

# One County, One Community One College

## A case for Bucks County Community College

Community colleges nationwide enroll 44 percent of all undergraduates and 49 percent of first-time freshmen students. Annually, two-year institutions provide millions of credit and non-credit students with the tools to be competitive in today's global economy.

Locally, Bucks County Community College has been the gateway to higher education for more than 200,000 students since 1964. These are just some of the comments one hears from current and former students when talking about the College:

"I had the best teachers at BUCKS;"

"I wasn't a number – people knew my name...  
I could actually talk with faculty after class;"

"BUCKS was the best College I attended."



In fact, BCCC was one of the first community colleges established in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Students come to the College to begin their academic careers, develop occupational skills, receive advanced training and pursue personal enrichment. Annually, approximately 10,000 credit students and 20,000 non-credit students are enrolled at one of the College's three campuses in Newtown, Bristol and Perkasie.

With its tradition of excellence, BCCC offers a high-quality, accessible and affordable educational experience. Recognizing that education is now a life-long process, the College is uniquely focused on helping students achieve their goals, wherever they are on the educational continuum.

The College offers 60 associate degree programs and 27 certificate programs, ranging from liberal arts, health sciences, business and education to professional development programs such as information technology, public safety and transportation.



Seventy percent of the College's students intend to transfer to four-year institutions to continue their education. As tuitions at private and public colleges continue to rise, BCCC offers an affordable, quality alternative for many families. For example, a full-time student pays approximately \$3,000 a year in tuition and fees, less than a third of the cost of a public four-year institution.

A strong faculty, committed to teaching, offers students personal attention and one-on-one interaction.

The College is a nationally recognized leader in integrating technology and distance learning into its curriculum. Students have access to advanced computing resources on campus and a wide variety of on-line courses are also offered.

The Center for Workforce Development partners with regional employers to customize training programs to achieve their strategic business objectives, with courses delivered at the company's site or on campus.

BCCC is a major contributor to economic development in the region. The College has an annual budget of \$70 million, and nearly 1,000 employees at its three campuses and satellite locations. Most important, 75 percent of graduates remain in Bucks County, building the fabric of our community as business and civic leaders, family members and productive citizens.

"I found the BUCKS professors to be extremely approachable, encouraging and supportive of my educational and career goals. My professors helped to build up my confidence...and provided me with a great foundation."

*Monika Danos '92*  
*Telecommunications Analyst at NASA*

