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Tracking the Growth of CCB Degrees in the U.S.
New Results and Important Perspectives

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CCBA provides support and resources to community colleges that build and sustain high-value, career-focused baccalaureate degrees that maximize opportunities for all citizens to achieve family-sustaining careers.

Bragg & Associates is a critical-friend consultant committed to transformative change in higher education. Research and evaluation specialists in advancing equitable college access and outcomes for underserved learners.
Meet Our Presenters

Dr. Angela Kersenbrock, President, CCBA

Dr. Cheryl Cicotti, Program Manager, CCBA

Tim Harmon, President, Workforce Enterprise Services, Inc.

Dr. Debra D. Bragg, President, Bragg & Associates, Inc.
Meet The Panelists

Dr. Elizabeth Meza, Senior Research Scientist, University of Washington

Dr. Kathleen Plinske, President, Valencia College

James “Jim” Reed Jr., Executive Director, Illinois Community College Trustees Association
• Document state and college scale-up of community college baccalaureate (CCB) degree pathways.

• Identify CCB degree pathways with promising practices and equitable outcomes to share widely.

• Expand CCBA’s capacity as the premier national organization advocating for CCB degrees and equitable baccalaureate pathways.

• Disseminate CCBA’s comprehensive scale-up plan nationwide.
CCB National Inventory

• National inventory completed December 2023
• CCB degree conferral status determined through:
  • College websites, email, and interviews
  • State agency websites, email, and interviews
  • Conferral with experts on community college baccalaureate (CCB) conferral
  • Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) analysis
• Expert review of 2023 results
CCB National Inventory

- We count *public* community colleges authorized to confer bachelor’s degrees and classified by Carnegie as Baccalaureate/Associates Dominant and Mixed Baccalaureate/Associates in IPEDS; All <50% bachelor’s of total degrees.

- We also include 81 community colleges (43%) that offer <50% bachelor’s degrees but still classified Associates Colleges in IPEDS.

- We estimate 20 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) and 5 U.S. territories with permanent, non-military populations have CCB colleges (not included in today’s talk).
States & Colleges

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24 States Authorizing Community College Bachelor’s Degrees
24 States:
Percent Colleges in each State Authorized to Confer CCB Degrees
Number of CCB Colleges in 2021 and 2023 Inventory

Year | Number of CCB Colleges | Date of National Inventory
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2021 | 142 | 
2023 | 187 | 

Number of CCB Colleges increased by 32% from 2021 to 2023.
Number of CCB Colleges per State

- Nearly 60% of all colleges conferring bachelor’s degrees reside in 4 states (WA, CA, FL & TX).
- Nearly 90% of all colleges conferring bachelor’s degrees reside in 11 states (WA, CA, FL, TX, OH, AZ, GA, MI, NV & WY).

Number CCB Colleges in 2023 Inventory (n=187)
U.S. Community Colleges Counted as Bachelor’s Conferring in 2021 & 2023

- Number CCB Colleges in 2021 = 142
- CCB Colleges Added in 2023 = 45
- Colleges Not Conferring Bachelor's in 2021 or 2023 = 745

Source: AACC Fast Facts 2023 (N=932 Public Colleges)
47% of the CCB colleges are located in rural, town, or small city/suburban locations; 53% are located in midsize or large cities and suburbs.

- City & Suburban (Large) = 67
- Rural & Town (Distant/Fringe/Remote) = 51
- City & Suburban (Small) = 37
- City & Suburban (Midsize) = 32

Number of CCB Colleges in 2023 Inventory (n=187)
Predominant Racial Identity of Students Attending CCB Colleges

Number CCB Colleges in 2023 Inventory (n=187)

- Colleges Serving Predominantly White Students 50% (n=93)
- Colleges Serving Predominantly Students of Color 50% (n=94)

- Hispanic-Serving = 71
- Asian American & Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander = 8
- Multiple Racial Groups = 12
- Other Racial Groups = 3
CCB Programs

Tim Harmon,
Workforce Enterprise Services
Number of CCB Programs in 2021 and 2023 Inventory

- 583 programs implemented by fall 2021
- 678 programs implemented by fall 2023

Increase: +16%
Number of CCB Programs by State (2023)

- Almost 50% of all CCB programs are in Florida and Washington
- Half of 24 CCB-conferring states offer 10 or more CCB programs total

Number CCB Programs in 2023 Inventory (n=678)
Largest CCB Program Areas by 2-digit CIP (2021 & 2023)

- Business (52) 2023: 117, 2021: 127
- Health Professions (51) 2023: 104, 2021: 80
- Education (13) 2023: 94, 2021: 72
- Nursing (51.3801) 2023: 77, 2021: 65
- Engineering Technologies (15) 2023: 43, 2021: 34
- Security and Protective Services (43) 2023: 30, 2021: 24
- Natural Resources and Conservation (03) 2023: 18, 2021: 11
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences (26) 2023: 17, 2021: 14
- Agriculture (01) 2023: 12, 2021: 10
- Public Administration (44) 2023: 13, 2021: 12
- Visual and Performing Arts (50) 2023: 13, 2021: 16

CCB Programs in 2021 Inventory (n=583)
CCB Programs in 2023 Inventory (n=678)
Ten Largest CCB Programs by 6-digit CIP (2023)

- Nursing (RN to BSN) 77
- Business Administration 42
- Early Childhood Education 30
- Organizational Management/Leadership 25
- Elementary Education 21
- Dental Hygiene 20
- Cybersecurity 20
- Information Systems/Technologies 18
- Respiratory Care 16
- Health Care/Services Management 15

Number CCB Programs in 2023 Inventory (n=678)
Number of Programs by Bachelor’s Degree Type (2021 & 2023)

- Bachelor of Applied Science or Arts: 255 (2023), 64 (2021)
- Bachelor of Science: 211 (2023), 182 (2021)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing: 77 (2023), 64 (2021)
- Bachelor of Arts: 27 (2023), 17 (2021)
- Bachelor of Tech/Applied Tech: 23 (2023), 11 (2021)
- Specialized/Other/Unknown: 30 (2023), 21 (2021)

CCB Programs in 2021 Inventory (n=559)
CCB Programs in 2023 Inventory (n=678)
Number Colleges by Number CCB Programs per College (2023)

- Average CCB programs per College = 3.6
- Median CCB programs per College = 1
- 60% of Colleges offer 1 or 2 CCB programs
- Only 10 Colleges offer 10 or more CCB programs
## Top 10 Colleges by Number of CCB Programs

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CCB Graduates

Dr. Debra Bragg, Bragg & Associates
Percent of CCB Colleges with Graduates

- 68% with Bachelor's Graduates
- 32% without Bachelor's Graduates

IPEDS Academic Year (AY) 2021-2022 Results for 187 Colleges in 2023 Inventory
Number CCB Programs with Graduates from AY2016-17 to AY2021-22 (IPEDS)
Number of CCB Graduates from 2016-17 to 2021-2022 (IPEDS)
Number CCB Graduates by State (AY2021-22)

- Florida accounts for 64% of all CCB graduates
- The states of AZ, ID, MA, MO, & OR have not yet reported graduates to IPEDS and are excluded from this chart
Gender Categories of CCB Graduates (AY2021-22)

The overall gender distribution for CCB graduates has not changed over 6 years of IPEDS data collection.

Number CCB Graduates for IPEDS AY2021-22 (n=15,297)
Race Categories of CCB Graduates (AY 2021-22)

Number CCB Graduates IPEDS (AY 2021-22) (n=15,297)

- White Graduates: 50% (n = 7,670)
- Graduates of Color: 50% (n = 7,627)

Breakdown of Graduates of Color:
- Hispanic = 3,717
- Black/African American = 2,037
- Asian = 628
- Two or More Races = 522
- Unknown = 308
- International = 291
- Am Indian, AK Native, HI Pac Islander = 124
Panel Discussion

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

CCBA 2024 National Conference
February 14-16 in Savannah, GA
www.accbd.org/2024-conference

Virtual Convening on Baccalaureate Attainment in the Great Lakes States:
April 23, 2024, 1-3:30 pm EST
(registration coming soon)

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