

Fact Sheet

North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) is a nationally-ranked, two-year institution located in North Central Iowa that serves students of all ages and abilities. Starting in 1918 as Mason City Junior College, NIACC has the distinct privilege of being the oldest Iowa community college. In 2018, NIACC will be celebrating the College's 100 year anniversary of providing top quality education to our students. Between 2012 and 2014, the College received four national rankings, including being ranked in the top 10 percent of all community colleges in the nation.

Institutional Snapshot

- Located in Mason City, Iowa
- Started as Mason City Junior College in 1918
- The largest institution of higher education in North Iowa
- Five outreach centers provide additional programming in Osage, Lake Mills, Charles City, Hampton, and Garner
- Nearly 30,000 graduates since 1918
- Employees reside in 36 North Iowa communities

Student Demographics (Fall 2015)

- Ages range from 14 to 61 with an average age of 21
- 55% are women and 45% are men
- 92% of students are from Iowa

Student Success

- Offers over 50 one and two year career program options
- 97% of NIACC's career and technical graduates get jobs
- 91% of NIACC students continue to live and work in North Iowa

Enrollment

- Enroll nearly 3,000 students in over 28,000 credit hours each semester
- Part-time students (enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours) make up 52% of the student body
- High school enrollment includes 975 students
- Chosen by 29% of area high school graduates the fall immediately following graduation
- Chosen by 75% of area students within five years of high school graduation
- Over 1,500 students enroll in at least one web class per semester
- Classes average 20-30 students

- Offers more than 30 student clubs and organizations
- Approximately 250+ students participate in intercollegiate athletics (volleyball, men's soccer, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, wrestling, men's and women's track, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's golf)
- Student housing accommodates approximately 400 students (new facility built in 2014)

Excellence and Quality

- Nationally-ranked community college, receiving four rankings between 2012 and 2014, including being placed in the top 10% of all community colleges nation-wide by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program (2012 and 2014)
- Nearly 1,000 students and more than 50 alumni have been honored over the past 25 years through the NIACC Alumni Association's Pathways to Success program
- More than 1,200 students have been inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society in the past 10 years
- Quality programs and services for almost 100 years

Saving Families Money

- Students who graduate from NIACC before transferring to a four-year institution can save more than \$8,000 for the same bachelor's degree they'd get if they had started at the four-year school
- \$1,041,957.27 was given in student scholarships through NIACC and the NIACC Foundation during the 2014-15 academic year

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Entrepreneurial Impact

- 482+ new business starts
- 1,588+ new jobs created
- \$4 million raised by NIACC's Pappajohn Center for North Iowa Venture Capital Fund
- 40,404 entrepreneurship program participants since inception (1997)

Continuing Education (non-credit)

- More than 2,000 classes offered annually
- 21,000 enrollments are recorded across the district annually
- \$7,745,000 in training through the Iowa New Jobs Training (260E) Program has helped to create 978 new jobs at 20 North Iowa companies since 2010
- \$647,192 in training through the Iowa Jobs Training (260F) Program has helped train 1,049 current employees at 41 North Iowa companies since 2010
- Community education centers are located in Charles City, Osage, Hampton, Garner, Lake Mills and Forest City
- On average, 400-500 North Iowans participate in Adult Basic Education programs annually
- Up to 75 people earn their High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) from NIACC every year

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