Student Perspective

Education Will Pay You Back—For a Lifetime

• Students enjoy an attractive 22% rate of return on their ACC educational investment, and recover all costs (including wages given up while attending classes instead of working) in only 7 years.
• Over the course of his or her working career, the average ACC student’s lifetime earnings will increase $720 for every dollar invested in their ACC education (in the form of tuition, fees, and foregone earnings).
• Students see their annual income increase, on average, by $209 per year for every credit completed at ACC.
• The average annual income of the typical Associate Degree graduate from ACC at the mid-point of his or her career is $46,700, 39% more than someone with a high school diploma.
• Over the course of a working lifetime, Associate Degree graduates from ACC earn $481,000 more than someone with a high school diploma.

Average Earnings at Career Midpoint

Education Is Your Ticket to a Better Job

• By 2018 it is anticipated that there will be about 438,900 new and replacement jobs available in the ACC Service Area economy.
• About 32% of these jobs will require an education level equal to an associate’s degree or greater.
• Another 5% of available jobs in 2018 will require some kind of post-secondary certificate or vocational award.

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