

# Education Outcomes Iowa Community Colleges

Certificate, Diploma and Associate Degree Programs  
Academic Year 2017/2018

Iowa's Community Colleges provide a wide array of educational options to students through community college certificate, diploma and associate degree programs. These programs are designed to meet state and regional economic needs of both the workforce and businesses. Annually, student cohorts are established for research into education outcomes where students are followed into further education, training or employment. These outcomes inform students about wages and employment options, businesses with skilled worker supply and educators in program development and improvement.

## Student Demographics

The majority of credit students are female, under age 25 and not racially diverse.



**55.4%** of credit students were female.



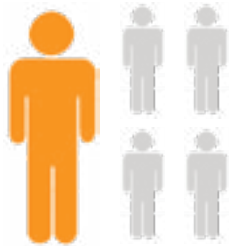
**72.6%** of credit students were younger than 25 years of age.



**18.9%** of credit students who reported their race/ethnicity were of a racial or ethnic minority group.

## Continuing Education

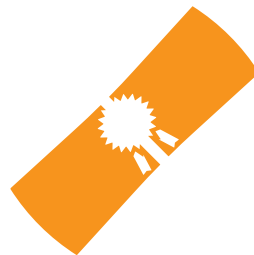
Credit programs often lead to enrollment in further education and/or transfer.



**49.4%** of students who completed their program in AY 2018 enrolled in further education.



**83.3%** of students who continued their education did so at an Iowa college or university.



**93.7%** of AY 2017-2018 students did not have a previous degree.

## Top 10 Credit Programs

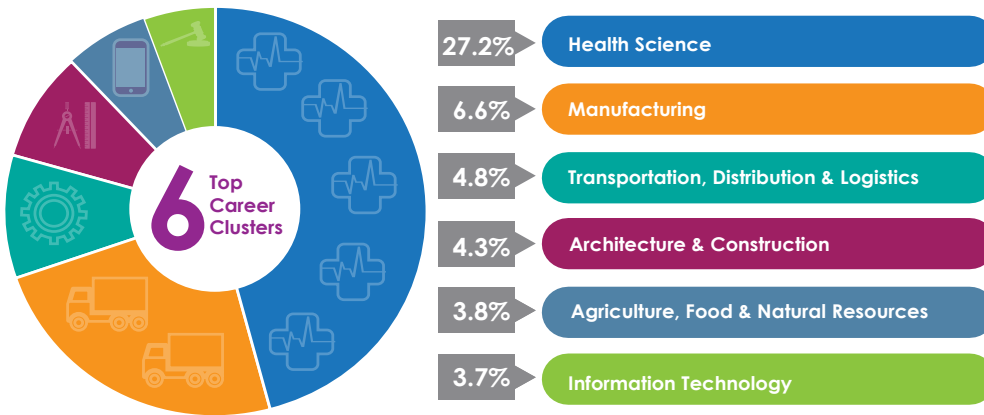


Liberal Arts & Sciences and programs in health care professions comprise the highest number of completions in AY2017-2018.



## Top Career Clusters

The National Career Clusters Framework organizes programs into 16 career clusters. Excluding college parallel/liberal arts (36.2%), the top career clusters by completion were health science and manufacturing.

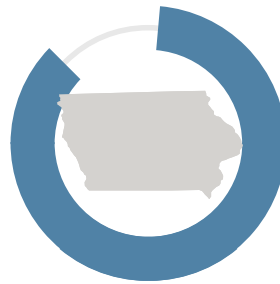


## Employment

The majority of students in community college credit programs stay in Iowa and are employed the first year following completion of their programs.



**91.0%** of credit students were employed in the first year following exit from their programs.

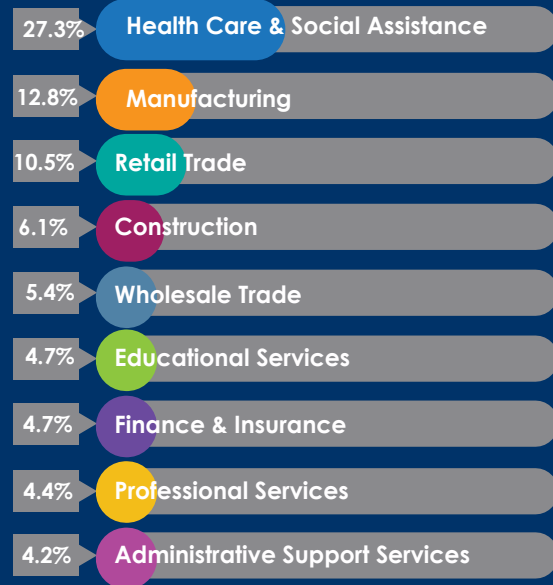


**83.5%** of credit students were employed in the state of Iowa.

## Top Industries for Employment



Of the credits students who completed in AY 2017-2018 and employed the year following program exit (2019), over one-fourth were employed in health care and social assistance.



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## Earnings

Earnings in the first year following program completion vary based on a variety of factors, including the duration of training, type of award and employer demand. The following examples provide median annual wages by type of award; however, wages vary based on program.

Short-term Certificate	Long-term Certificate/Diploma	Associate Degree
\$25,250	\$31,397	\$33,183



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