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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Northwest Iowa Community College is Ranked Seventh in the Nation for Graduate Success by CNNMoney.com**

CNNMoney.com has ranked Northwest Iowa Community College seventh in its list of what they consider community colleges with the best graduate success rates in an article titled, "How Does Your Community College Stack Up?"

According to CNNMoney.com, "College Measures, a joint venture of the American Institutes of Research and Matrix Knowledge Group, has created a chart for CNNMoney to help students find the best options. Based on the percentage of students that graduated within three years or transferred to four-year colleges, they compiled a "success" rating for each community college in the U.S."

NCC was rated at a 77 percent success rate, meaning that 77 percent of all students who attend NCC either complete or have a successful transfer to a four-year institution within three years.

Dr. Alethea Stubbe, President of NCC, commented, "NCC offers a variety of programs that lead to high-wage, high-growth jobs in healthcare, advanced manufacturing, business, electrical, and transportation industries. The College has developed numerous transfer agreements with four-year colleges that enable students to transfer smoothly and continue their education. The College has been nationally recognized for being one of the best hundred and twenty community colleges in the nation two years in a row (Aspen Institute) and one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation (Community College Week). This new recognition by CNN Money, being ranked seventh in the nation for graduate success, reaffirms that the College is empowering students to reach their goals through quality, accessible, and affordable programs and customized training. We are proud of our students and their remarkable success, and our faculty and staff who partner with them to achieve and consistently improve student success."

NCC has been the recipient of several national awards over the past several years. In 2012 and 2011 NCC was recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the Best 120 Community Colleges in the nation. In 2012 NCC was recognized by the Chronicle of Higher Education as A Great College to Work For. In 2010 Community College Week named NCC as one of the Top 20 Fastest Growing Community Colleges in the nation.

## Success rates of U.S. community colleges

Name	City	State	Collegemeasures.org "success rate" ** ▼
East San Gabriel Valley Regional Occupational Program	West Covina	CA	93%
New Mexico Military Institute	Roswell	NM	89%
Victor Valley College	Victorville	CA	84%
Utah State University-College of Eastern Utah	Price	UT	84%
North Central Kansas Technical College	Beloit	KS	82%
Snow College	Ephraim	UT	79%
Northwest Iowa Community College	Sheldon	IA	77%
Southeast Community College Area	Lincoln	NE	76%
Georgia Military College-Milledgeville Campus	Milledgeville	GA	75%
De Anza College	Cupertino	CA	74%

To view the entire list of CNNMoney.com *Best Community College Graduate Success Rates* go to: <http://money.cnn.com/pf/college/community-colleges>