

WEST KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

... *A preeminent community college*

**NATION'S
TOP 5
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

"In an area of the country that is seeing no economic growth, West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) provides tremendous opportunities for students and the region alike. The community college excels at its twin goals of providing students with strong job training and continuing higher education opportunity, boasting high completion and transfer rates and strong employment results for graduates. On campus, WKCTC works hard to make sure every student is learning by using classroom-based and campus-wide assessments to drive improvements in instruction. The results are clear: WKCTC transfers perform better than other Kentucky students in their junior and senior years at area four-year colleges. At the same time, WKCTC is a vital player in regional economic development, supplying the majority of nurses and other allied health professionals for the region's robust health care sector as well as creating new programs to respond to the needs of local industries - from the nearby chemical factory to area riverboat operators." - The Aspen Institute, 2011

More information on the Aspen Institute's assessment of WKCTC can be found at:
<http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/aspen-prize/WestKentuckyCommunityandTechnicalCollege>.

West Kentucky Community and Technical College faculty and staff's commitment to excellence in teaching and learning, student access and student success, and community partnerships to promote economic development has been key to the College's success.

Completion/Transfer Outcomes

Completion is the over arching goal of WKCTC with all faculty, staff and administrators working to redesign current policies, programs and practices. Forty-eighty percent (48%) of full-time students at WKCTC graduate or transfer within three years of entry, a rate that has improved steadily and substantially over the past five years.



■ WKCTC Percentage of Full-Time Students Who Graduate or Transfer Within Three Years

□ U.S. Average Percentage of Full-Time Students Who Graduate or Transfer Within Three Years

Source: Federal IPEDS Data 2007-09

■ WKCTC Percent Change in Credentials Awarded Per 100 FTE Students Between 2004 - 2009

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Source: IPEDS Completions and Enrollment Surveys

WKCTC is an equal opportunity employer and educational institution.



Labor Market Outcomes

Recent graduates from WKCTC (2010 class) are employed at very high rates compared to other Aspen finalist colleges, even though the regional job market is contracting. The county job growth rate diminished by 1.7% over the past 5 years.

Source: State Submissions of Employment and Wage Data on Graduates from 10 Finalist Colleges

Learning Outcomes

National experts retained by The Aspen Institute and site visitors ranked WKCTC's processes for assessing and improving learning outcomes as "excellent," and were especially impressed with professors' efforts to use and act on learning gaps revealed by commonly administered tests and questions.

Top High Wage, High Demand Programs

2010 - 2011 Labor Market Outcome Data

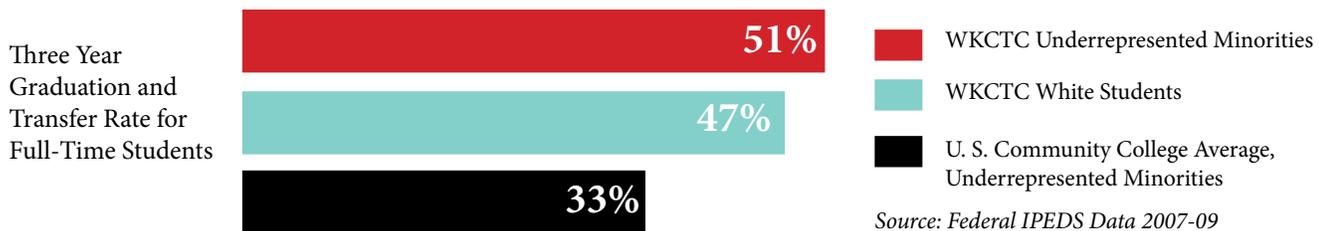
Program	Graduation Rate	Job Placement Rate	Starting Salary*	EMSI** Salary (Hourly)	EMSI Salary (Annual)
Radiography	100%	90%	\$33,000 - \$38,000	\$20.05	\$41,700
Dental Assisting	93%	100%	\$30,000	\$14.43	\$30,000
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	92%	91%	\$43,700	\$24.66	\$51,000
Physical Therapist Assistant	75%	100%	\$43,000	\$21.47	\$44,600
Associate Degree Nursing	70%	100%	\$39,000	\$25.30	\$52,600

*Salary ranges provided by program coordinators. Ranges reflect shift differentials and working conditions.

**Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI) provides current labor market data for the institution's service area. EMSI salaries reflect all wages, not starting salary.

Equitable Outcomes

WKCTC has achieved much higher success rates for underrepresented minorities than the national average, with underrepresented minorities more likely to graduate or transfer than other students.



Economic Impact of the College

\$126

million each year

According to a recent study by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc. (EMSI), WKCTC contributes more than \$126 million each year to its community through a combination of college operations, student spending, and productivity of graduates in the workforce. Over the course of his or her working career, the average WKCTC student's lifetime earnings will increase \$3.90 for every dollar invested in their WKCTC education.

Source: EMSI, 2011