

Growing Demand for Micro-Credentials & Other Short-Term Programs

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Community College

Trends Across the Country

Intense Workforce Shortages

- Massachusetts has 42 available workers for every 100 open jobs
 - [Understanding America's Labor Shortage: The Most Impacted States | U.S. Chamber of Commerce](#)

Shift from Credential-Based to Skills-Based Hiring

- [Skills-Based Hiring Toolkit | Mass.gov](#)

Apprenticeship growth across industry sectors

- Introduction of [apprenticeship degrees](#)--embedded job learning

Trends in MA: Community College Priorities

Affordability & Student Support

- SUCCESS
- Free Community College

Workforce Development

- Workforce Education & Training Fund
- Early College & Dual Enrollment
- EEC Provider Opportunities
- CC Workforce Training Incentive Grants
- STEM Starter Academy



Trends @ QCC

- FTE grew by 15% in FA 2024
- Part-Time/Full-Time Ratio 74% (PT; less than 12 cr) v. 26% (FT)
- Campus Locations:
 - West Boylston St/Worcester
 - Federal St/Worcester
 - Southbridge
 - Specialized Program Sites (2)

Top Programs by Enrollment

- Healthcare
- Undecided
 - High School/Dual Enrollment Program
- Liberal Arts/General Studies
- Business Administration
- Nursing
- Computer Systems Engineering Tech (IT)
- Human Services
- Criminal Justice

What Does QCC Offer?

- Degree & Certificates Programs:
 - Business, Computing & Applied Technologies
 - English & Humanities
 - Healthcare
 - Math, Science & Engineering
 - Public Service, Education & Social Science
- Robust Academic & Student Supports
- Credit for Prior Learning
- Advantageous Transfer Agreements
- “Free” Community College
- *Apprenticeship Degree Pathways-Coming in 2025*
- Center for Workforce Development & Continuing Education
 - Short-term Skills Focused Training
 - Customized Corporate Training
 - Apprenticeships



What does it cost?

For Workforce Development/Short-Term Programs:

- Costs vary by training
- Many grant-funded and are offered at low/no cost to participant

For Credit-Bearing Programs: [Tuition & Fees](#)

But let's talk "free".....

- Or as we like to say **FUNDED** community college
- [Go to QCC for Free! | Quinsigamond](#)

