

ABOUT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

St. Louis Community College offers a challenging learning environment that points students in directions that lead to success.

Since voters in St. Louis City and County established the college in 1962, STLCC has been enriching lives and contributing to the economic development of the metropolitan area. The college has a \$2 billion overall financial impact on the St. Louis region annually.

Each year, nearly 80,000 students enroll in college transfer and career programs; job skill, personal development, and college preparatory classes; and customized programs sponsored by employers. Associate degrees in Applied Science, Arts, Fine Arts, Science, and Teaching are offered, as well as certificates of proficiency and specialization. The college's Workforce Solutions Group also serves the local business community through assessment, counseling, consulting, and training services.

Learning is geographically accessible through four campuses: Florissant Valley in North County, Forest Park in the city's central corridor, Meramec to the southwest, and to the far west, Wildwood; two education centers in south St. Louis County and North St. Louis; numerous business, industrial, and neighborhood sites throughout the metropolitan area; and online and hybrid courses via the Internet.

Governed by a board of six elected trustees and supported by local taxes, state funds, and student fees, the college has a total operating budget of \$160.7 million. Accreditation is through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. St. Louis Community College focuses its resources on helping students find the right academic and career pathways.

Through its alumni and community partnerships, the college is helping St. Louis become the best place to live and work in the 21st century.

Economic Value

St. Louis Community College is your best financial investment now – and a great investment for your future. Student fees at STLCC are among the lowest in the area.

A large portion of instructional costs is financed by tax revenue; therefore, you pay less for a high-quality academic experience. And graduates of STLCC are the region's best economic investment.

- Research shows that for every \$1 invested in their STLCC education, students receive a return on that investment of more than \$5.10 in higher future income over their working careers.
- From a taxpayer perspective, every \$1 of state or local tax money invested in STLCC returns \$2.40.
- STLCC's annual impact on St. Louis is \$2 billion or approximately 1.9 percent of the total St. Louis area economy.
- Higher earnings of STLCC students (and associated increases in state income) expanded the tax base in Missouri by about \$233 million in fiscal year 2013-14 from \$107 million in support.
- It is estimated that the St. Louis area economy annually receives a net of \$178 million in added labor and non-labor income due to STLCC operations.
- Compared to someone with only a high school diploma, associate degree graduates earn \$466,400 more over the course of a working lifetime.

Source:
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