

WEST KENTUCKY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE



FACT SHEET

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West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) has been recognized for two consecutive years by The Aspen Institute as one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation for providing students with strong job training and continuing higher education opportunity, for achieving high completion and transfer rates, and for realizing strong employment results for its graduates.

LEADERSHIP

College President/CEO: Dr. Barbara M. Veazey
 Chair, Board of Directors: Deborah Edmonds
 Chair, Paducah Junior College, Inc.: John Williams

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPANTS (2010-2011)

Workforce Solutions served over 5,200 participants in credit classes and 6,700 in community education classes in 2011-2012.

CREDIT STUDENT PROFILE

(FALL 2012)
 Enrollment: 7,052
 Part-time students: 64%
 Full-time students: 36%
 Female: 58%
 Male: 42%



PERSONNEL

Full-time faculty: 141
 Part-time faculty: 142
 Staff: 168

CREDENTIALS AWARDED (2010-2011)

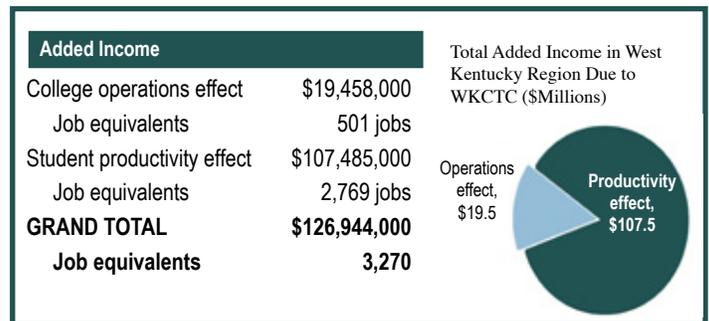
WKCTC offers more than 400 associate degree, diploma and certificate options in 48 academic and technical programs. In 2011-2012, the college conferred:

- 557 associate degrees
- 1,712 certificates and diplomas

WKCTC'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

WKCTC plays a significant role in the local economy and is a sound investment from multiple perspectives. Students benefit from improved lifestyles and increased earnings. Taxpayers benefit from a larger economy and lower social costs.

According to a recent study by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc. (EMSI), WKCTC contributes **more than \$126 million each year** to the community through a combination of college operations, student spending, and productivity of graduates in the workforce.



Source: Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI), 2011



WKCTC is an equal educational and employment opportunity institution.

What Makes WKCTC One of the Top Community Colleges in the Nation?

“West Kentucky Community and Technical College offers a shining example of how strong leadership and college-wide attention to student success can achieve strong results in learning and degree completion. The college’s strong student results flow from a consistent focus on identifying gaps in student learning and completion, improving instructor effectiveness and program design, and measuring the effectiveness of – and continuously improving – all of its programs. With little-to-no job growth in the region, the college also works extremely hard to align its programs to existing opportunities and play a central role in regional economic development.” - Josh Wynder, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program

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 compared with the national average of 40%.

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

WKCTC awards approximately 43.8 credentials for every 100 full-time equivalent students, well above the national average of 29.

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.

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.*