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## **BestColleges.com Names Northwest Iowa Community College Best Two-Year College in Iowa**

[BestColleges.com](http://www.bestcolleges.com), a college planning resource, recently published its list of the top Colleges in Iowa and has named Northwest Iowa Community College the best two year college in Iowa. A total of nineteen two-year Iowa schools made the list.

According to the Best Colleges website, “Iowa has more than [60 colleges and universities](#), having some of the most competitive programs in the nation. Prospective students must choose between two and four-year colleges, taking into account location and reputation. These are not the only factors to consider. Acceptance, retention, graduation and enrollment rates are also vital to choosing the right school. Fortunately, we have applied our rigorous methodology to the latest education data to rank the best colleges in Iowa, including the top four-year and two-year schools. Our rankings also include student loan default percentages, our way of recognizing the importance of being able to pay off your debt after graduation. The list below details the top two-year and four-year colleges in Iowa.”

Below are the top five Best Two-Year Colleges in Iowa as ranked by BestColleges.com:

1. Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon
2. Southwestern Community College, Creston
3. North Iowa Area Community College, Mason City
4. Northeast Iowa Community College-Calmar
5. Eastern Iowa Community College District, Davenport

Complete rankings (of two and four-year schools) can be found here:

<http://www.bestcolleges.com/features/best-colleges-in-iowa/>

Dr. Alethea Stubbe, NCC President, commented, “Our reputation for high-quality teaching and our outstanding student support services appeals to a broad scope of students. There is nothing more satisfying than empowering students to reach their goals through quality, accessible, and affordable programs available in a flexible environment wherever they live. With the upcoming fiftieth anniversary of Northwest Iowa Community College there has never been a better time to celebrate and be proud of NCC’s mission, students, and the impact NCC alumni make in our

communities and around the world. At Northwest Iowa Community College –Your Success is Our Story.”

NCC has been the recipient of several national awards over the past several years. In 2016, 2014, 2012 and 2011 NCC was recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the Best 150 Community Colleges in the nation. 2016 - Best Two Year College in Iowa, *BestColleges.com*; 2015 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Online College in the U.S., *BestColleges.com*; 2015 - Top 45 Colleges in the Nation, *College Scorecard, U.S. Department of Education*.

**Quick facts about NCC:**

- 11,500+ College Alumni since 1966, of which over 7,614 live in Iowa
- 100% Placement Rate for College Alumni in 2014
- Average first-time wage of our 2014 graduates was \$16.49/hour
- 40+ Programs of study including career & transfer and applied technology
- NCC offered 486 scholarships totaling \$369,745 to our students last year.
- Have served 800,000 + students taught through the Continuing Education and Business & Industry Departments
- Spending by NCC and its students adds an estimated \$24.2 million in economic output to the region, 372 jobs and increased tax revenues of \$1.4 million

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