

# COMPLETION MATTERS

Students completing a degree or credential at a community college will receive

**\$4.80** IN FUTURE INCOME

for every \$1.00 he or she spends on education



**17.8%**  
return on investment

*(Source: AAAC Where Value Meets Values: The Economic Impact of Community Colleges)*

## MEDIAN ANNUAL EARNINGS

**\$68,190**

Jobs requiring a bachelor's degree

*(Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics survey and Employment Projections program)*

**\$58,240**

Jobs requiring an associate degree

**\$35,580**

Jobs requiring a high school diploma or equivalent



## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

**11%**

Less than a high school diploma

**7.5%**

High school diploma

**7%**

Some college, no degree

**5.4%**

Associate degree

**4%**

Bachelor's degree

*(Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, 2013.)*



**39.1%**

ONLY  
first-time college students who enroll in a community college earn a credential from a two- or four- year institution within six years.

*(Source: National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, Shapiro & Dundar, 2014.)*

A student who completes an associate degree will earn on average

**\$5,400**

more than a dropout each year.

*(Source: Bailey & Belfield, 2015)*



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