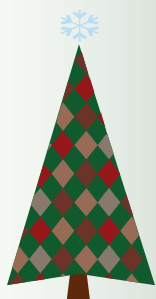


Career Counseling



Fast Facts About Community Colleges

- ♦ **3 out of 5:** The ratio of Virginia's public undergraduate college students who were enrolled in Virginia's Community Colleges in fall 2008.
- ♦ **1/3rd:** The average tuition and fees at Virginia's Community Colleges (\$2,584 in 2008-09) compared to the same tuition and mandatory fees at Virginia's public four-year institutions for in-state undergraduates (\$7,582).
- ♦ **32,550:** The number of high school juniors and seniors earning college credit while in high school through Virginia's Community College dual enrollment course.
- ♦ **36%:** The percentage of bachelor's degree recipients in 2007-08 who had some community college experience. **65%:** The percentage of Virginia Community College graduates in transfer-oriented programs who pursue a bachelor's degree.
- ♦ **>25:** The number of Virginia public and private four-year colleges and institutions that have signed Guaranteed Admissions Agreements with Virginia's Community Colleges assuring baccalaureate degree access to associate degree graduates.
- ♦ **46%:** The ratio of new registered nurses in Virginia who earned their degree at Virginia's Community Colleges in 2007-08.
- ♦ **\$3.80:** The return on investment for every dollar spent at Virginia's Community Colleges.



The self is not something that one finds. It's something
one creates.

-Thomas Szasz

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Seniors.....



- ◆ Are you checking on scholarships?
- ◆ Completed/ Getting started on applications for college or work?
- ◆ GETTING PREPARED.....graduation will be here before you know it?
- ◆ Thinking about FAFSA????



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- ◎A third of all new hires got their jobs through employee referrals (networking).
- ◎The average worker stays on the job 4 years.
- ◎On average, 5 million job openings become available every year.
- ◎Almost 9 million employers in the U.S. with 151 million people on the payroll.
- ◎Two million people are laid off and one million people quit their jobs every year.
- ◎The average length of unemployment is 9 weeks.

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www.vec.virginia.gov
www.careercruising.com

Career Counseling services enters it's sixth year in the Giles County Public School system. The purpose of career counseling is to guide students in the career development process while the student prepares to enter the workforce and/or further education. Career Counseling can not answer the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" but can inform students and parents of all the options available in achieving their goals. If you are interested in learning more about the program and services please contact:

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