

# MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD



## ANNUAL REPORT

**Fiscal Year 2021**

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# MISSISSIPPI

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB), I am pleased to provide you with the agency's FY 2021 Annual Report.

The MCCB was created by the Legislature in 1986, and since that time, we have played a part in what has been recognized as the best community college system in the nation. §37-4-3, the statute that establishes the MCCB, says in part "the board shall provide general coordination of the public community and junior colleges". Therefore, a large portion of the accomplishments included in this report are a result of the hard work at each of the 15 community colleges.

Specific accomplishments I would like to bring to your attention include:

- In the fall 2020 semester, headcount enrollment was 67,064 with 59% enrolled in academic courses, 22% enrolled in career-tech programs, and 19% enrolled in non-degree programs.
- In the spring 2021 semester, headcount enrollment was 57,706 with 57% enrolled in academic courses, 21% enrolled in career-tech programs, and 22% enrolled in non-degree programs.
- 16,229 graduates earned 19,912 awards from the community colleges.
- The MIBEST program has enrolled 1,976 students in programs such as welding, HVAC, industrial maintenance, and culinary arts.
- 187 students participated in the Mississippi Works CTE Scholars Program, a last-dollar tuition scholarship program for approved CTE programs at all 15 community colleges. Of these participants, 154 graduated from the program.
- Disbursed state appropriations of approximately \$230.7 million to the community colleges.
- 20,000 students enrolled in online courses through the Mississippi Virtual Community College.
- Offered nearly 20,000 workforce training classes.
- Collaborated with business and industry partners to develop or revise 22 career-tech pathways to ensure alignment of instruction with business and industry needs.
- Issued 35 new or renewed certificates of registration for proprietary schools.

Again, these are just a few of the many accomplishments achieved by the community college system in FY 2021, all of which are possible through the hard work and dedication of faculty, staff, and other employees.

Thank you for your support of the Mississippi community college system. MCCB looks forward to continue serving the community colleges, their students, and all of Mississippi in providing educational and training opportunities.

Sincerely,

Kell Smith  
Interim Executive Director

The mission of the Mississippi Community College Board is to advance the community college system through coordination, support, leadership, and advocacy.

In some form, the Mississippi Community College Board dates back to the 1920s. Senate Bill 131, Laws of 1928, approved on April 26, 1928, which authorized the establishment of junior colleges, also created a state commission for oversight of these institutions, the Commission on Junior Colleges. The Commission was comprised of the State Superintendent of Education as chairman, the chancellor of the University of Mississippi, and the presidents of Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, and three junior colleges. Three lay members, appointed by the Governor, were added in 1950. The Commission continued in this form until 1986.

The Commission, a division of the State Board of Education, held its first meeting on May 10, 1928, two calendar weeks after its legislative creation. The first action of the Commission was to identify its authority, establish standards by which existing junior colleges must meet to qualify for state aid and develop criteria required of agricultural high schools seeking junior college status. This action of the Commission constituted the birth of the Mississippi State System of Public Junior Colleges, thereby giving Mississippi the distinction of having the first system of comprehensive two-year colleges in the nation.

Legislative action throughout the years more clearly defined the authority and controls of the Commission. The Commission set broad standards for junior college operations and approved new attendance centers and vocational and technical programs to be operated by the two-year institutions. The Commission itself had no staff but was served by personnel within the State Department of Education. State supervision was vested in the supervisor of agricultural high schools from 1928 to 1968. In 1968, a separate operational division for junior colleges was created in the State Department of Education, which provided state services and oversight until 1986.

In 1986, the State Board for Community College Junior Colleges was established as an independent agency. The staff from the State Department of Education was transferred to the new Board Office. The Board consists of ten members, none of which may be an elected official. The Governor appoints all ten members, two from each of Mississippi's five Congressional districts as they existed before the 2000 federal census. Initial terms of appointment were from two to five years and subsequent terms are for six years. During the 2011 legislative session, House Bill No. 542 changed the name of the "State Board for Community and Junior Colleges" to "Mississippi Community College Board."

The Board is a coordinating agency which establishes standards and guidelines for the operation of the fifteen local districts in order to qualify for state appropriations. The Board fosters cooperation and communications with local institutions through the presidents and other representatives of local colleges.

# MCCB Board Members

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First District



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Third District

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Fourth District



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Fourth District



In order for a student to be classified as full-time in a Mississippi community college, the student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours of instruction at an approved district site. Students who are enrolled in 11 semester credit hours or fewer are considered to be part-time students. However, full-time equivalence (FTE) is calculated by adding all the hours a student generated during an academic year and dividing by the sum of 30.

For the fall 2020 semester, total credit headcount enrollment in Mississippi’s community college system was 67,064. Of those students, 59% were enrolled in academic courses, 22% were enrolled in career-tech programs, and 19% were enrolled in non-degree programs. Chart 1 provides specific enrollment figures for these programs.

For the spring 2021 semester, total credit headcount enrollment in Mississippi’s community college system was 57,706. Of those students, 57% were enrolled in academic courses, 21% were enrolled in career-tech programs, and 22% were enrolled in non-degree programs. Chart 2 provides specific enrollment figures for these programs.

**Chart 1- Headcount Enrollment from Fall 2020**

Fall 2020	
Academic	39,720
Technical	11,788
Career	2,932
Non-Degree	12,624
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67,064</b>

**Chart 2- Headcount Enrollment from Spring 2021**

Spring 2021	
Academic	32,774
Technical	9,899
Career	2,532
Non-Degree	12,501
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57,706</b>

Mississippi Community Colleges Total Enrollment Fall 2020	
Total Credit (Non-duplicate*)- Fall 2020	67,064
Average Age	22
Female Students	62%
In-State Students	96%
Students Admitted/H.S. Diploma	55%
Full-Time Students	65%
Students in an Academic Curriculum	59%
Freshman Students	39%
Average ACT Score	19%
Mississippi Community Colleges Total Enrollment Spring 2021	
Total Credit (Non-duplicate*)- Spring 2021	57,706
Average Age	22
Female Students	62%
In-State Students	96%
Students Admitted/H.S. Diploma from MS	51%
Full-Time Students	61%
Students in an Academic Curriculum	57%
Freshman Students	32%
Average ACT Score	19.6

### Did you know?

In Academic Year 2021, 16,229 graduates earned 19,912 awards from the community colleges.

11,000 Mississippians with Bachelor's degrees attend community colleges for occupational skills development in an average year.

\$3 billion in sales and income tax is contributed to Mississippi by each community college cohort over the span of their careers.

For every dollar that is invested into a community college by Mississippi taxpayers, an additional estimate of \$3.86 is collected through state and local taxes over a working lifetime.

In FY 2021, the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) was responsible for administering an agency budget of approximately \$65.2 million. 2021 General Funds appropriated were \$5,768,107. Chart 3 identifies the various revenue sources. State General Funds accounted for 8.8% of the revenues while 18.5% of the revenues were from federal sources.

Chart 4 identifies the major objects of expenditures. The overwhelming majority of expenditures (81.8%) in FY 2021 were in subsidies, loans and grants. The funds in this category flowed primarily to community colleges, public schools, community based organizations and other state agencies. Some of the programs of expenditure in FY 2021 consisted of adult education, post-secondary career & technical education, workforce training, proprietary school and college registration, recurring education technology, the Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (MIBEST) program, and the Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC).

**Chart 3-MCCB Revenues- FY 2021**

Source of Funding	Revenues	% of Total
General Fund	\$5,768,107	8.8%
Education Enhancement Funds	\$247,520	0.4%
Federal	\$12,091,454	18.5%
Special	\$47,111,123	72.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,218,204</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Chart 4- MCCB Expenditures- FY 2021**

Amount of Expenditure	Expenditure	% of Total
Salaries	\$6,612,995	10.1%
Travel	\$57,719	0.1%
Contractual Services	\$4,315,914	6.6%
Commodities	\$429,514	0.7%
Capital Outlay- Equipment	\$435,252	0.7%
Subsidies, Loans and Grants	\$53,366,810	81.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,218,204</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
General Fund Lapse	\$45,009	
Education Enhancement Lapse	\$8,480	
Workforce Carryforward (GF)	\$57,543	
Workforce Carryforward (SF)	\$13,957,675	

In addition to administering the agency’s budget, the MCCB was also responsible for allocating and disbursing state appropriated funds to the fifteen community colleges. These state support flow-through funds totaled approximately \$230.7 million in FY 2021, which includes \$186.8 million in General Funds and \$43.9 million in Education Enhancement Funds.

The operating budgets of Mississippi’s community colleges are funded primarily by state appropriations, student tuition and fees, and local property taxes.

Revenue by source is provided in Chart 5. For FY 2021, the community colleges expended a total of \$772.3 million with approximately \$230.7 million, or 30%, of that amount provided from state sources.

Community colleges have consistently expended a majority of their funds on instruction (51.7% as seen in Chart 6).

**Chart 5- Community Colleges  
Revenue by Source- FY 2021**

Revenue by Source	Amount	Percentage
General Fund	\$186,787,983	23.4%
Education Enhancement	\$43,901,900	5.5%
Indirect State	\$104,505,829	13.1%
Federal	\$156,098,353	19.5%
Student Fees	\$227,516,955	28.5%
District Taxes	\$63,865,868	8.0%
Other Revenue	\$15,808,424	2.0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$798,485,312</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Chart 6- Community Colleges  
Expenditures by Program- FY 2021**

E & G Expenditures by Program	Amount	Percentage
Academic Instruction	\$191,220,646	24.8%
Career-Technical Instruction	\$105,769,014	13.7%
Other Instruction	\$102,048,962	13.2%
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>\$399,038,622</b>	<b>51.7%</b>
Instructional Support	\$22,239,707	2.9%
Student Services	\$113,514,625	14.7%
Institutional Support	\$158,748,258	20.6%
Physical Plant Operation	\$78,757,994	10.2%
<b>Total E &amp; G Expenditures</b>	<b>\$772,299,206</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

State appropriations are made annually to the MCCB for allocation to the fifteen community college districts in accordance with formulas contained in the appropriations bill. FY 2008 was the fifth and final year in a five-year phase in to a new funding formula for the community colleges. During the 2002 Regular Session, H.B. 1612 required the MCCB to conduct a study of the state funding structure. After an RFP process, MGT of America was chosen to perform the study. The MCCB approved most of the recommendations from the study and the Legislature concurred with changes that the MCCB had approved by incorporating the changes in the appropriations bill. Some of the major changes included moving from a predominately headcount enrollment method to a full-time equivalent student method of distributing funds. In addition, the base amount was increased by 2% per year to 15% in year five, a new section was added for high cost associate degree allied health programs, and equal weights were assigned to all major sections of the formula. Finally, a hold harmless provision was included for those colleges that would otherwise have been harmed by the new formula implementation. By FY 2008, the hold harmless provision was phased out. In FY 2021, the funding formula amount distributed for state support was \$230.7 million.

**Chart 7- Community Colleges- Support  
Comparison of Revenues by Source- FY 2000-FY 2021**

Revenue by Source	FY 2000	% of Total (FY 2000)	FY 2021	% of Total (FY 2021)
General Fund*	\$133,671,168	39.6%	*\$186,787,983	23.4%
Education Enhancement	\$54,674,084	16.2%	\$43,901,900	5.5%
<b>State Support Total</b>	<b>\$188,345,252</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>\$230,689,883</b>	<b>28.9%</b>
Indirect State	\$37,979,952	11.2%	\$104,505,829	13.1%
Federal	\$16,540,982	4.9%	\$156,098,353	19.5%
<b>Student Fees</b>	<b>\$60,086,183</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	<b>\$227,516,955</b>	<b>28.5%</b>
District Taxes	\$33,185,278	9.8%	\$63,865,868	8.0%
Other Revenue	\$1,832,364	0.5%	\$15,808,424	2.0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$337,970,011</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$798,485,312</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Includes MCCB General Fund education technology funding of \$2,394,814.

When comparing the combined state funding of both the MCCB and the fifteen community colleges, the community college system received cuts from FY 2001 to FY 2005, from FY 2009 to FY 2010, from FY 2016 to FY 2017, from FY 2018 to FY 2019 and from FY 2020 to FY 2021. As a result, the percentage of revenue to total revenue has seen dramatic shifts. For example, Chart 7 demonstrates that for community college support only, the percentage of state funds to total has declined from 55.8 % in FY 2000 to 28.9% in FY 2021. On the other hand, the percentage of student fees to total revenue has increased from 17.8% in FY 2000 to 28.5% in FY 2021.

## Education Career Pathways

Mississippi’s community colleges offer the following programs: academic (university parallel), technical, career (vocational), adult basic education, adult continuing education, general education development, job training partnership, and industry related training.

The Associate of Arts degree is awarded to students who complete a minimum of 60 semester credit hours of academic courses. The Associate of Applied Science degree is awarded to students who have completed a minimum of 60 semester credit hours of courses in a technical program, including a minimum of 15 semester credit hours of core academic courses. In addition to the Associate degrees, the community colleges also award one-year and two-year certificates in occupationally-specific career and technical fields.

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## eLearning

The fifteen community colleges in conjunction with the MCCB offer online education through the Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC). The full array of academic, career, and technical courses necessary to earn an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Applied Sciences are available via the MSVCC.

### Enrollment Data

Semester	Enrollment	Number of Courses	Number of Instructors
Fall 2020	12,899	1,786	778
Spring 2021	7,298	1,798	770

Through collaborative partnership with members of the MSVCC and the MCCB, the Division of eLearning and Instructional Technology provides services, support, and resources to participating colleges and their respective educators and administrators in alignment with the goals and mission of the MSVCC.

To ensure the community colleges are successful in the implementation and deployment of various resources overseen by the MCCB, training and professional development is provided to instructors in a variety of formats by way of the MSVCC Academy.

### Academy Data

Semester	Participants	Number of Courses	Number of Webinars
Fall 2020	1,064	14	40
Spring 2021	764	14	16

The Division of eLearning and Instructional Technology Division provides technical assistance for the shared services available to the community college system. Support may be offered in a variety of formats, to include monthly consortium meetings, Zoom, email, phone, and even text messaging. The Division assisted with approximately 800 support cases for FY 2021.

The Office of Adult Education at the Mississippi Community College Board is responsible for the administration and implementation of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA). In accordance with the AEFLA, Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, the purpose of this federal grant is to assist eligible applicants in developing instructional programs and partnerships to provide services that focus on the following:

1. assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and economic self-sufficiency;
2. assist adults who are parents or family members to obtain the education and skills that
  - are necessary to becoming full partners in the educational development of their children; and
  - lead to sustainable improvements in the economic opportunities for their family;
3. assist adults in attaining a secondary school diploma and in the transition to postsecondary education and training, including through career pathways;
4. assist immigrants and other individuals who are English language learners in improving their
  - reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension skills in English; and
  - mathematics skills; and
5. acquiring an understanding of the American system of Government, individual freedom, and the responsibilities of citizenship.

The Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education defines “Adult Education” as services or instruction below the postsecondary level for individuals who:

- have attained 16 years of age;
- are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under state law;
- lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills to enable the individuals to function in society;
- do not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent; and
- are English language learners (ELL).

In Mississippi, the AEFLA grant funds 19 local providers including the Mississippi Department of Corrections to provide student services, instruction and high school equivalency preparation. In FY 2021, adult education providers served more than 10,000 students. Of the students served, 5,040 enrolled at an educational functioning level below 6th grade; 1,889 earned a Smart Start Credential; 2,735 earned a National Career Readiness Certificate; 1,643 earned a high school equivalency diploma; and 277 students were English Language Learners.

Mississippi offers multiple options for obtaining a high school equivalency diploma. There are three approved assessments: the GED® test, the HiSET test, and the TASC Assessment. Each assessment is aligned to the College and Career Readiness Standards outlined by the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education. The fourth option for obtaining a high school equivalency diploma is the competency based option.

Mississippi High School Equivalency Diplomas are issued by DiplomaSender for test-takers who achieve satisfactory scores on the GED® Test, HiSET, or TASC test or meet the requirements of a Competency Based High School Equivalency Diploma. This diploma is approved by Mississippi and is accepted by employers, training programs, educational institutions, and the military as meeting their requirements for employment or admissions.

The Office of Adult Education has primary responsibility for implementation of the Mississippi Works Smart Start Pathway Model through Smart Start Classes. The pathway is designed around three components:

1. Basic Skills, (reading, writing, math)
2. Career Awareness, (interviewing, job search, resume writing, etc.)
3. Necessary Skills (communication, work ethic, team building, etc.)

Students develop the foundational skills needed for their careers, learn and practice good work habits and effective communication that is necessary in successful employment. Students learn how to become prepared to learn new skills for future careers within their region's workforce sector, identifying the career components that are necessary for middle-skill employment. The Smart Start class requires participants to achieve a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). The NCRC demonstrates to employers the participant has the skills needed to be successful in a job. Participants will complete the WorkKeys tests for Applied Math, Graphic Literacy and Workplace Documents. Participants will also learn new skills for future careers and increase their ability for middle-skill level jobs which results in higher pay.

In January 2021, the Office of Adult Education created a robust online high school equivalency course titled eDULT. The course was built in CANVAS and the first pilot was launched in July 2021. Content courses have been developed at three levels: 100, 200, and 300. Each subject (math, science, social studies, and reading language arts) has its own unique course but follows a standard framework and outline over the course of seven weeks. One of the program's key features is the eSkills Success Series Course and learner portfolio. This course serves as an orientation to becoming an online student, and additionally provides various opportunities for students to build soft skills and aids in the development of community and continuity throughout the program. Students will have the opportunity to interact with peers, coaches, and instructors in various synchronous and asynchronous formats while attaining their educational, personal, and professional goals through participation in eDULT.

### **Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (MIBEST)**

In June 2015, Mississippi's community colleges received from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation a three year, \$6 million grant for statewide implementation of the Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (MIBEST). The MIBEST program is based on the I-BEST model developed by the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges that incorporates contextualized learning by concurrently delivering Adult Basic Education and Career and Technical Education classes using a team-teaching approach. Thus, students who have dropped out of high school have the opportunity to earn a High School Equivalency diploma and Career and Technical Education degree or certificate from a community college twice as fast.

MIBEST offers low-skilled, undereducated, and low-wage workers opportunities to enter career pathways leading to postsecondary degrees and/or credentials, and ultimately, to earn self-sufficient family wages. As of June 2021, 1,976 students have enrolled in MIBEST in programs such as welding, HVAC, industrial maintenance, culinary arts and commercial truck driving. Additionally, 1,442 individuals gained 20+ hours of employability skills training; 1,087 individuals completed a High School Equivalency; 1,166 individuals received one or more occupational credentials; 1,047 individuals earned at least 6 hours of CTE college credits; and 1,423 individuals have received the National Career Readiness Certificate at Bronze level or higher.

### **Career and Technical Education**

Currently, community colleges in Mississippi offer degrees and certificates in 154 different career and technical program areas at their various campuses, comprehensive centers, and extension centers throughout the state. These programs range from less than one year to two years in length and prepare individuals for employment in a variety of fields, from industrial maintenance technology to information systems technology to healthcare. Additionally, the articulation agreement increases the number of articulated classes and programs.

In FY 2021:

- 13 requests for new programs were received from nine institutions, and all were approved.
- 2 requests for a new program option were received from two colleges, and both were approved.
- 10 requests for a new program location were received from eight institutions, and all were approved.
- 1 request to close a program.

Additionally, state articulations were continued and/or developed between 35 secondary career and technical programs and 65 postsecondary career and technical programs. These agreements allow students to earn college credits for demonstrated competencies gained in high school and provide a non-duplicative sequence of coursework leading to postsecondary career and technical degrees or credentials.

# MS Works CTE Scholars/Workforce Training 14

## Mississippi Works CTE Scholars Program

In FY 2020, the MCCB partnered with the Mississippi Development Authority to offer the Mississippi Works CTE Scholars Program. This program serves as a last-dollar tuition scholarship program for approved CTE programs at all 15 community colleges and concluded on June 30, 2021.

In FY 2021, there were 187 participants in allied health, manufacturing, transportation/logistics, and information technology programs. Additionally, 154 graduated from the program and 136 are employed.

## Workforce Training

The Workforce Education system at each of the community colleges delivers training ranging from basic skills to advanced technology skills. The training is delivered through the fifteen local Workforce Development Centers. The following were reported by businesses and industries as well as the fifteen community colleges. (The following workforce numbers/information is limited to projects approved by the MCCB office.)

	FY 2021
Number of Companies and Businesses Served	424
Number of Duplicated Trainees	256,958
Workforce Projects Funded	638
Number of Workforce Classes	19,933

\*Source of Data WESS (Workforce Education Subgrant System)

The Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment is tasked with developing statewide Career and Technical Education curriculum, assessments, and professional development to meet the local and statewide economic demands. The mission of the division is to support the Mississippi community colleges by developing innovative curriculum, offering professional staff training, and creating a cohesive assessment system through the facilitation of seamless educational delivery by well-trained professionals who are focused on preparing skilled workers in the 21st century economy.

The goals of the division are to produce research-based, high-quality curricula for Mississippi community colleges where all programs are aligned to industry needs and national certifications; provide outcomes-based, professional development teaching, learning, and leadership strategies to accelerate instructor, staff, and administrator effectiveness; support the implementation of groundbreaking career pathways, innovative instructional design and delivery, and infusion of technology in the classroom; and decrease the labor market shortage of skilled workers in Mississippi by closing the middle-skills gap that exists in the Mississippi workforce.

Some of the division accomplishments from FY 2021 include:

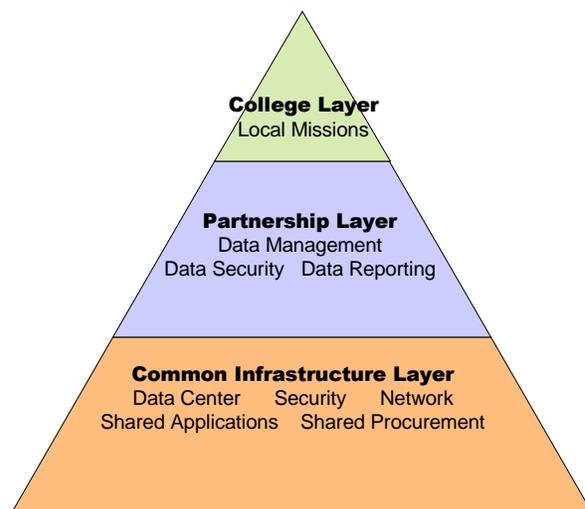
- Collaborated with faculty and administration at the community colleges along with various business/industry partners to develop/revise 22 career-tech pathways.
- Submitted a grant proposal and received an additional \$2,000,000 from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to fund the Mississippi National Credential Initiative (MNCI) through November 2023.
- Successfully passed the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) audit and became certified as an Accredited Training Sponsor (ATS) to provide administrative oversight to 32 Accredited Training Education Facilities (ATEF) encompassing 25 Master Trainers, 130 Craft Instructors, and 47 Curriculum Proctors.
- Provided opportunities that resulted in Career Technical Education students earning 1,734 national, industry-recognized certifications with an additional 1,469 NCCER credentials being earned.
- Conducted or hosted assessment-related training and/or certification opportunities for CTE administrators and instructors. Instructor certification administrations resulted in 30 CTE instructors attaining approximately 44 national certifications. Provided training and test administrations that resulted in 11 college personnel becoming certified as NCCER Curriculum Proctors.
- Coordinated the Institute for Teaching and Learning that provides professional development for new CTE instructors. This year's institute includes 78 participants from programs including health science, architecture and construction, hospitality and tourism, information technology, transportation, human services, agriculture, engineering, and marketing. The institute runs from August until April and provides training both in-person and online. Participants experience valuable information and help for navigating the CTE classroom after being in their specific fields.

Mississippi’s community colleges have always been leaders in utilizing technology to enhance the teaching and learning process. Beginning in the early 1990s, the community colleges, under the leadership of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC), successfully deployed the first statewide interactive video network, the Community College Network (CCN), in the nation. This method of delivering classes was the precursor to many forms of distance education as we know it today. In establishing this landmark learning vehicle, Mississippi’s community colleges began a long-term national leadership role for the utilization of technology in two-year, post-secondary education.

Over the past year, the community colleges have all migrated to the MissiON network. MissiON (The Mississippi Optical Network) serves the Mississippi Research Consortium (University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, University of Southern Mississippi, Jackson State University, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Research and Development Center and the Stennis Space Center). The newest membership includes all 15 of the Mississippi community colleges.

This migration to MissiON has opened up many new advantages for the colleges. The network is redundant, including redundant circuits, access to Internet II, and high-speed access for online education to the faculty and students who attend a Mississippi community college.

Technology and its use in the Mississippi community college system has become more important as the colleges continue to work as collaborating partners to build a common technology infrastructure that supports each college’s individual autonomous mission. The result is a two-year college system that continues to meet the needs of the citizens of Mississippi utilizing advanced technology. (See Figure 1)



## **Proprietary Schools**

The Commission of Proprietary School and College Registration, the entity that oversees the state's proprietary schools, is housed at the Mississippi Community College Board. The MCCB's responsibilities include the appointment of a five-member Commission; providing staff for the administration of the Commission; and serving as the appellate organization for decisions rendered by the Commission.

The administrative staff is responsible for assisting the Commission with carrying out its duties and responsibilities as set forth §75-60-1. The Commission has been assigned statutory authority to establish and implement the registration process for obtaining and maintaining a proprietary school certificate of registration and agents' permits for the state.

This Commission has both administrative and supervisory responsibilities including, but not limited to:

1. the dissemination and interpretation of the law;
2. the development of applications, regulations, and policies to govern commission activities;
3. receipt and review of applications for action recommendations to the commission;
4. the planning and coordination of commission meetings;
5. management of complaints;
6. assisting the commission with implementing the cancellation, suspension, or revocation of a registration certificate or permit; and
7. the administration of civil penalties and/or administrative sanctions.

During FY 2021, the Commission met six times and 35 new or renewed certificates of registration were issued; 123 agent permits were approved; 206 new instructors were approved; and 56 new program were approved. There were zero official complaints received.

3 Girls Trucking Academy Magee	Delta Technical College Horn Lake	MS Truck Driving School Hickory Flat
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy Madison, Hattiesburg, Forest, Moss Point, New Albany, & Olive Branch	Desoto Dental Institute Southaven	OceanPointe Dental Academy Grenada & Gulfport
Access Training Institute Jackson	Dream Chasers Allied Health and Trade School Meridian	Our Time is Now Career College McComb
Ace Training Center, Inc. Byram	DSC Training Academy Jackson	Redefine LTC, LLC Richland
Blessing Hearts Health Care Education & Training School, LLC Tylertown	Grant Allied Healthcare & Training Institute Greenville	Roadmaster Driver's School Jackson
Blue Cliff College Gulfport	Grove Healthcare College Gulfport	Simply the Best Kare Hattiesburg
Burns Healthcare Institute, LLC Indianola	Gulf Coast Healthcare Career Training Center Gautier	Sincere Training Academy Jackson
CE Career Center Hazlehurst	Healing Touch Allied Health Institute Biloxi	STAT.stics LLC Jackson
Coastal Medical Training Institute Gulfport	Heavenly Hands Institute Vicksburg	SuperiorCare Medical Academy Southaven
Coastal Truck Driving School Hammond, LA	Jackson Medical Mall Proprietary Healthcare Institute Jackson	Swift Driving Academy Memphis, TN
Commercial Driver Institute, Inc. Saucier	Kaho Healthcare Training Fayette	Taylor Dental Assisting School Pascagoula
CompuSystems, Inc. Greenville	Lincoln College of Technology Nashville, TN	Truck Driver Institute, Inc. Tupelo
Concorde Career College Memphis, TN and Southaven	Majestic Technical Institute Byram	Tulsa Welding School Jacksonville, FL
Copiah Learning Institute Hazlehurst	MDE Operations & CPR Training LLC Summit	Universal Technical Institute of FL Orlando, FL
Crescent School of Gaming and Bartending Gulfport	Medical 2 Inc. Tupelo	Universal Technical Institute of TX Houston, TX
CRW Truck Driving Training School, LLC Jackson	Med Lab Training Center Richland	
	MS School of Health Services & Careers, LLC Pearl	

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