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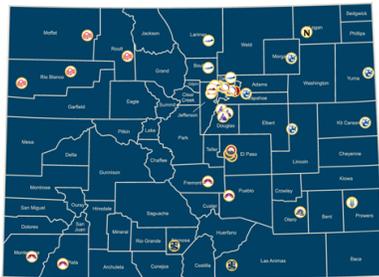
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10 Reasons to Attend A community College

The traditional four-year college experience isn't for everyone. Some students aren't sure what they want to study, while others are looking for a more affordable education. Many students study for two years at community college before transferring to a four-year college, saving significant money on tuition. Plus, students interested in some fields can expect to earn more than \$50,000 with an associate degree, and community colleges afford job training and certificates that can be valuable. If you're considering attending a community college, or if you're curious about the benefits, check out the following reasons why attending one might be a good decision.

- 1. Money**— Paying for college is a big consideration, and the average cost of annual tuition and fees is much more affordable at community colleges than four year universities and colleges.
- 2. Academic Flexibility**— Attending a community college can be a good way for students to ease into the world of higher education and learn at their own pace. This is especially true for students who struggled in high school or are unsure if they want to make the time and money investment in college.
- 3. Financial Aid**— Financial aid isn't only for four-year college students— community college students are eligible as well.
- 4. School-Life Balance**— About 60 percent of community college students attend school part time, so anyone interested in taking one or two classes a time won't feel out of place.
- 5. Stem Education**—Community colleges have associate degree programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. These subjects are in demand by employers.
- 6. Transfer Agreements**— Enrolling in a community college doesn't have to be a student's final destination. Many two-year schools offer admissions agreements with public colleges that allow qualified students to transfer their credits toward earning a bachelor's degree.
- 7. Elements of Traditional College**— Two-year colleges haven't always provided the same student experience as four-year schools, but that is changing. It is possible to find extracurricular activities and networking activities on campus.
- 8. Personalized Attention**— Many community colleges offer smaller class sizes than larger schools, meaning students can find more personal attention and one-on-one time with instructors.
- 9. Professional Certificates**— Community colleges provide professional and short-term certificates in many fields.
- 10. Online Class Options**— Community colleges have expanded online offerings to include many more evening and online classes.

Information taken from the U.S. News article <https://www.usnews.com/education/community-colleges/slideshows/10-reasons-to-attend-a-community-college>