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PASSHE Universities

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Focused on student success

PASSHE universities are working closely with community colleges in Pennsylvania to match courses and programs to make it easier for students who start out at the two-year schools and earn an associate degree to transfer to a PASSHE university and complete their bachelor's degree in four years.

The State System has experienced enrollment growth for 13 straight years. The largest influx of new students has come from Pennsylvania's 14 community colleges. In fall 2010, a record 3,440 students transferred from community colleges in Pennsylvania to PASSHE universities, accounting for nearly 45 percent of all transfer students in the State System and nearly 16 percent of the total new student population.

In the last five years, the number of students transferring from community colleges into the PASSHE System has increased by more than one-third. An additional nearly 600 students transferred to PASSHE universities from the four state-related universities this year and 3,000 more from other colleges and universities.

Community College	Transfers to PASSHE Universities
Community College of Allegheny County	460
Community College of Beaver County	80
Bucks County Community College	169
Butler County Community College	191
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College	46
Delaware County Community College	354
Harrisburg Area Community College	604
Lehigh Carbon Community College	244
Luzerne County Community College	163
Montgomery County Community College	279
Northampton County Community College	454
Community College of Philadelphia	77
Reading Area Community College	130
Westmoreland County Community College	189
Total Community College Transfers	**3,440**

Meeting Commonwealth needs

Students transfer to PASSHE universities to complete their college degrees in a variety of fields, many of them essential to the vitality of Pennsylvania's economy. Topping the list are education, business management and the healthcare professions.

Field of study	Students
Education	680
Business Management	484
Health Professions	311
Psychology	211
Social Sciences	171
Biological Sciences	148
Protective Services	129
English	112
Public Administration	112
Visual and Performing Arts	105
Parks and Recreation	91
Communications	89
Computer and Information Science	82
History	81
Physical Sciences	57

Nearly 90 percent of PASSHE students are Pennsylvania residents, and four of five will remain in Pennsylvania immediately after graduation.

Ensuring student success and matching programs with the needs of Pennsylvania employers is another way PASSHE fulfills its mission for the citizens of the Commonwealth.