

THE LATEST RESEARCH ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS REALIZED THROUGH A MULTIPLE PARTNERS COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

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OUR PARTNERSHIP

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON







WHY THESE PARTNERSHIPS MATTER

- Data and research drive responsible decision making but sometimes can be overwhelming
- Partnering can help with
 - Enhanced capacity and expertise
 - Credibility and objectivity
 - Grant or contract funding



HOW TO DO A PARTNERSHIP - NUTS AND BOLTS

- Establishing a trusted relationship
- Getting a clear set of research questions, expectations for products and timelines together – and knowing you have the data to answer them!
- Developing a contract
- Developing and executing a data sharing agreement (or two!)
- Human subjects and IRB approval
- Getting files securely transferred
- Keeping up communication, revisiting as needed
- Writing, revising, and dissemination





EXAMPLES OF SIMILAR PARTNERSHIPS

- Washington Consortium for Undergraduate Research and Equity (WA CURE)
- National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Landscape Study on Technical Education Pathways in Washington



FINDINGS
FROM OUR CCB
RESEARCH
PARTNERSHIP



Washington's
Community College
Baccalaureate
Degrees: Growth
and Outcomes,
2024 Update

Elizabeth Meza University of Washington

Debra D. Bragg *Bragg & Associates*



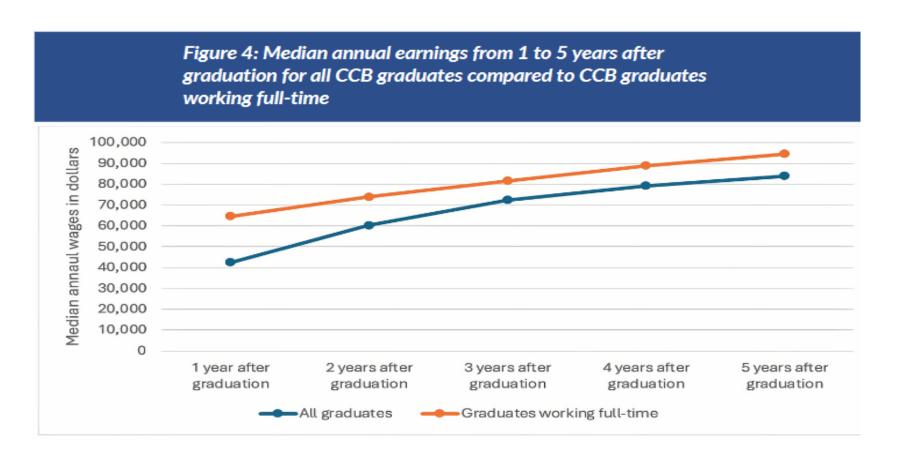


Table 3: A	ge of	enroll	ed stud	ents b	ov enterin	g cohort

Age	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Under 20	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%
20-24	26%	27%	28%	27%	27%	27%
25-29	23%	22%	21%	22%	21%	21%
30-39	27%	26%	28%	28%	29%	28%
40 or above	21%	20%	19%	20%	20%	20%



RQ 2: WHAT ARE THE MEDIAN ANNUAL EARNINGS OF CCB GRADUATES? HOW DO EARNINGS VARY?







This [college] is my home. This is where I've always been, and so I've known this [college] is a pillar of the community for such a long time. Thinking about going outside of my community to further my education just didn't sit right with me...

Successes After Completion

 The rural CCB students/graduates spoke with pride about their career advancements, greater sense of economic security for themselves and their families, and engagement in community and public service, which they found personally satisfying.



QUESTIONS, THOUGHTS OR IDEAS?

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Thank you!

