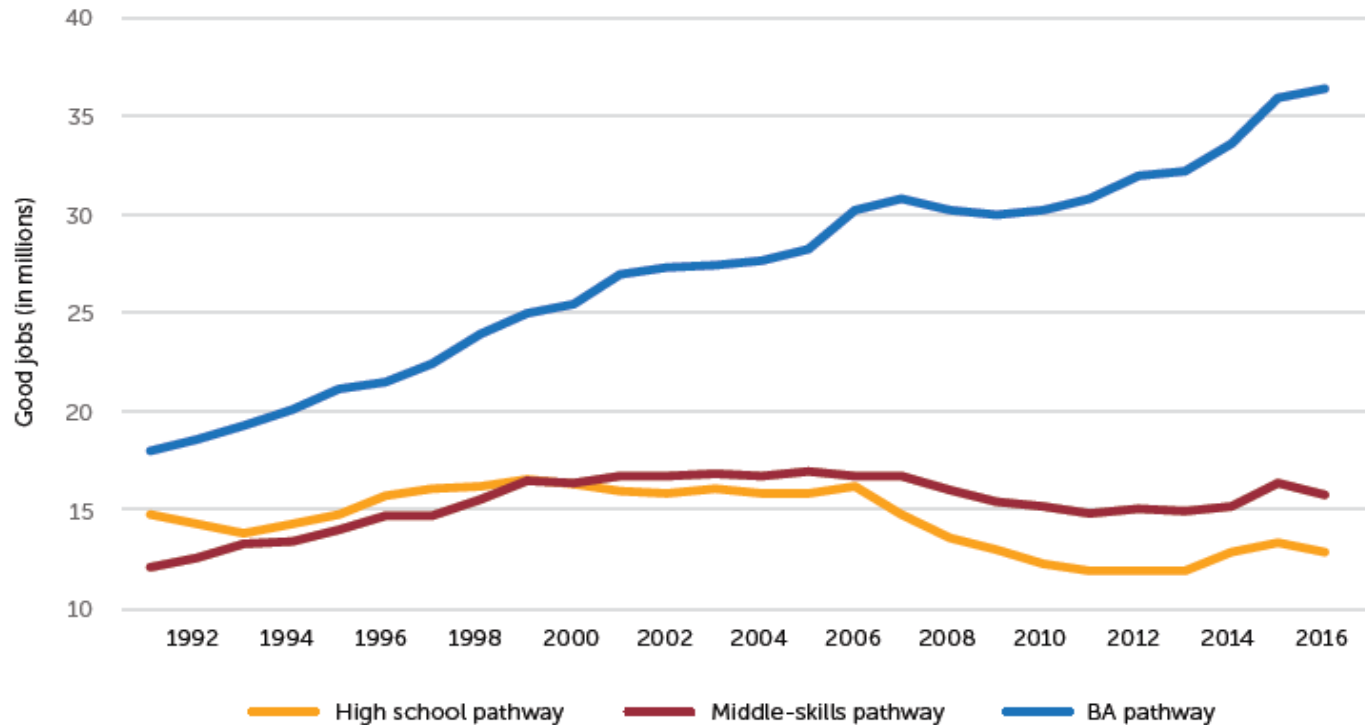
Across the country hundreds of community colleges are implementing whole-college guided pathways reforms to create clearer paths to college and career success for students.¹ The aim of these reforms is to help students explore and decide upon career and education goals that align with their interests and aspirations, and to plan and complete a program of study to achieve those goals. As part of these reforms, colleges redesign intake and advising processes around broad career fields sometimes called “meta-majors”; this helps entering students make sense of the large number of program options that are available and engages them with faculty, advisors, and other students in a field of interest right from the start (Jenkins et al., 2020). Guided pathways reforms are challenging for colleges to pursue; they entail the participation of all staff in modifying practices around a far-reaching notion of student success (Jenkins et al., 2019). They require a shift in mindset wherein college personnel ask not only “Are students persisting and completing?” but also “Do our programs really lead to the education and career outcomes students seek?” and “Is student representation across our programs equitable?”

Critically examining what programs students are entering and completing is particularly important given that some community college programs lead to substantially higher economic returns than others (Belfield & Bailey, 2017; Dadgar & Trimble, 2015). A substantial literature base reveals not only that returns to higher education programs are stratified but also that this stratification operates along racial/ethnic, gender, and socioeconomic lines (Carnevale et al., 2016; Castex & Decher, 2014). Though this research has focused primarily on the four-year sector, it may be that community colleges are in even more danger of facilitating inequitable stratification since their programs vary by subject area as well as length (corresponding, e.g., to short- and long-term certificates, applied associate degrees, and associate of arts degrees designed to prepare students for upward transfer to bachelor’s degree programs). There is a wide range in the economic returns to different types of community college awards, with longer programs and those leading to bachelor’s degrees in math-intensive fields, for example, leading to stronger labor market returns.

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Good jobs* increasingly require bachelor's degrees...

Figure 4. By 2000, the middle-skills pathway surpassed the high school pathway in providing good jobs.



* “Good jobs” defined as those that pay a minimum of \$35,000 for workers between the ages of 25 and 44 and at least \$45,000 for workers between the ages of 45 and 64.

Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce analysis of data from the US Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Current Population Survey*, 1992–2017.

...plus know-how acquired through active and experiential learning

Figure 4. Across the labor market, communication is the most in-demand competency.

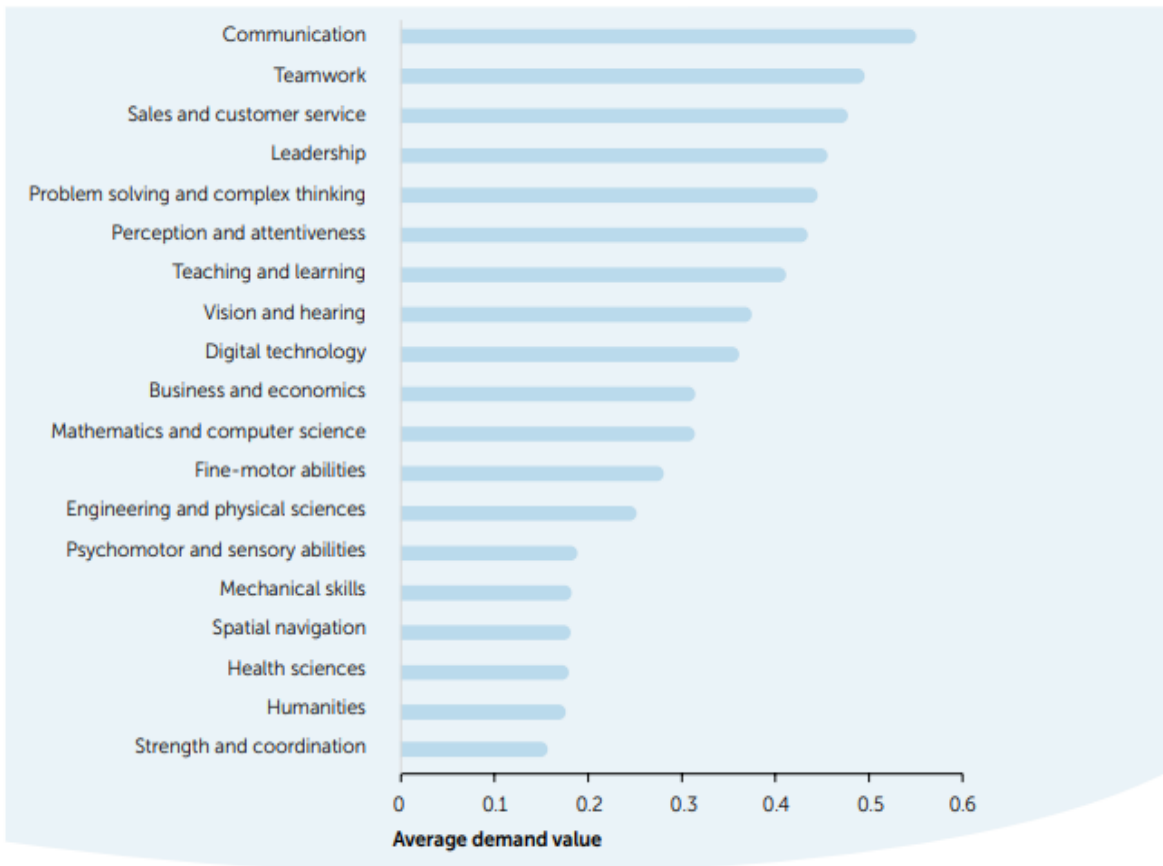
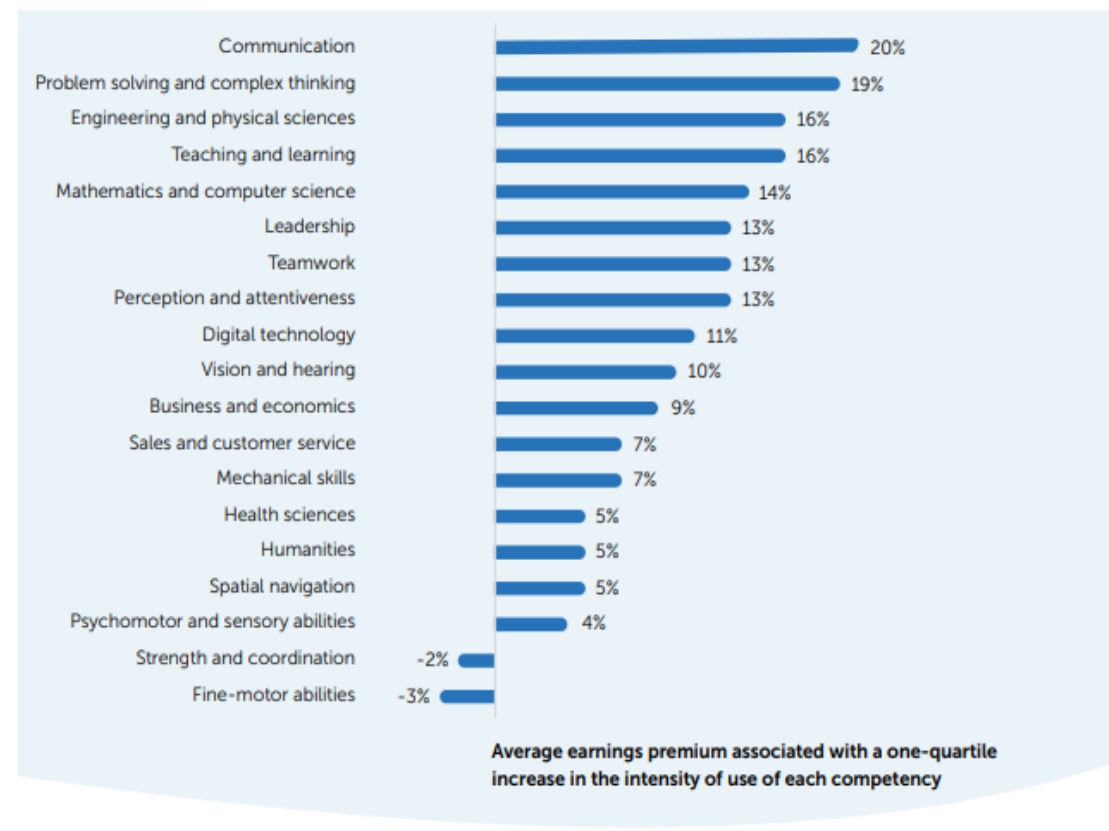


Figure 5. Communication has the highest earnings premium associated with higher intensity of use.

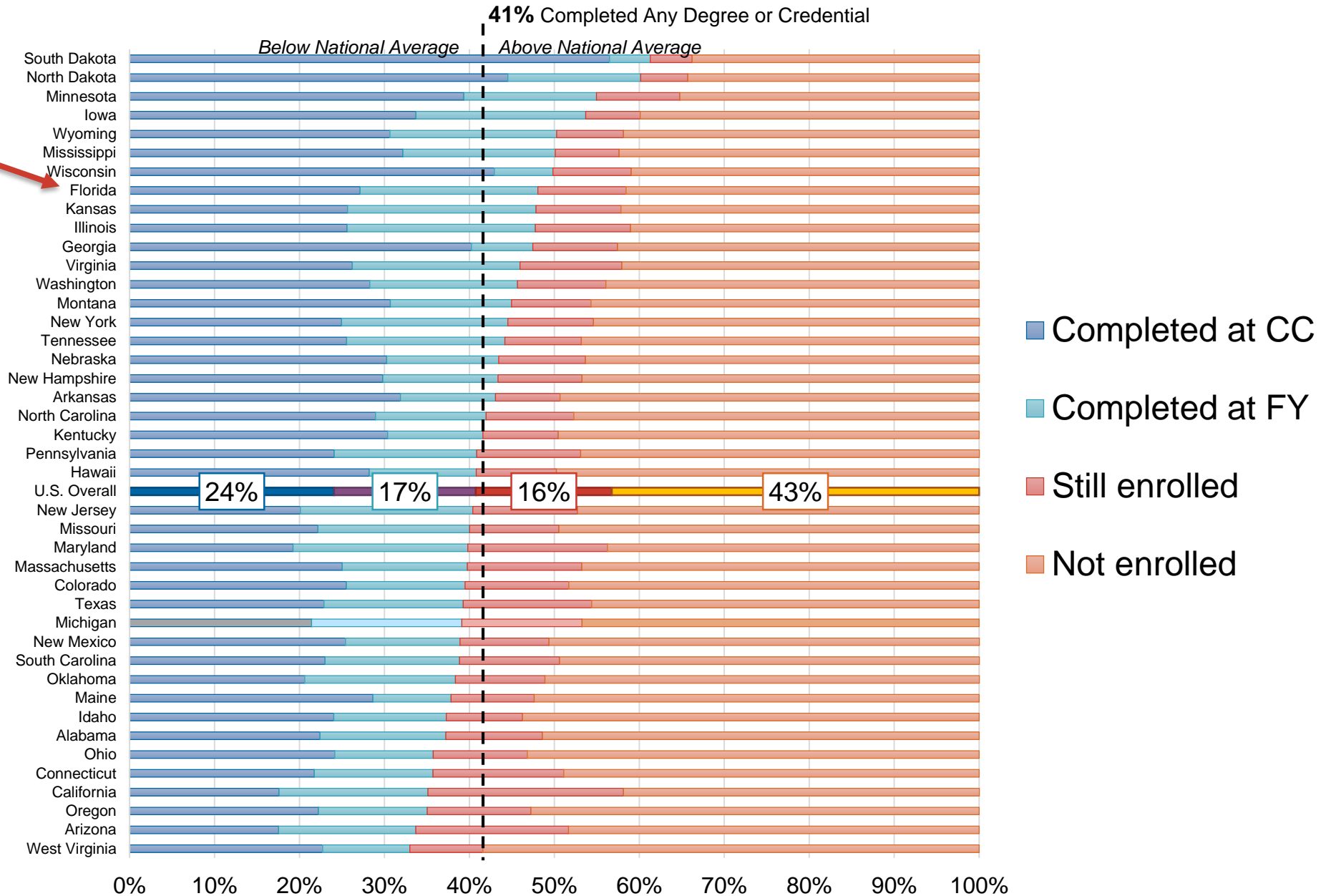


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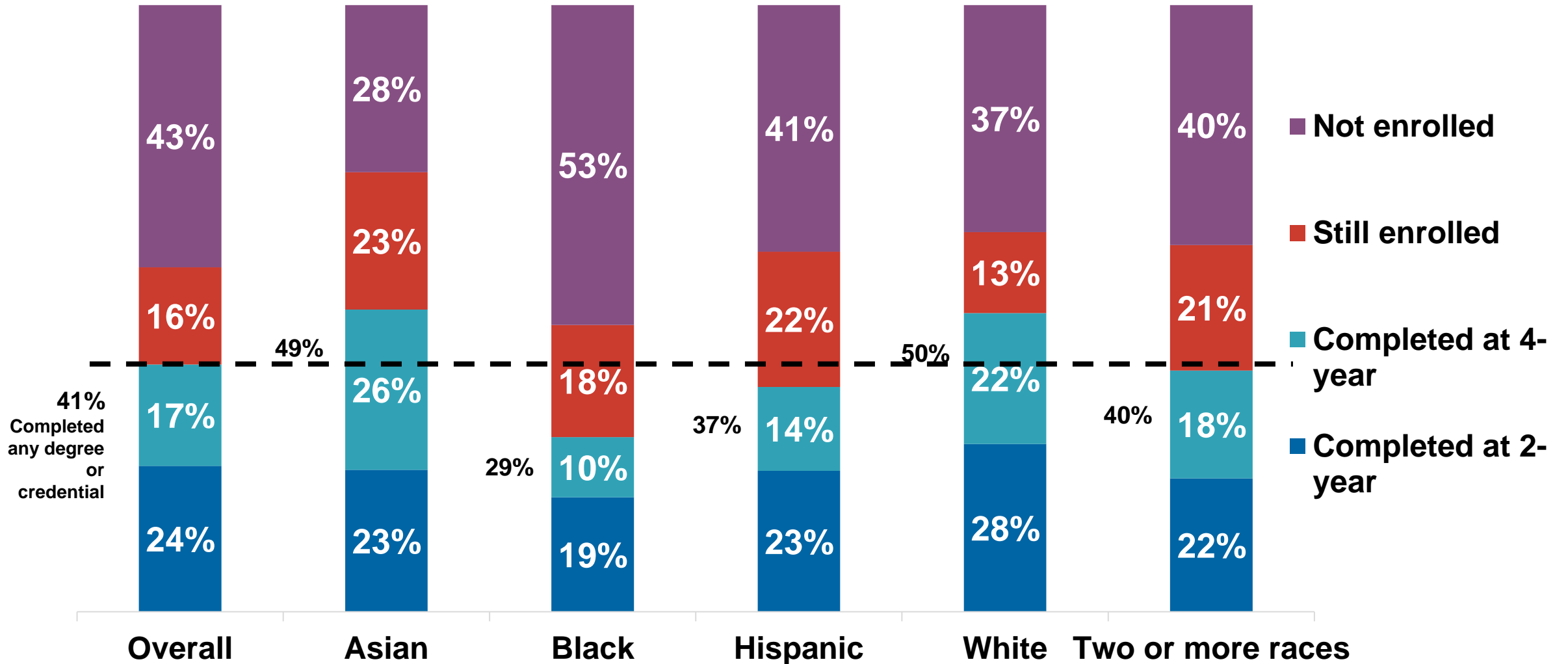
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Highest degree outcomes in six years: Community college starters, by state



Source: NSC Completing College Signature Report tracking the fall 2013 FTIC, degree-seeking public 2-yr entering cohort (excluding current dual enrollment students but including former DE students)

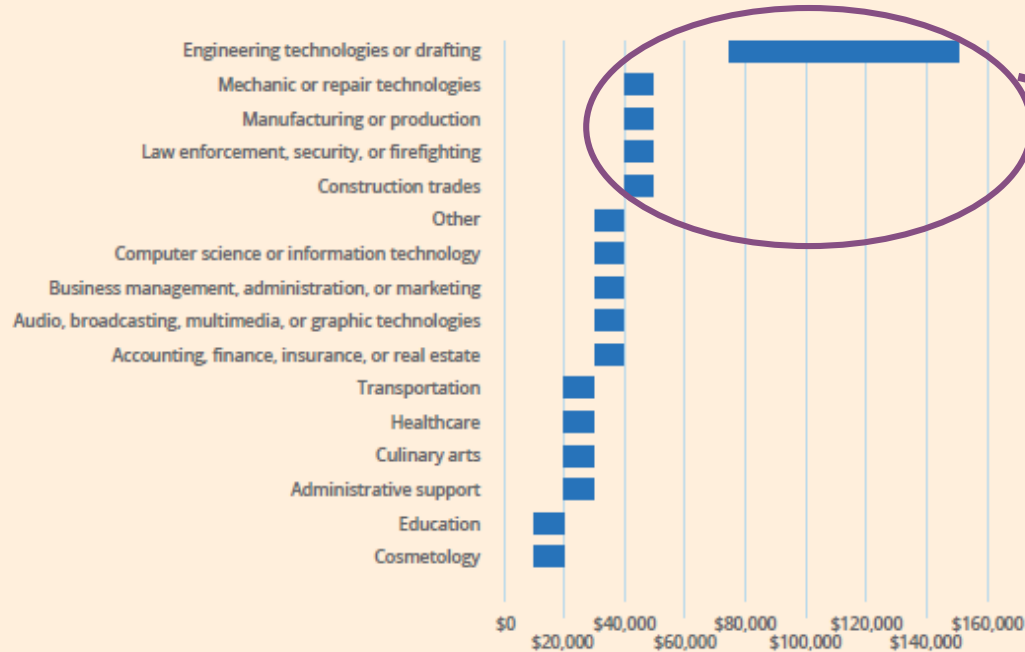
Highest 6-year outcomes for community college starters



Source: National Student Clearinghouse *Completing College* (Signature Report) tracking the fall 2013 cohort of first-time-in-college, degree-seeking students at public two-year colleges.

Many FSC CTE credentials do not have strong labor market returns.

FIGURE 13. Workers with certificates in engineering technologies or drafting have median earnings between \$75,001 and \$150,000—higher than those with certificates in other fields.

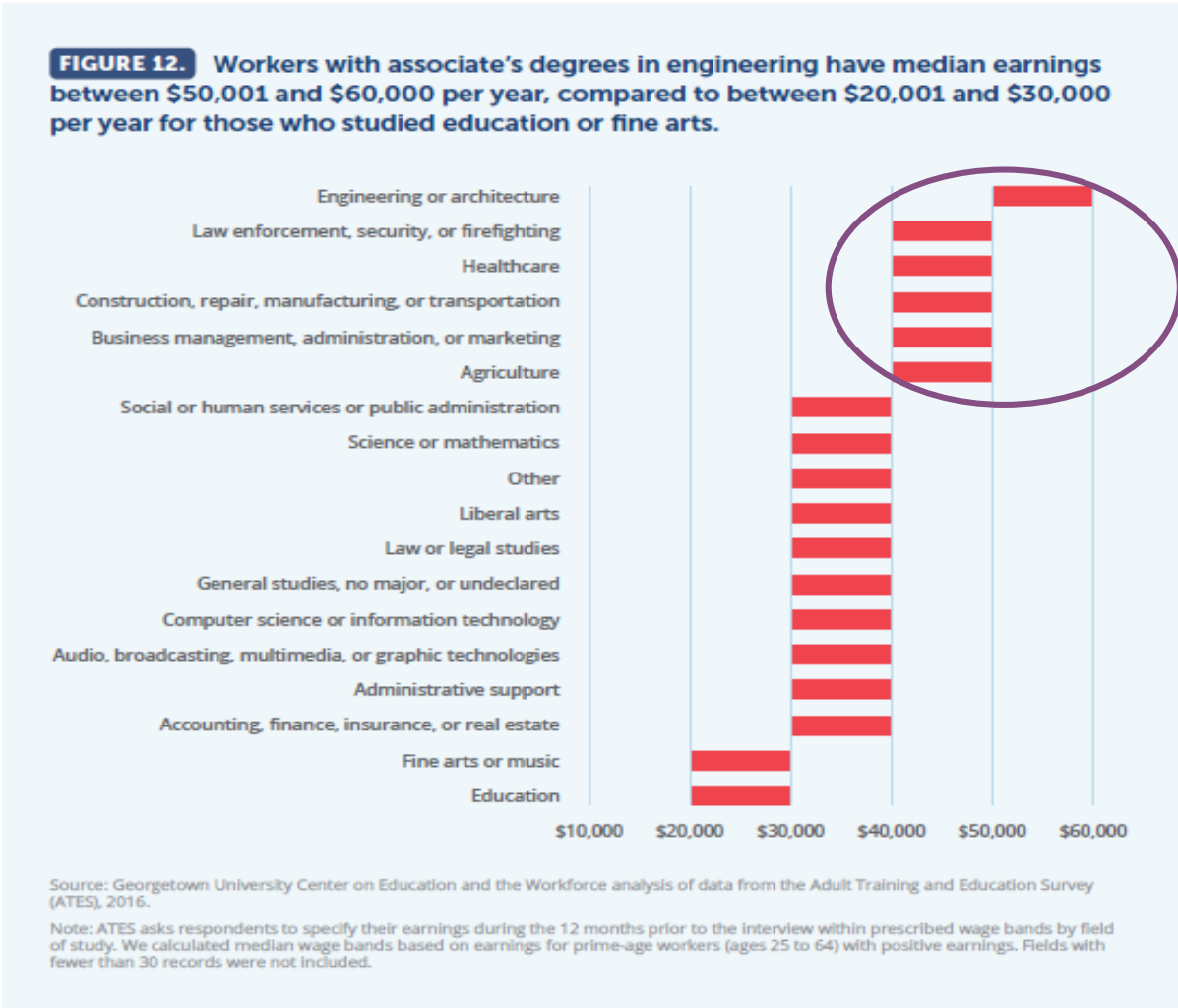


22% PSAVs awarded by FL state colleges in 2016-17

Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce analysis of data from the Adult Training and Education Survey (ATES), 2016.

Note: ATES asks respondents to specify their earnings during the 12 months prior to the interview within prescribed wage bands by field of study. We calculated median wage bands based on earnings for prime-age workers (ages 25 to 64) with positive earnings. Fields with fewer than 30 records were not included.

Many FSC associate degrees do not have strong labor market returns.



17% of associate degrees awarded by FL state colleges in 2016-17

AA transfer degrees are valuable only if students can transfer with few excess credits in their major



Just **58%** of students successfully transferred 90% of their credits.



And **15%** can't transfer any credits at all.

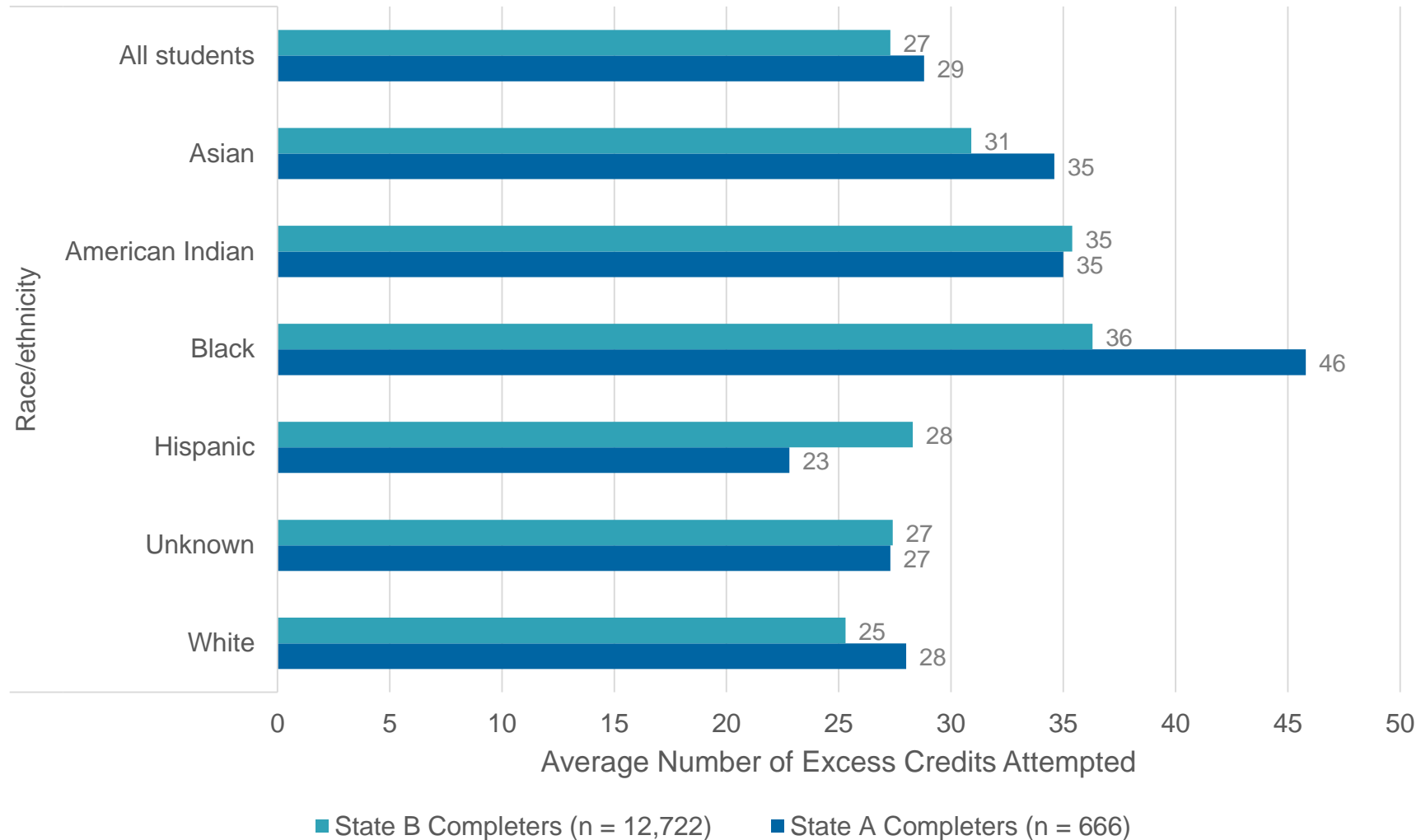


Students who can transfer 90% of their credits were **2.5x** more likely to get their bachelor's degree, compared to those who transfer half or less.

We couldn't find data on FCS students' credits to a bachelor's degree, but they take lots of credits for the AA

Table 3: Average Credits-to-Degree**Florida College System and Southern Regional Education Board States for Students WITH Acceleration Hours						
	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11	
Category	FT*	PT*	FT*	PT*	FT*	PT*
FCS Rank Among States Reporting With Acceleration Credits (5 in 2008-09, 6 in 2009-10 and 5 in 2010-11)	1 st	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd	2 nd	2 nd
FCS Credits With Acceleration Hours	73.1	72.9	73.9	72.6	73.8	73.1
SREB State Average Credits With Acceleration Hours	75.1	72.8	77.1	75.1	76.2	74.0
<i>Difference</i>	-2.0	0.1	-3.2	-2.5	-2.4	-0.9
Average Credits-to-Degree for Students WITHOUT Acceleration Hours						
Category	FT*	PT*	FT*	PT*	FT*	PT*
FCS Rank Among States Reporting Without Acceleration Credits (2 in 2008-09, 7 in 2009-10 and 6 in 2010-11)	1 st	1 st	3 rd	3 rd	2 nd	3 rd
FCS Credits Without Acceleration Hours	81.3	81.4	77.3	78.0	77.1	77.9
SREB State Average Credits Without Acceleration	86.2	88.7	83.7	79.7	83.1	80.2
<i>Difference</i>	-4.9	-7.3	-6.4	-1.7	-6.0	-2.3
*Full and part-time status is determined based on student's first enrollment at graduating college.						
**60 hours required for an associate degree in Florida.						
Source: SREB-State Data Exchange and Division of Florida Colleges Research & Analytics.						

Excess Credits Attempted among CC Starters Who Transferred and Completed a Bachelor's Degree: State A and B



Categorizing Community College Programs by Post-Graduation Opportunity

Category	Description	Examples
Workforce: Low	Program places students into jobs with low average earnings (e.g., less than \$14/hour)	Criminal Justice, Automobile Technology, Early Childhood
Workforce: Medium	Program places students into relatively middle-paying job (e.g., between \$14-\$17.55/ hour)	Accounting, Welding, Business Management, Dental Assistant
Workforce: High	Program places students into a relatively high-paying job (e.g., more than \$17.55/ hour)	Nursing, Radiology Technology, Sonography, Dental Hygiene
Transfer: Unstructured	Program designed for general transfer (no pre-major or university destination necessarily specified)	AA-General Studies, "General Transfer"
Transfer: Structured	Program designed to prepare students for a particular baccalaureate major/meta-major and/or a specific four-year destination	AA-Business (DTA), AS-T (Engineering)
Undeclared or Unknown	Listed as undeclared or missing program information	Null, Missing Program, Undeclared
Uncategorized or Other	Non-degree seeking, ESL, ABE, dual enrollment	Basic Education, ESL, Running Start

Program Equity Explorer Excel Tool

Data Tool: Unpacking Program Enrollments and Completions with Equity in Mind

John Fink, June 2020



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This Excel tool is designed to help colleges get started in examining data on student program enrollments and completions,* following three primary questions described in the companion CCRC Analytics publication (linked below):

- 1) What programs are our students currently enrolled in? (Tab 1)
- 2) What opportunity does each program lead to in terms of further education (e.g., transfer to bachelor’s programs or bridges into more advanced workforce credentials) and/or immediate job prospects and earnings. Which programs lead to greater or lesser opportunity? (Tab 2)
- 3) Is student representation across programs proportionate? Which subgroups of students (by race/ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, and age) are underrepresented in higher-opportunity programs? (Tabs 3-4)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Program	Workforce/Transfer Category	Meta-major	Gender	Race	Age	Count
2	General Liberal Arts	TRANSFER-UNSTRUCTURED	Arts, Humanities, Communication	Male	Asian	<18	1
3	Pre-Vet Medicine	TRANSFER-UNSTRUCTURED	Industrial & Applied Technologies	Female	Multiracial	18-24	1
4	Repair Tech	WORKFORCE-LOW	Industrial & Applied Technologies	Female	African American	18-24	1
5	AS-Transfer-Physics	TRANSFER-STRUCTURED	STEM	Male	Asian	<18	1
6	AS-Transfer-Physics	TRANSFER-STRUCTURED	STEM	Female	Multiracial	<18	1
7	General Liberal Arts	TRANSFER-UNSTRUCTURED	Arts, Humanities, Communication	Female	White	25+	1
8	AA-Transfer-Business	TRANSFER-STRUCTURED	Business	Female	White	18-24	1
9	Unknown / Undeclared	UNKNOWN/UNDECLARED	Arts, Humanities, Communication	Male	African American	25+	1
10	AA-Transfer-Business	TRANSFER-STRUCTURED	Business	Male	African American	18-24	1
11	Kinesiology	WORKFORCE-MEDIUM	Social & Behavioral Sciences	Male	Asian	25+	1
12	Forest Resources	WORKFORCE-LOW	Industrial & Applied Technologies	Female	White	18-24	1
13	Dental Assisting	WORKFORCE-MEDIUM	Human Services & Public Safety	Male	Pacific Islander	18-24	1
14	History	TRANSFER-UNSTRUCTURED	Arts, Humanities, Communication	Male	Native	<18	1
15	Political Science	TRANSFER-UNSTRUCTURED	Social & Behavioral Sciences	Male	Hispanic	<18	1
16	AS-Transfer-Biology	TRANSFER-STRUCTURED	STEM	Male	Multiracial	18-24	1
17	AS-Transfer-Construction	TRANSFER-STRUCTURED	Industrial & Applied Technologies	Male	White	18-24	1

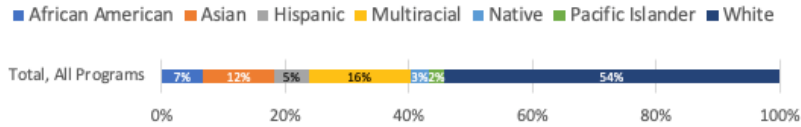
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Filter by program type:

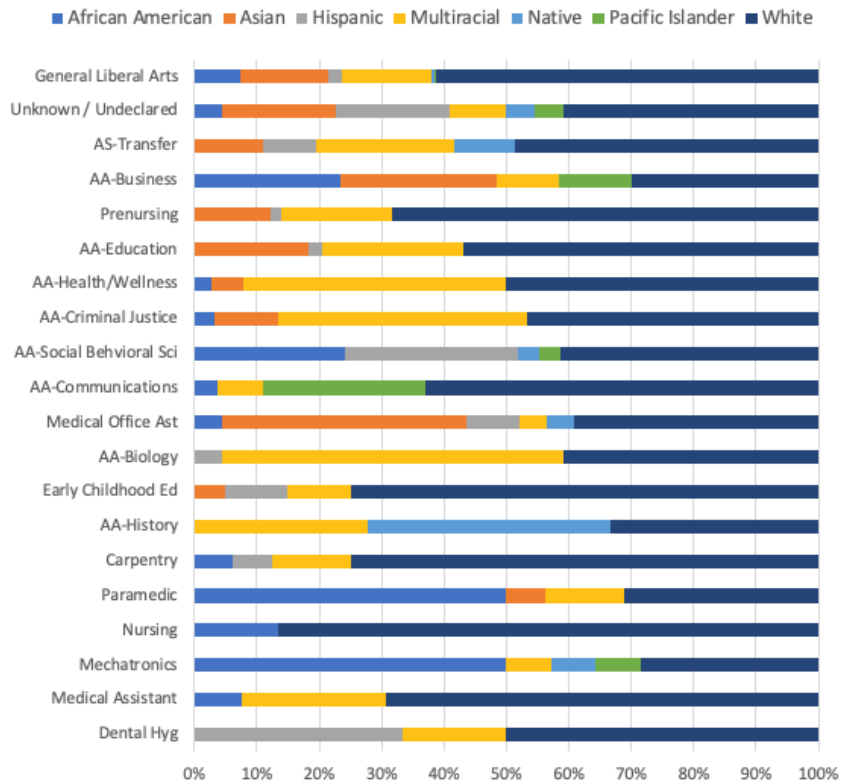
Workforce/Transfer Category

- TRANSFER-STRUCTURED
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- UNKNOWN/UNDECLARED
- WORKFORCE-HIGH
- WORKFORCE-LOW
- WORKFORCE-MEDIUM
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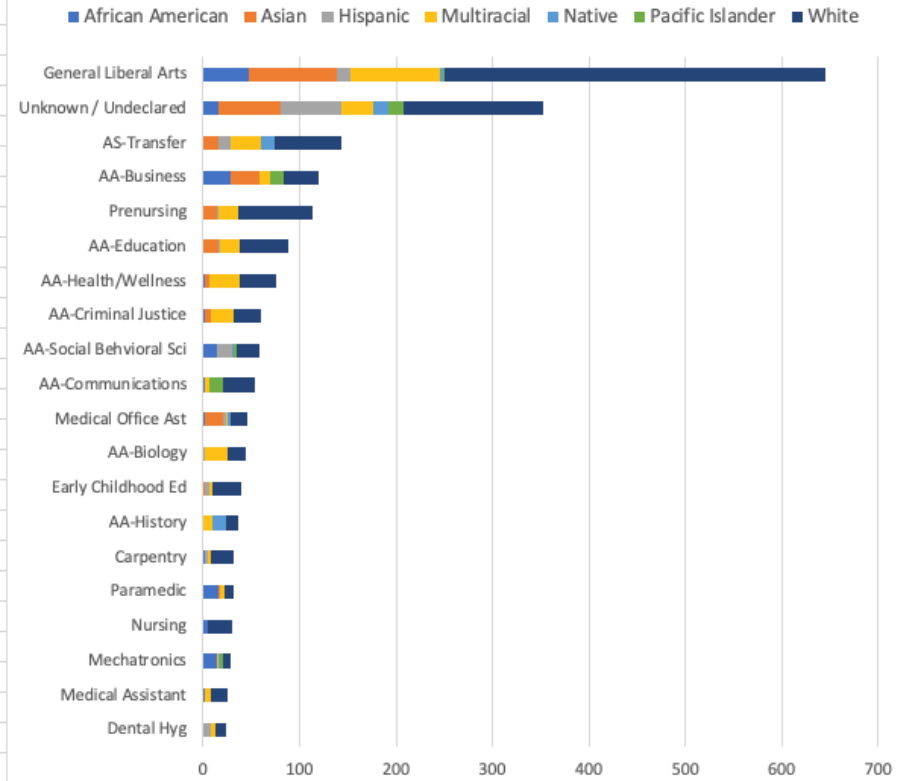
Overall Composition



Top 20 Programs by Student Characteristic

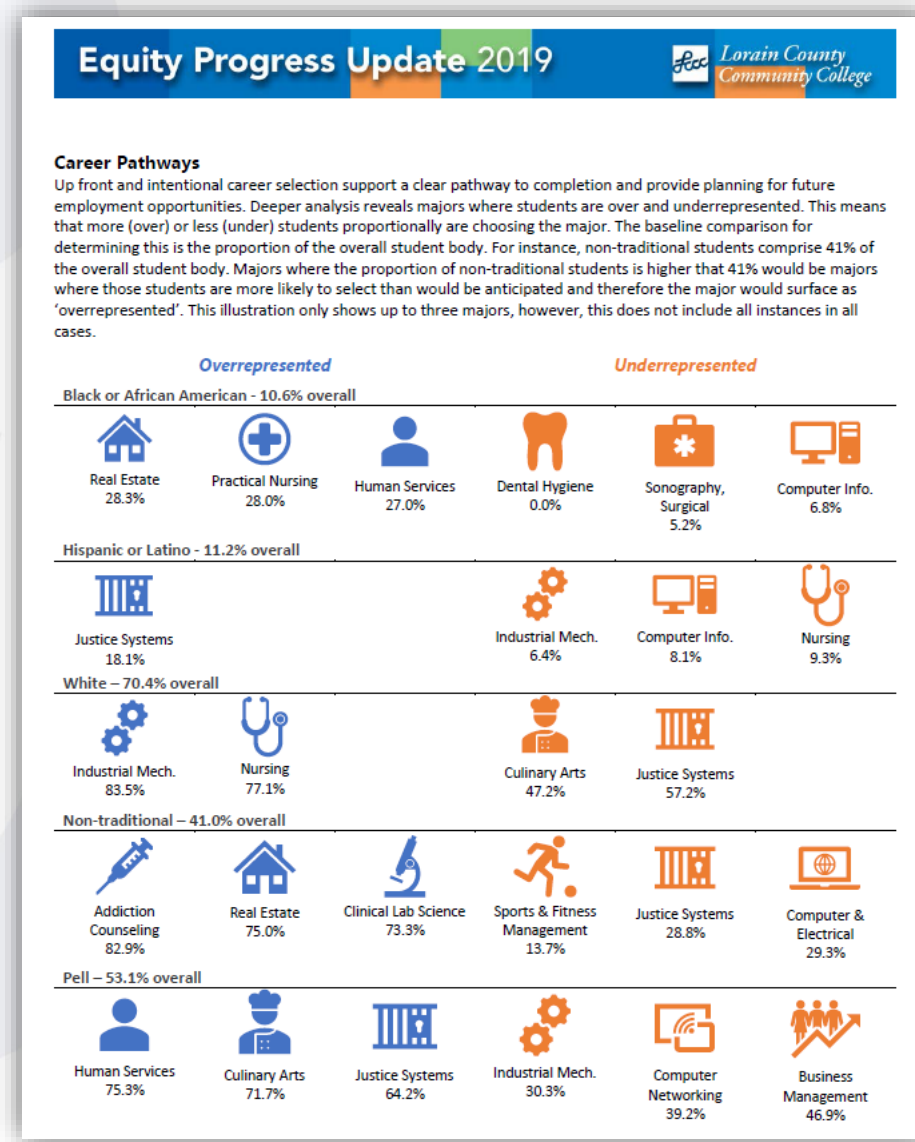


Top 20 Programs by Student Characteristic



Ensuring equity in high-opportunity program enrollment

- National studies released about the impact of program selection
- Disaggregated completion rates started to prompt pipeline discussions
- Results from graduate outcome surveys sparked internal dialog
- Data & Information Group (DIG) shared creation of new report



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An Institutional Perspective



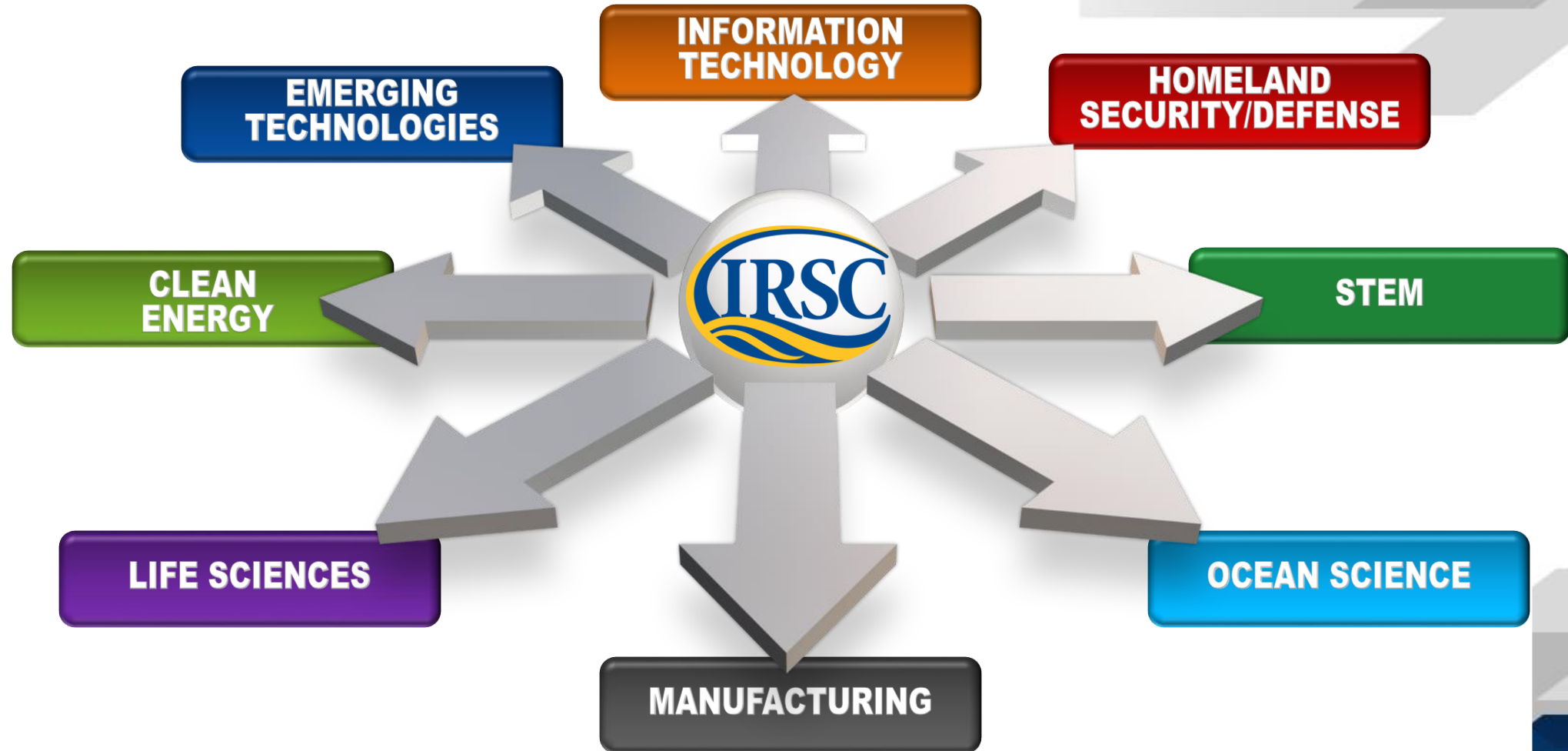
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Guided Pathways – Lessons Learned

- **Transformational Change** focused on improving the student experience
- **Change driven by cross-campus and cross-discipline leadership** – commitment and communications
- **Change in Business Model** – onboarding, financial aid, scheduling, learning outcomes, career counseling
- **Expanded use of data** - progression points, critical courses, barrier courses, interventions, math requirements
- **Institutional discipline and efficiencies** in use of manpower and financial resources.

Industry Focus of IRSC Growth



Basis for IRSC Growth Model



STATE OF FLORIDA

- Alignment with FL's Business/Economic Growth Enterprise Florida – Targeted Industry Clusters
- Recognition of State Workforce Trends
- Articulation with State Universities

LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Strong Partnerships with Business & Industry
- Economic Dev. Recruitment
- Current Need/Reactivity : Good
Future Need/Proactivity : Great
- Private Fundraising

INTERNALLY

- Healthy Innovative and Entrepreneurial Culture
- Emphasis on High Quality Results
- Abundance Mentality/"Can-Do" Attitude



Eight Meta Majors



Arts, Humanities, Communications and Design

This Arts, Humanities, Communications and Design MetaMajor is designed for creative people who are interested in careers such as music, graphic arts, digital media, television and film. It also encompasses fields such as writing, history and law.



Business

The Business MetaMajor encompasses majors in accounting, business administration, finance and marketing. If you can yourself as a business owner or manager, or working for a big corporation, this is the meta-major for you.



Education

If you want to make a difference as a teacher or principal, or in some other academic role, you will want to choose the Education MetaMajor.



Health Science

Programs in the Health Science MetaMajor lead to jobs in patient care, laboratory testing and healthcare management. Students can train for careers in dental assisting, medical technology training, respiratory care and more.



Industry, Manufacturing and Construction

Do you like to build or fix things? The Industry, Manufacturing and Construction MetaMajor includes fields such as architectural design, construction technology, drafting and design, and air conditioning, refrigeration and heating.



Public Safety

The Public Safety MetaMajor puts you on the path to careers in criminal justice, paralegal studies and fire science technology. If you can picture yourself as a police officer or detective, or responding to an emergency, this is the meta-major for you.



Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

The STEM MetaMajor represents some of the fastest growing, high-tech fields. If you elect to pursue a career as an engineer or computer programmer, or as a bio-chemist in a research lab, this meta-major is for you.



Social and Behavioral Science and Human Services

Students in the Social and Behavioral Science and Human Services MetaMajor have a desire to help other communities. They may choose to serve in government, or to help individuals, youth and families, in social work roles.

Our Guided Pathways Story...



2017-2020 – Momentum data reflects positive impact of Guided Pathways

2016 – Career & Transfer services revamped / Assigned Advisors for all students

2016 - New Student Orientation re-designed and required / Student Success Course required

2016 – Guided Pathways scaled for all programs & required for all degree-seeking students

2015 – AACCC Pathways Project: IRSC, SPC, TCC, BC

2007 – Academic Plans available but not required

IRSC INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE
PROGRAM AA - Business Administration Track,
Meta Major: Business
2016-2017 Guided Pathway
11080 Credit Hours 65

First Semester				
CRN	Course Number	Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL102	English Composition I	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WRT101	Intermediate Algebra	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL101	Life Science	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	AMH100	American History: Discovery through Reconstruction	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SUS101	Student Success	3	
			Total Semester Credit Hours	15

Second Semester				
CRN	Course Number	Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL102	English Composition II	3	ENGL101 (C or higher)
<input type="checkbox"/>	WRT101	College Algebra	3	WRT100 (C or higher)
<input type="checkbox"/>	SCG101	Introduction to Geology	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	AMH100	American History: Reconstruction to the Present	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACC101	Financial Accounting I	3	
			Total Semester Credit Hours	15

Third Semester (Summer)				
CRN	Course Number	Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
<input type="checkbox"/>	ISST100	Intro to Computer Applications for Business	3	
			Total Semester Credit Hours	3

Customized Guided Pathways

Regional Center for Nuclear Education and Training



- **NSF ATE Funded – Nation’s 1st RC-NET hosted at IRSC**
- **50+ Education, Industry, and Governmental Agency Partners**
- **GOAL: address the need for 41,000 skilled nuclear employees by 2030**
- **High direct entry success**

K-12 Connections

Goal: Inspire students into STEM careers

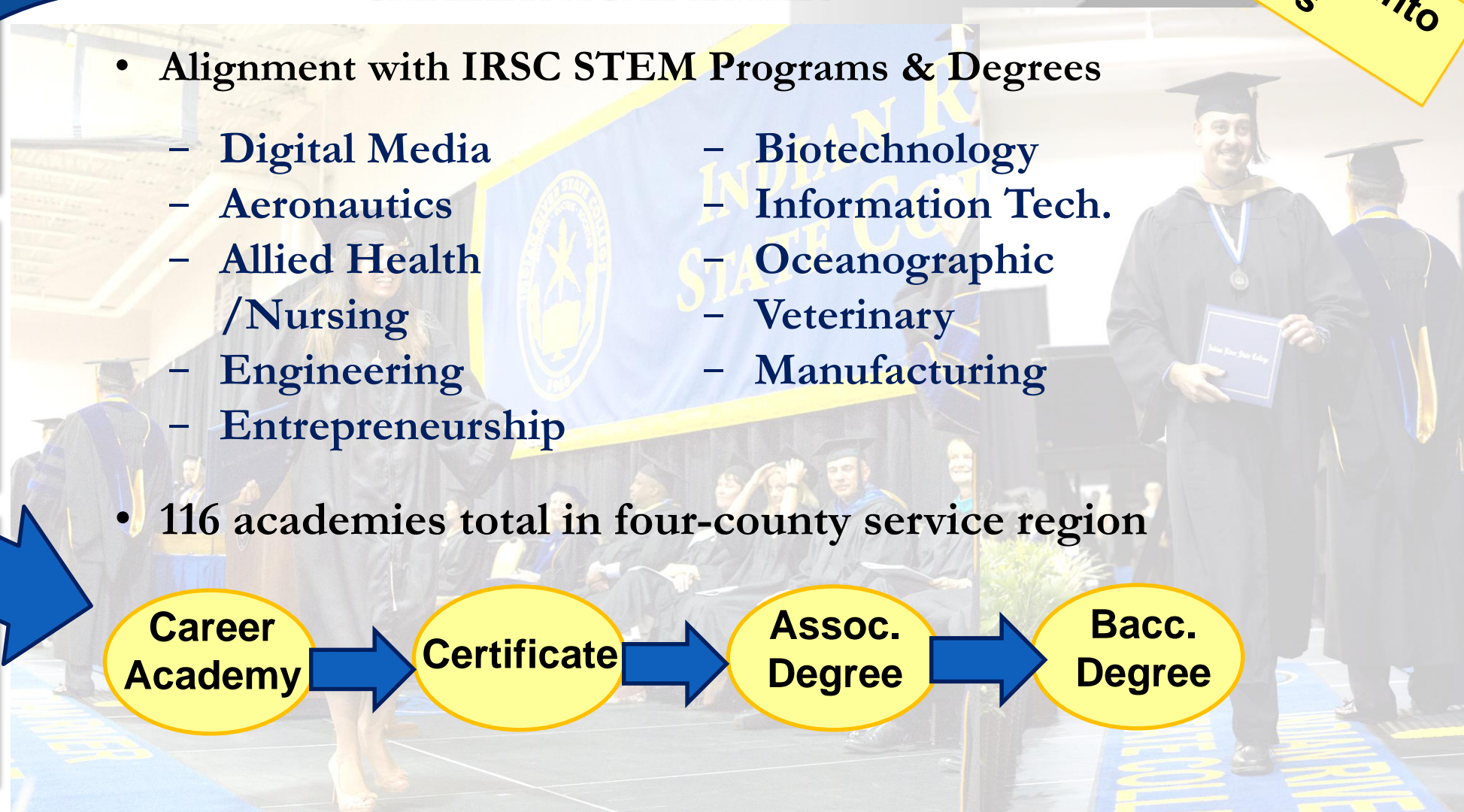
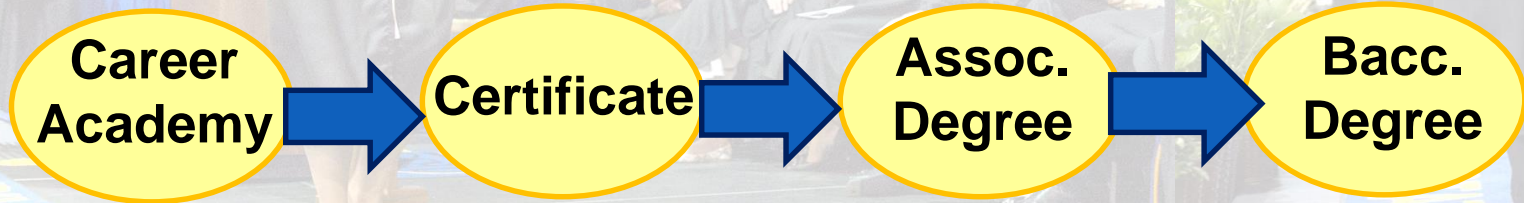
HIGH SCHOOL CAREER ACADEMIES



- Alignment with IRSC STEM Programs & Degrees

- Digital Media
- Aeronautics
- Allied Health /Nursing
- Engineering
- Entrepreneurship
- Biotechnology
- Information Tech.
- Oceanographic
- Veterinary
- Manufacturing

- 116 academies total in four-county service region



K-12 Connections

- **Great Explorations**

- Annual IRSC Event in Partnership with Quad-County Career Pathway Consortium and Four-County School Districts
- Close to 1000 high school students participating in more than 50 interactive career exploration activities.

- **Annual Counselors Conclave**

- Annual convening of four-county Middle, High School & College Advisors



- **Dual Enrollment Opportunities**

- All DE students have assigned advisors & Guided Pathways

Placement Test Waived due to Pandemic

- **Summer and Fall 2020**
 - more students of color encouraged and confident in pursuit of Dual Enrollment Courses without the barrier of a standardized test

Dual Enrollment Rates YTD by Race/Ethnicity - F19 vs. F20 YTD

- Overall:  6.9% FTE / 2% Headcount
- **Black Students:**  12% FTE / 18.8% Headcount!!

Dual Enrollment Course Success

2020 Summer A Classes:

Race/Ethnicity	Success Rate	Total Courses
Unreported	95.6%	90
American Indian or Alaska Native	**	<10
Asian	98.0%	101
Black or African American	91.7%	325
Hispanic	89.1%	632
Multiracial	90.4%	94
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	**	<10
White	93.5%	1120
Grand Total	92.0%	2371



Dual Enrollment Course Success

2020 Fall Semester:

Race/Ethnicity	Success Rate	Total Courses
Unreported	91.9%	395
American Indian or Alaska Native	80.0%	25
Asian	95.2%	271
Black or African American	85.6%	950
Hispanic	86.7%	2544
Multiracial	82.1%	329
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	**	<10
White	90.4%	4931
Grand Total	89.6%	9453



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