







The Vermont State Colleges, chartered by the Legislature in 1961, brings together five unique colleges: Lyndon, Johnson and Castleton State Colleges, Vermont Technical College and the Community College of Vermont.

Our Mission:

For the benefit of Vermont, the Vermont State Colleges provide affordable, high quality, student-centered and accessible education, fully integrating professional, liberal, and career study.



Castleton State College

- With a long history of community engagement in the state, Castleton recently earned the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement, an honor bestowed on just 360 colleges and universities nationwide.
- The recently opened Castleton Downtown in Rutland is the hub for supporting and improving the region's communities, schools, organizations, businesses, and environment, and is home to the Polling Institute, Center for Community Engagement, Center for Entrepreneurial Programs, and Center for Schools.
- Soon to offer eight master's programs: Arts Administration, Education, Special Education, Math Education, Music Education, Theater, Accounting, and Athletic Leadership. Additional master's and a doctoral program are under development.
- Recently added men's and women's track and field, nordic skiing, and women's golf, bringing our number of varsity sports to 27. We also offer alpine skiing, field hockey, football, women's golf, ice hockey, and nordic skiing at the varsity level.
- Established important alliances with several schools in China in an effort to attract qualified students who will contribute to enhanced diversity and mutual understanding in the global village that is our modern day world.
- Local impact: 466 Employees. Vermont Polling Institute provides data for state policymakers and research opportunities for students.





- Serving over 12,000 Vermonters annually, at 12 locations statewide and online
- Serving over 600 veterans and military-connected students annually
- Highly transferable credits with guaranteed admission at many colleges and universities
- Offering 28 degree and certificate programs, workforce education with state and national credentialing options, and broad continuing education opportunities
- Providing exceptional value through accessible and affordable high quality education
- Local impact: 801 employees on 12 campuses statewide.

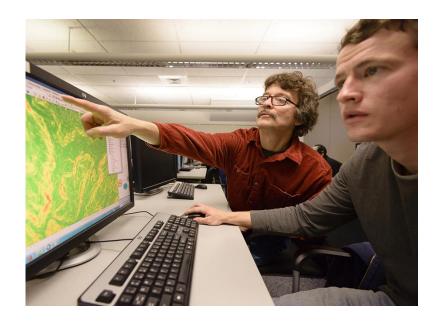






Johnson State College

- Nationally recognized for faculty-mentored student research on water quality in the Lamoille basin, asbestos contamination in the Northeast Kingdom, landslide indicators in Jeffersonville, and other environmental issues in Vermont
- Recipient of \$500,000 National Science Foundation grant funding scholarships for undergraduate science students
- Exemplary programs for first-year and continuing students that have improved retention and graduation rates
- Operates the External Degree Program (EDP), Vermont's leading bachelor's degree completion program for students with 60 college credits, offering online courses and weekend classes in four Vermont communities
- Local impact: 307 employees. Student research on asbestos contamination in Eden and water quality in the Lamoille watershed.



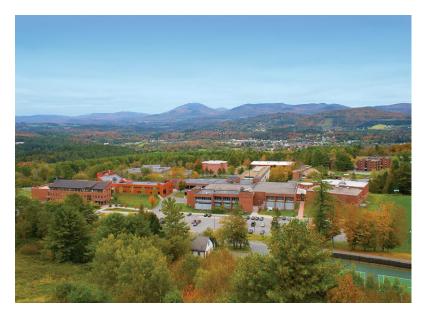






Lyndon State College

- Unique programs: Atmospheric Sciences; Electronic Journalism Arts; Exercise Science; Mountain Recreation Management; Music, Business and Industry; Sustainability Studies.
- Lyndon's Electronic Journalism Arts Department has been ranked in the top ten in a survey of the 25 best journalism schools in the United States.
- Since 2004, Lyndon's News7, the college's daily student-produced newscast, has garnered 80 regional and national awards, including an Emmy as the nation's Best College Newscast.
- Lyndon State and Q Burke Mountain Resort have formed a collaborative relationship that will provide students the benefit of experiential learning opportunities.
- Local impact: 278 employees. Summer camps for hundreds of area middle-school students.









Vermont Technical College

- Over 30 bachelor's and associate's degree programs in fields relevant to Vermont economy, including Renewable Energy, Green Building Design, Sustainable Land Use, Diversified Agriculture, Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Computer and Engineering Technology, Fire Science, and Professional Pilot Technology.
- U.S. News and World Report ranked Vermont Tech a Top 10 Public School in the region.
- Vermont Tech's anaerobic digester produces energy and heat for the campus.
- Local impact: 326 employees. Host of the successful Vermont Academy of Science and Technology (VAST) early college program for Vermont high school students.



Vermont Tech's Randolph Center campus is surrounded by one of America's most beautiful working landscapes.

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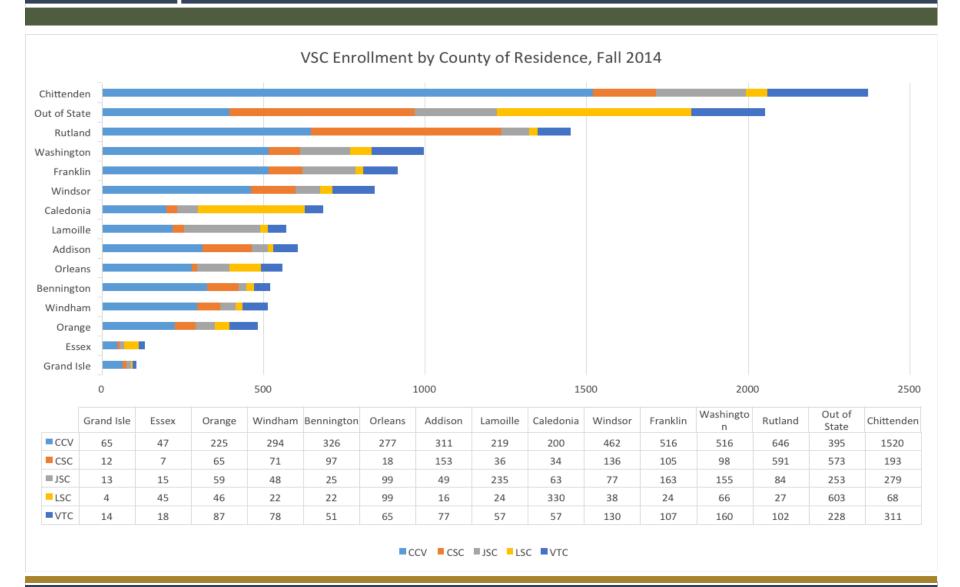


Student Profile

- Of the 12,305 students enrolled in the VSC, 10,304 (84%) are Vermonters.
- 57% of all degree seeking Vermonters are first generation college students.
- 50% of VSC students are eligible for federal PELL grants.
- ❖ 80% of VSC students receive financial aid.
- ❖ 84% of VSC graduates stay in Vermont.
- ❖ 84% of VSC graduates have jobs or are continuing their educations six months after graduation.



Where are our students from?





Degrees Awarded by Major, AY14

Degrees by Major Awarded 2013-14

Health Professions	607
Liberal Arts & Humanities	344
Business, Management & Marketing	304
Public Administration, Social Services, Security Professions	138
Education	137
Psychology	133
Engineering Technologies	129
Visual & Performing Arts	97
Agricultural, Construction, Mechanic, Telecommunications Tech.	90
Family, Consumer, Leisure & Fitness Studies	83
Literature, Languages, Communications & Journalism	66
Natural Resources, Biological & Physical Sciences	66
Computer & Information Sciences & Technology	61
Social Sciences & History	50
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	20
Mathematics & Statistics	20



Statewide Impact of the Vermont State Colleges

- VSC colleges are the affordable access institutions for the most number of Vermont college students. 84% of our students are Vermonters, more than 50% of our students are first-generation.
- 83% of our graduates remain in Vermont and work in growing industries: health care, manufacturing, energy, education, etc.
- Castleton Polling Institute is a valuable resource for government, non-profit, and private organizations that need data collection or evaluation assistance. It is an authoritative resource for understanding public opinion in Vermont.
- Johnson State College's External Degree Program gives Vermont adults an opportunity to complete degrees with a direct-to-employer strategy that focuses on professional skills and improves employee retention for employers.
- Lyndon State College serves the Northeast Kingdom business community through the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship and partnerships with regional industries.
- Nursing and Allied Health programs at Castleton State and Vermont Tech support and enhance the Vermont healthcare workforce in partnership with hospitals and clinical sites throughout the state.
- Castleton's Center for Schools offers a broad range of professional developmental opportunities for Vermont educators and administrators.
- The Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC) provides systems and solutions to help Vermont manufacturers innovate, plan, perform, and grow.
- Vermont Tech's Institute for Applied Agriculture and Food Systems provides short-term, intensive educational
 experiences that provide students with skills relevant to Vermont's food system.
- The Community College of Vermont is the key pathway for hundreds of Vermont first generation students who aspire to post-secondary education.
- The VSC system employs 2,200 people across 61 locations statewide, with a total of \$125 million in wages paid.



The VSC is Vermont's Flexible Pathways Partner

Vermont State Colleges, working in close cooperation with the Agency of Education and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, are providing new opportunities for Vermont students to pursue higher education while they are still in high school. Dual Enrollment, Early College and other pathways programs boost college aspiration among participants and give Vermonters an opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school.

- Early College: In the first year of the statewide program, 91 students have attended an early college program on a VSC campus.
- Vermont Academy of Science and Technology (VAST): VAST continues to be a successful first year of college at Vermont Tech. This year, 50 students are participating.
- Dual Enrollment: 659 high school students enrolled in a Vermont State College course for dual enrollment credit in the Fall of 2014.

Flexible Pathways at the VSC, Fall 2014

	Castleton	CCV	Johnson	Lyndon	Vermont Tech
Early College	6	57	20	8	
VAST					50
Dual Enrollment	55	430	18	93	63
Tech Center Students enrolled in CCV courses		35			
Introduction to College Studies Students		184			

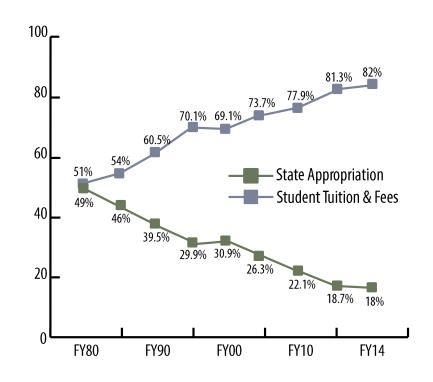


Revenue: Tuition & Fees vs. State Operating Appropriation

Tuition & Fees 2014-2015

	VT Student	Out-of-State
CCV	\$5,989	\$11,725
CSC, JSC, LSC	\$10,691	\$23,267
VTC	\$12,859	\$23,707
Room & Board	\$9,412	\$9,412

VSC Revenue: Tuition vs. State Funds





Report of the Interim Committee Established by the Legislature to Study Higher Education Funding, Act 48

"We propose that funding for higher education increase at the rate of growth of the General Fund for the prior year plus 1 percent."

January 2015



Vermont State Colleges Appropriations Request

General Fund	FY2014	FY2015 (Rescission erased increases)	FY2016 Governor's Recommendation: 0%
Base	\$24,300,464	\$24,421,966	\$24,421,966
Total	\$24,300,464	\$24,421,966	\$24,421,966
Allied Health/General Fund	\$744,591	\$748,314	\$748,314
AH/Global Commitment	\$405,407	\$409,461	\$409,461
Allied Health Total	\$1,149,998	\$1,157,775	\$1,157,775
VSC Total (Allied Health plus Base)	\$25,450,462	\$25,579,741	\$25,579,741

Request: 3% increase in general fund higher education appropriation **Total higher education** appropriation: \$88,476,421 3%: \$2,654,000 **Divided equally among VSC, UVM, VSAC:** \$884,333 each **Total VSC request** (Base, Allied Health, 3% increase): \$26,464,074









For more information about the Vermont State Colleges system and our member colleges, please see www.vsc.edu. Thank you.

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