

# Vermont State Colleges System

Government Affairs Update

*December 6, 2021*

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Graduated 1,643 Vermonters into the workforce in 2021 with degrees or certificates

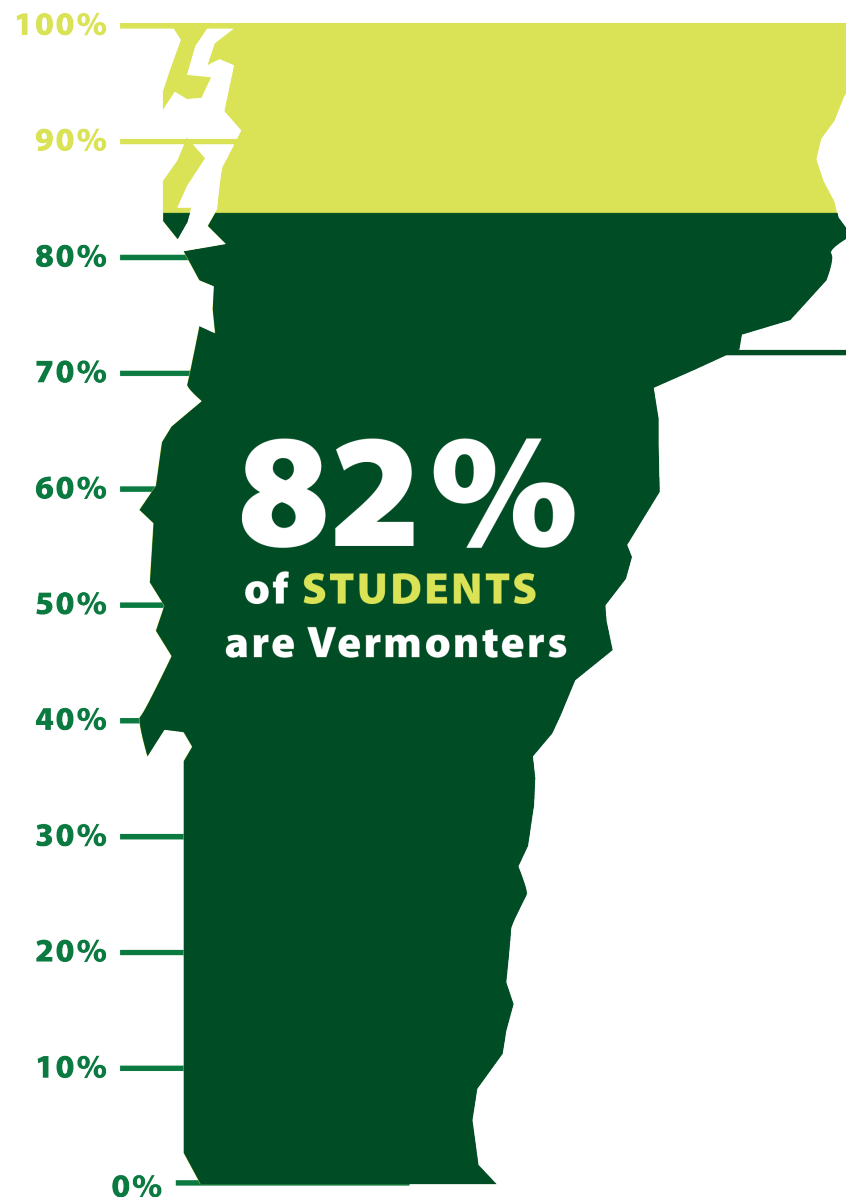


**3,443**

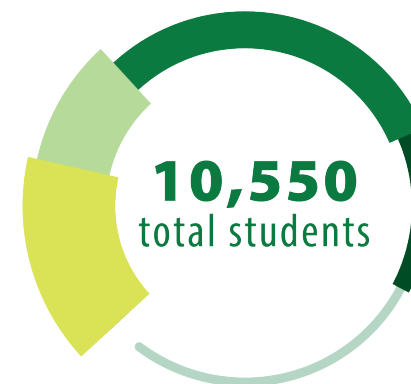
**1<sup>st</sup> Generation Vermonters** are enrolled in our undergraduate programs this fall.



That's 57% of undergraduate Vermonters and 45% of all undergraduates.



**2/3** of alumni live and work in Vermont



- 1,212** High school students enrolled in VSCS programs
- 3,443** 1<sup>st</sup> gen Vermont undergrads
- 5,948** Undergraduate Vermonters
- 7,485** Undergraduates
- 10,550** Total students

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# Workforce Development

- Long-term care facility practical nursing program
- Workforce 2.0 Upskilling Initiative
- Critical Occupations Free Tuition Program Pilot
- Welcome Home Scholarship
- Degree Completion Scholarship



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# Long-Term Care Facility Practical Nursing Program

*“I would love to say a heartfelt thank you. Without the help of the VT legislature this newly single, working full time mom would be fearful about how she would pay her bills, her family fed and paying for college. A thank you on paper truly is not enough. Please know that I am extremely appreciative of all of you.”*

Long-Term Care Practical Nursing Cohort
40 Students
5 Sites at Long-Term Care Facilities

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# Workforce Upskilling Initiative

*“It has changed my life, I will be the first in my family to attend college full time. I knew I would have to bear the costs of college myself with no aid from my parents and I was hesitating signing up full time for classes as I didn't feel I could afford it. I was so relieved to find that there was a grant for my intended occupation!”*

Workforce 2.0 Upskilling
956 Students
1,642 Courses
2/3 of Funding Used

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# Critical Occupations Scholarship

*“I am extremely grateful. I am a low income person and could barely make it financially before applying. While my financial situation hasn’t changed, knowing that I won’t have this year of debt to pay off later is such a weight off my shoulders for an already financially restricted student.”*

Critical Occupations
1,918 Students
Median Age: 28
Median Family AGI: \$67,000
85% Women

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Program	Institution	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
Childcare Certificate	CCV	34	63
A.A. Early Childhood Education	CCV	304	438
B.S Early Childhood Education	NVU	34	40
B.A. Early Childhood Education	Castleton	13	25
Allied Health Prep Certificate	CCV	227	279
LPN Certificate	Vermont Tech	169	169
A.S. Nursing	Vermont Tech	159	157
B.S. Nursing	Vermont Tech	52	94
B.S. Nursing	Castleton	254	236

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# Welcome Home Scholarship

*“It has absolutely changed my life for the better. I felt like I was stuck for years on end working really hard but not getting anywhere. This scholarship was the help I needed to finally advance my career. I am looking forward to entering a healthcare career and give back to Vermont communities. Thank you!!!”*

Welcome Home

278 Students

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# Degree Completion Scholarship

*“I appreciate the financial relief this scholarship has given to myself and my family. Having this scholarship has allowed me to take more courses per semester which means I will finish my degree in less time. Thank you for the opportunity!”*

Degree Completion
122 Students

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# FY2023 Budget Request

General Fund

# Base Appropriation

	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023E</u>	<u>FY2024E</u>	<u>FY2025E</u>	<u>FY2026E</u>	<u>FY2027E</u>
Original Plan	35.5	40.5	45.5	48.0	48.0	48.0
FY23 Budget Proposal	35.5	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0

# FY2023 Bridge Funding

	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023E</u>	<u>FY2024E</u>	<u>FY2025E</u>	<u>FY2026E</u>	<u>FY2027E</u>
FY23 Budget Proposal	21.0	14.9	16.5	10.0	5.0	-

\$31.5 Bridge Remaining Years

# VSCS FY2023 Budget Request

<u>Category</u>	<u>Request (millions)</u>
<b>Ongoing Funding</b>	
FY2022 Base Appropriation	35.5
<u>FY2023 Increase to Base</u>	<u>12.5</u>
Ongoing Funding	48.0
 <b>One-Time Funding</b>	
FY2023 Bridge Funding	14.9
<u>FY2024-FY2026 Bridge Funding</u>	<u>31.5</u>
One-Time Bridge Funding	46.4
 <b><u>FY23 Total</u></b>	<b><u>94.4</u></b>

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# Workforce Development



Strengthening  
Nursing Education



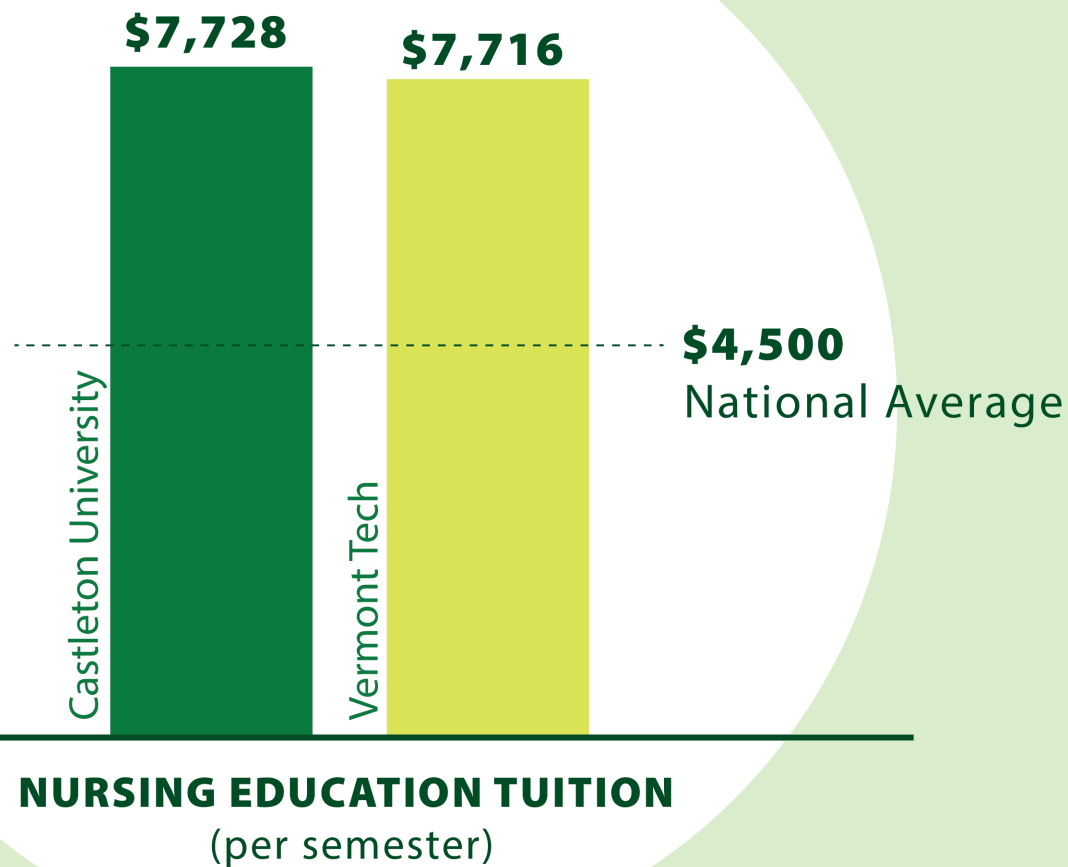
Vermont  
Associate's Pledge



Critical  
Occupations plus

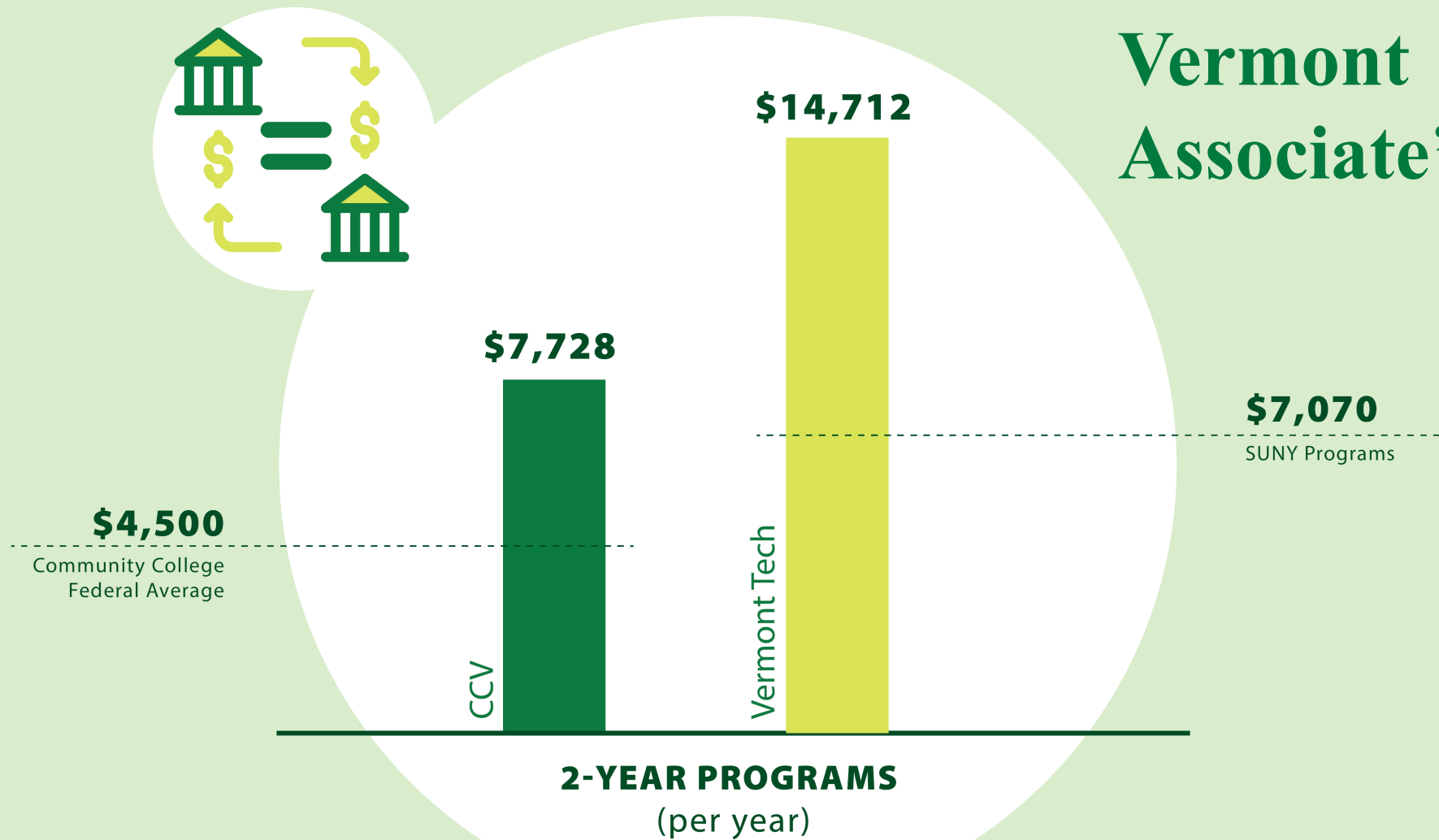
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# Strengthening Nursing Education



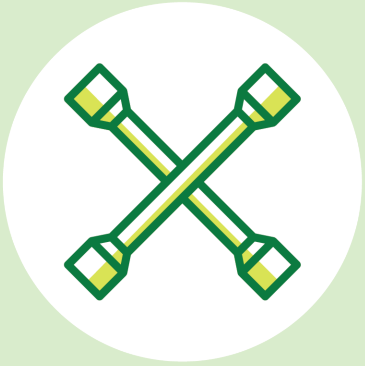
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# Vermont Associate's Pledge

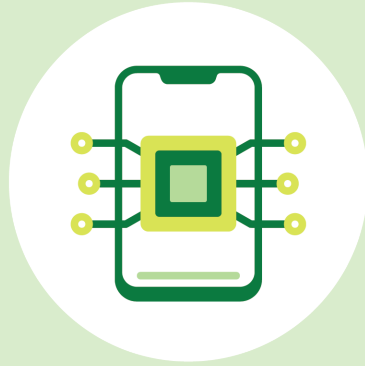


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# Critical Occupations Plus



**Mechanical  
Engineering**



**Electrical  
Engineering**



**School  
Psychology**



**Graduate  
Mental Health**

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# *Thank You*

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