

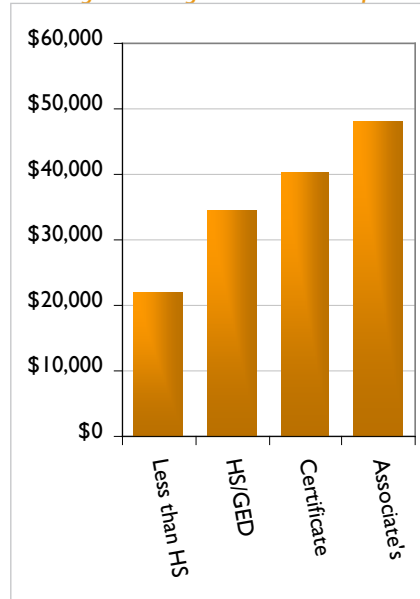
# Student Perspective

## Education Will Pay You Back—For a Lifetime



- Students enjoy an attractive 24% rate of return on their NCCC educational investment, and recover all costs (including wages given up while attending classes instead of working) in only 6 years.
- Over the course of his or her working career, the average NCCC student's lifetime earnings will increase \$8.20 for every dollar invested in their NCCC education (in the form of tuition, fees, and foregone earnings).
- Students see their annual income increase, on average, by \$212 per year for every credit completed at NCCC.

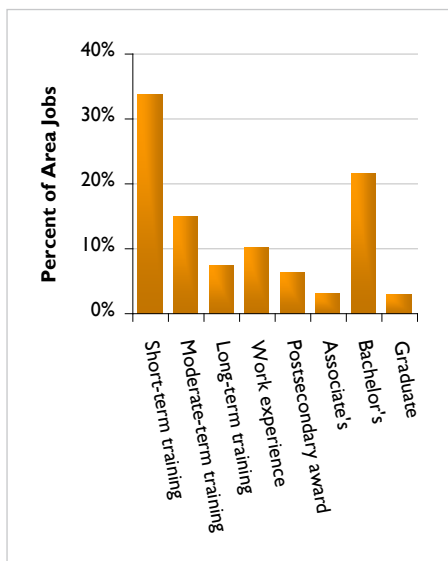
Average Earnings at Career Midpoint



- The average annual income of the typical Associate Degree graduate from NCCC at the midpoint of his or her career is \$47,900, 39% more than someone with a high school diploma.
- Over the course of a working lifetime, Associate Degree graduates from NCCC earn \$499,500 more than someone with a high school diploma.

## Education Is Your Ticket to a Better Job

High-Paying Local Jobs by Education Level



- By 2018 it is anticipated that there will be about 56,400 new and replacement jobs available in the NCCC impact region economy.
- About 28% of these jobs will require an education level equal to an associate's degree or greater.
- Another 6% of available jobs in 2018 will require some kind of post-secondary certificate or vocational award.

