



COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
of AURORA



2024

GRADUATE REPORT

ABOUT CCA



MISSION

CCA serves our diverse community by providing high-quality instruction and support services to prepare students for transfer and employment.

VISION

We aspire to be the college where every student succeeds.

VALUES

We value respect, collaboration, quality, access, diversity, and inclusion.



ACCREDITATION

CCA is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The regional accrediting body is located at 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604. The office may be contacted at 800-621-7440. CCA has been accredited by the HLC since 1988.

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

CentreTech Campus

16000 E. Centretch Parkway
Aurora, Colorado 80011
303-360-4700

Lowry Campus

710 Alton Way
Denver, CO 80230
303-360-4700



PRESIDENT LETTER



It is with great pride and profound gratitude that we share the recent survey results of our annual graduate study. These results reflect the exceptional achievements of our institution and the remarkable community that defines the Community College of Aurora (CCA). This survey highlights our academic excellence and underscores our unwavering commitment to fostering diversity, inclusivity, and social and economic mobility.

The success of our students is a testament to the rigorous education and holistic support we provide, preparing our students to thrive in an ever-evolving global landscape. These results would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our faculty, staff, and administration, who tirelessly support our students' academic and personal growth. A special thank you to our CCA Office of Institutional Research for the collection and preparedness of the data presented.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your contributions to our collective success and our college supporters. Your commitment to excellence and equity is the foundation of our institution's enduring legacy.

Thank you for being an integral part of the CCA community. Here's to our shared success and the many milestones yet to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mordecai I. Brownlee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mordecai Ian Brownlee, Ed.D.
President, Community College of Aurora

CCA 2023 GRADUATES

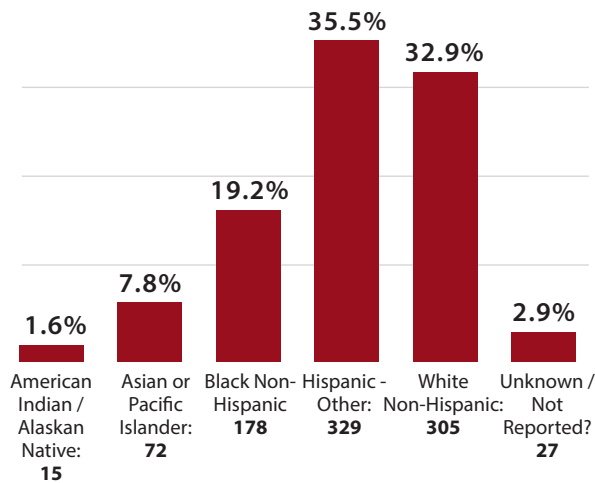
CCA's courses are based on real life and work situations so that graduates are more than ready when they start their careers. When students graduate from CCA's programs, they are prepared to transfer to a four-year institution or to begin their career.

CCA Students

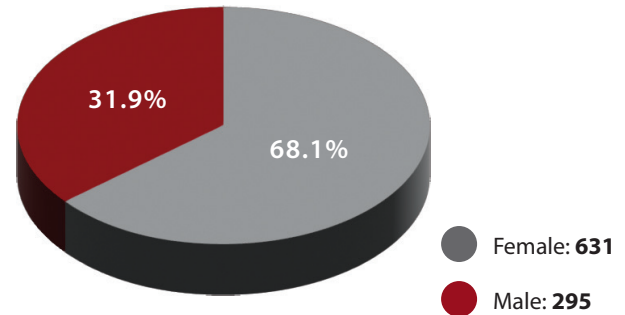
CCA is a global community with students from more than 60 countries. The diversity of the students and the community is one of the college's greatest strengths. CCA has an inclusive, equity-driven, multicultural environment; a reputation for excellence; and a culture that places a high value on positive experiences for all students, faculty, and staff.

CCA is dedicated to increasing the retention, completion, and transfer of CCA students—especially those who are underrepresented in higher education, financially under-resourced, the first generation in their family to attend college, nontraditional, or otherwise educationally disadvantaged.

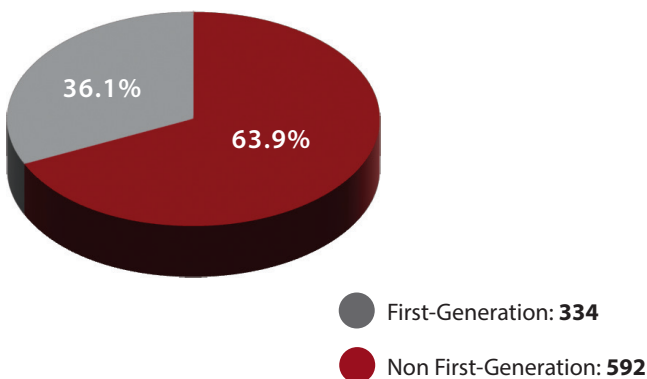
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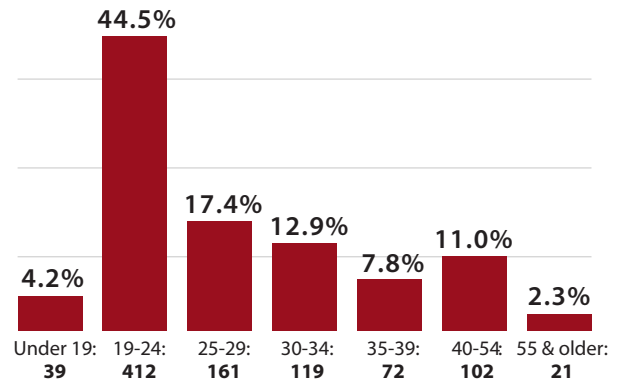
GRADUATES BY GENDER



FIRST-GENERATION



GRADUATES BY AGE



25
MEDIAN AGE

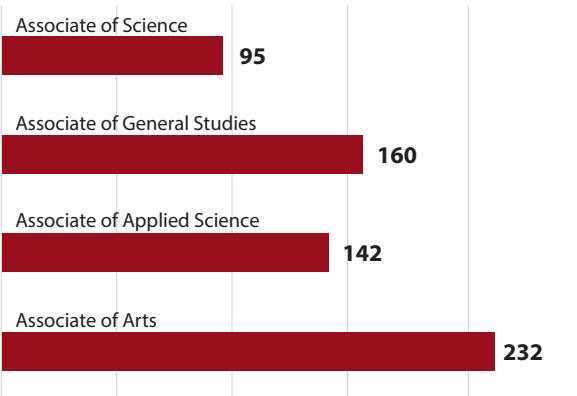
17
YOUNGEST STUDENT

70
OLDEST STUDENT



In the 2023 academic year, 926 students graduated from CCA, earning a total of 1015 associate degrees and certificates. CCA conducted a follow-up survey with these graduates in the spring of 2024. This report highlights the survey's findings. CCA prepares both transfer graduates and career/technical education (CTE) graduates. Transfer graduates earn an associate degree that allows them to transfer as juniors to a four-year college or university. CTE graduates earn either a certificate or associate degree that allows them to enter the workforce.

CCA AWARDED 629 ASSOCIATE DEGREES IN 2023.



95.5%

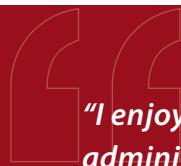
OF 2023 CCA GRADUATE RESPONDENTS SAID THAT CCA HELPED THEM MEET THEIR EDUCATION GOALS.

94.1%

OF RESPONDENTS SAID THAT CCA CREATED A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT.

92%

OF RESPONDENTS INDICATED THAT THEY ARE EMPLOYED OR CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION.



"I enjoyed my time at CCA. The professors and the administration at CCA was very professional. After receiving my certificate from CCA, I have found a career with my CCA Nurse Aide Certificate. I will be returning to CCA in the future."

– CCA 2023 GRADUATE

2023 TRANSFER GRADUATES

Transfer graduates received degrees in programs that prepared them to transfer as juniors into four-year colleges and universities.

Over half of the students who enroll at CCA are interested in transferring in order to complete their bachelor's degree. CCA degrees are designed to make transferring easy. Students start by meeting with an academic advisor to determine a degree plan; they then use Career Services to explore majors and possible career tracks. CCA offers support every step of the way.

Top Five Transfer Schools in Colorado

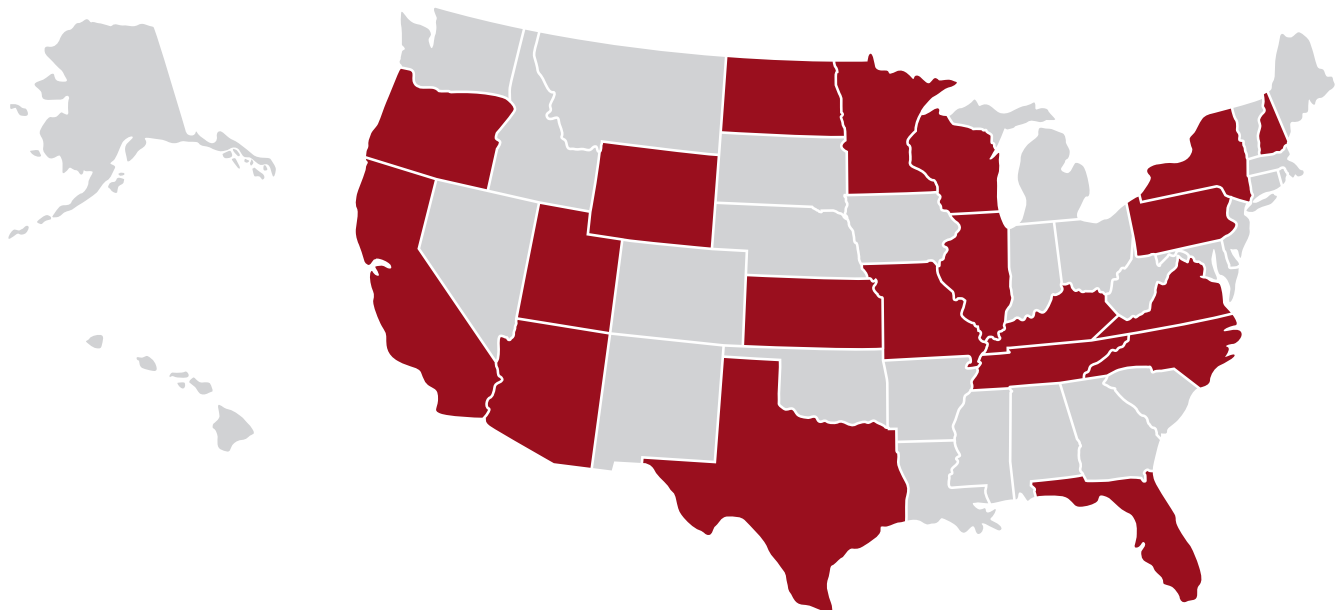
| COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY | NUMBER OF TRANSFERS |
|---|---------------------|
| Metropolitan State University of Denver | 49 |
| University of Colorado Denver | 44 |
| Colorado State University | 10 |
| University of Colorado Boulder | 6 |
| University of Northern Colorado | 6 |

Other states where transfer students are attending include Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming.



70.3%

OF CCA'S 2023 TRANSFER GRADUATES STATED THAT THEY WERE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION AT ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.



2023 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) GRADUATES

CCA's Career and Technical Education

CCA offers more than 50 career and technical education (CTE) degree or certificate programs in which students are engaged in hands-on courses and work-based learning. The Cinematic Arts program at CCA is renowned as one of the best film schools in the country. The nursing pathway program allows students to attend CCA and then transfer to the University of Colorado College of Nursing, to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Programs such as the Fire Academy and Emergency Medical Services provide a number of ways for students to learn to serve and protect our communities.

CCA Career Services

CCA Career Services is a full-service career development center and resource that is free for students on an appointment or drop-in basis. Students graduate and transfer at greater rates when they know the direction of their career path. Career Services supports that journey from start to finish.

Career Services assists with:

- Identifying the student's skills, values, interests, and personality traits
- Exploring careers within majors and fields
- Resume writing
- Interview practice
- Building connections in the student's field
- Job/internship search
- Salary/hiring negotiation

Employers connect with students through:

- Company spotlights — employers visit CCA's campus and directly recruit students
- Career fairs — fairs provide a great opportunity for employers to meet students and for students to explore possibilities
- Industry-specific career events — career events highlight in-demand industries such as healthcare, IT, and others
- Online job board (Career Hub) — this job board promotes internships, shadowing opportunities, site tours, and informational interviews
- Handshake lists all Career Services Events as well as other outside events.

Employer information

Career Services connects employers with CCA's diverse and skilled students. Connect with our Career Network Engagement Specialist to encounter a high level of customer service and catering to meet your hiring needs.

Contact us at careerservices@ccaaurora.edu or 303-360-4929



81.9%

OF CTE GRADUATES
REPORTED THAT THEY
WERE EMPLOYED.

\$23.21

THE AVERAGE WAGE
OF CTE GRADUATES IS
\$23.21 PER HOUR.



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For more information about the 2024 VE-135 Graduate Follow-Up Survey and other data contained in the report, contact the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, at cca.ir@ccaaurora.edu or call 303-360-4737.