



The Career College Association is a voluntary membership organization of private, postsecondary schools, institutes, colleges and universities that provide career-specific educational programs. CCA's 1,100 members educate and support more than a million students each year for employment in over 200 occupational fields. These schools and colleges graduate approximately one-half of the technically trained workers who enter the U.S. workforce each year and also provide retraining for displaced workers and skills-upgrading for a wide variety of public and private employers.

CCA member institutions cover the full gamut of postsecondary education: from short-term certificate and diploma programs, to two- and four-year associate and baccalaureate degrees, to masters and doctoral programs. Some of the occupational fields for which CCA institutions provide programs include: information technology; allied medical; business administration; mechanical engineering; commercial art; radio and television broadcasting; and culinary and hospitality management.

Most CCA member institutions participate in federal student financial assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. In order to participate, they must be licensed by the state in which they are located, accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body, and approved by the U.S. Department of Education. Many CCA member schools and colleges also participate in other federal, state and local education and workforce training programs.

In addition, over the past four years CCA's Foundation has provided nearly 17,000 scholarships to high school graduates attending CCA member schools, institutes, colleges and universities. The Foundation recently received the highest award from the American Society of Association Executives for innovative education and training initiatives.