In Connecticut, a student’s clear path to a college degree is a path to financial stability and success for the entire state.

This guide illustrates how Connecticut’s private, non-profit colleges and universities help students of all ages and income levels achieve their full potential.
Identify best financial aid options for all students

More than 8 in 10 first-year students at CCIC member institutions receive financial aid they don’t have to pay back!

Source: IPEDS

Many families don’t realize that their best opportunities are actually affordable

Thanks to institutional aid, along with state and federal aid, our schools are able to offer generous financial aid packages to in-state students.

AVERAGE FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

| Listed Annual Tuition:  | $50,944 |
| Financial Aid:          | $23,693 |
| Net Annual Tuition:     | $27,251 |

THAT’S CUT BY 47%!

Source: College Scorecard, 2016

LAST YEAR, CCIC MEMBER INSTITUTIONS GAVE STUDENTS MORE THAN

$957,535,402

Source: IPEDS, 2015-16
Enroll in a school with high on-time graduation rates

The most affordable education is when students graduate on time! Students have the best chance at success when they enroll in a sector that has the highest on-time graduation rates.

CONNECTICUT AVERAGE 4-YEAR GRADUATION RATES

- CCIC: 67%
- PUBLIC: 41%

Source: IPEDS

Our students come from all income levels...

and reflect the diversity of today’s workforce

Students of different backgrounds, nations, age groups, and ethnicities find success at CCIC member institutions.

13,185 CCIC students received Pell grants this year

Source: IPEDS, 2015-16

Top 5 schools with International students

- U of Connecticut: 3,732
- U of New Haven: 1,420
- U of Bridgeport: 1,883
- Yale U: 3,089
- U of Hartford: 655

Source: Open Doors

Over 30% CCIC institutions award 54% of the bachelor’s degrees earned by minority/non-white students in Connecticut.

Source: NAICU

Age 25 or older
**Know the options for career opportunities**

A college education is a return on investment that lasts a lifetime! Bachelor’s degree holders earn $1.1 million more over a lifetime than those with only a high school degree.

**MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY BY DEGREE**

- **High School Degree**: $35,256
- **Associate Degree**: $41,496
- **Bachelor’s Degree**: $59,124
- **Advanced Degree**: $69,732

*Source: Bureau of Labor and Statistics*

**70% of future jobs in Connecticut will require a bachelor’s degree or higher**

A significant percentage of students pursuing bachelor’s and graduate degrees in Connecticut attend CCIC member institutions.

*Source: IPEDS, 2016*

**Companies hire college graduates with the skills a liberal-arts education provides**

- **80%** sought **Leadership Skills**
- **79%** sought **Ability to Work in a Team**
- **70%** sought **Written Communication Skills**
- **70%** sought **Problem Solving Skills**

Go where the high demand degrees are offered

Increasing a student’s chance at a career in a high-demand, high-wage field requires the right degree. CCIC member colleges and universities award the highest percentage of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) bachelor’s and advanced degrees in the state!

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Source: IPEDS, 2015-16

for high demand jobs

Boot-camps and associate degrees can be a good starting point, but they don’t prepare students with the technical and leadership skills needed to advance in a high-demand career. The bachelor’s degrees offered at independent 4-year colleges and universities prepare students for financial success.

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Source: PayScale Inc
Benefit from opportunities the sector brings to all Connecticut residents!

The economic and social impact of non-profit colleges and universities is among one of the largest of any sector in the state. Our mission has always been and will continue to be higher education for the public good.

Saving tax payers $739 Million

That’s how much it would cost Connecticut if private colleges didn’t exist and CCIC member students earned the same number of bachelor’s degrees from Connecticut’s public institutions instead.

Source: IPEDS and OFA Budget Book

WE PRODUCE 45% OF THE BACHELOR’S DEGREES IN CT, BUT RECEIVE LESS THAN 1% OF THE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Source: IPEDS & OFA Budget Book
The state’s third largest employer!

21,433 full-time equivalent employees working in the sector at CCIC member institutions

$2.7 Billion
DIRECT SPENDING BY institutions, their employees, visitors and students
Source: CICU-IRPS 2016 Economic Impact Report

$21.8 Billion
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT for our economy by CCIC member campuses
Source: CICU-IRPS 2016 Economic Impact Report

7,300 First year students come from other states each year, many of whom stay and build their careers here
Source: National Center for Education Statistics

200,000+ OF CCIC ALUMNI LIVE IN CONNECTICUT

GENERATING $2.8 Billion IN SPENDING ANNUALLY
Source: CICU-IRPS 2016 Economic Impact Report
The path to Connecticut’s success lies in helping our students reach their full potential!

To learn more about the Full Potential Roadmap visit

THECCIC.ORG/ROADMAP

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