

## What's New at the Vermont State Colleges



Castleton offers more than 75 programs of study to undergraduate and graduate students, including a growing number of master's and doctoral programs. With 28 varsity sports and more than 50 student organizations, the campus is a thriving community of living and learning that focuses on a relationship-based model for its more than 2,000 students. The University's campus has recently expanded into nearby Rutland with the addition of Castleton Downtown, a hub of economic and professional development for the region, housing the Castleton Polling Institute, Center for Community Engagement, Center for Entrepreneurship, and Center for Schools which delivered professional development to more than 1,300 Vermont educators last year.



1,538 students enrolled in Johnson's high-impact degree programs in fall 2015, including 439 working to complete their bachelor's degree through Johnson's External Degree Program. Sixteen students participated in a National Science Foundation program that includes an annual scholarship of up to \$10,000, immerses them in applied research and provides opportunities to network with scientists nationwide. JSC enrolled 34 Early College students in fall 2015, building on last year's success with the program. JSC's new president, Dr. Elaine Collins, has engaged the entire community in building a strong future.



Lyndon's 1,267 students gained real-world experience through its professional programs, including its nationally renowned outdoor recreation management, electronic journalism arts, atmospheric sciences, and music business degrees. Students worked with local businesses through Incubator Without Walls, hosted the Northeastern Storm Conference, and worked with nationally known performers. Lyndon provided access to higher education to 723 Vermonters, including many who live within commuting distance to the Northeast Kingdom campus. A new Early Childhood Education bachelor's degree program will be delivered in an innovative format for childcare professionals already working in the field.

### VERMONT TECH

Vermont's only postsecondary technical college, Vermont Tech offered applied learning opportunities in associate and bachelor's degree programs to 1,559 Vermonters in fall 2015. Ninety-four percent of 2015 graduates had jobs in their fields within six months. New degrees and programs are offered in Software Engineering (Master's), Entrepreneurship (Bachelor's), and certificate programs in computer science, agriculture, and forestry. Three engineering labs were modernized with funding from the state in 2015. Vermont Tech took ownership of the Norwich Farm, where it will grow its dairy education programs. The college broke ground on a new 500kW solar array on its Randolph Center campus as the anaerobic digester received its solid waste permit and reached 100% production capacity.



CCV served over 10,000 students at its 12 academic centers across the state and the Center for Online Learning. These students pursued a range of associate degrees, certificates, and continuing education opportunities. Last year, CCV served more than 1,000 Vermont high school students through its secondary education initiatives. CCV began offering several industry-recognized credentials through a \$2.4 million grant from the US Department of Labor. It worked with dozens of Vermont businesses to provide training to employees and meet specific workforce needs. CCV strengthened its connections to the other VSC schools by creating pathways that link associate degree programs directly to bachelor's programs. In Lamoille County CCV developed the Man Up program which is successfully closing the higher education gap in that area.

### Think VT First.

- Online classes, study abroad, and other learning opportunities open to students across the VSC system.
- Personal attention. Small classes.
- Tuition-free early college programs for Vermont high school students.
- Individualized degree paths with certificates, 2-year, and 4-year degrees from any VSC school.

LEARN MORE: [www.vsc.edu/ThinkVT](http://www.vsc.edu/ThinkVT)

## For the benefit of Vermont

84%  
of VSC students  
are Vermonters

83%  
of VSC graduates  
live and work  
in Vermont

46+  
# of countries  
with students  
attending  
the VSC

1,090  
high school  
students enrolled  
in VSC courses  
in fall 2015

65%  
of Vermonters  
going to college  
instate attend the  
VSC—more than all  
other institutions  
combined

654  
# of veterans  
served by  
the VSC in 2015

A VSC classroom  
is within  
25  
miles  
of every  
Vermonters

300+  
online courses  
offered  
by the VSC

583  
# of degrees  
conferred  
in 2015 to  
first-generation  
Vermonters

1,686  
college degrees  
conferred  
to Vermonters  
in 2015

18%  
State  
82%  
Tuition  
& Other  
VSC Revenue

81%  
of VSC  
students receive  
financial aid

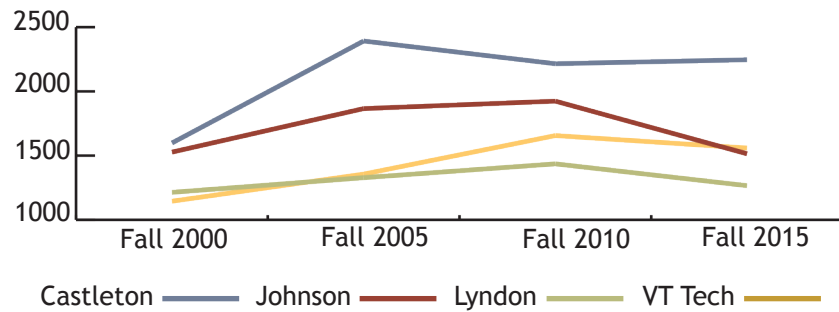


VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

CASTLETON UNIVERSITY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF VERMONT  
JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE  
LYNDON STATE COLLEGE  
VERMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

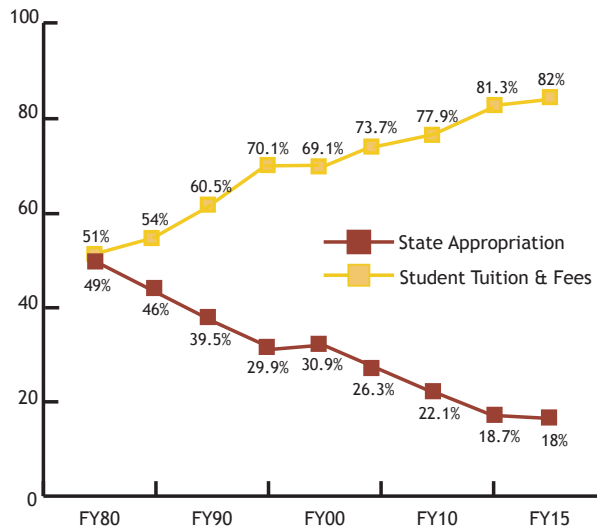
Vermont's System of Public Higher Education  
Vermont State Colleges  
Impact 2014-15

## Enrollment Trends at VSC Residential Colleges



**-17.5%**  
Projected decline  
in population of VT  
15 to 19-year-olds  
from 2010 to 2020

## State Support of Vermont State Colleges



Vermont ranks  
**47th**  
in state  
appropriations per  
\$1,000 of personal  
income.

## Vermont State Colleges: Accessible to All Vermonters



## Value of a College Degree

*Individuals with only a high school diploma:*

- Are 15% more likely to be poor.
- Are 25% more likely to be uninsured.
- Will require an average of \$54,155 in lifetime public assistance.

*Individuals with a college degree:*

- Earn \$32,112 more annually, and 114% more in a lifetime.
- Are 33% more likely to have health insurance.
- Will pay \$191,947 more in state and federal taxes than a Vermonter with no degree.

Source: Lumina Foundation, 2015

## Vermont State Colleges Deliver for Vermont's Economy

- Jobs: 2,000 employees
- Certificates: 217 awarded
- Job Creation:
  - 587 through VMEC
  - 543 through VtSBDC
- Workforce Education: Over 700 courses offered
- Degrees Conferred to Vermonters: 1,686
- Apprenticeships: 91 graduates
- Total Impact: Over 15,000 Vermonters served

## Top 10 VSC Degree Programs

*Health Professions • Business/Management/Marketing • Liberal Arts & Humanities • Education*

*Public Administration/Social Services/Security Professions • Psychology • Visual & Performing Arts • Engineering Technologies*

*Family/Consumer/Leisure & Fitness Studies • Agricultural/Construction/Mechanical/Telecommunications Technologies*