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## **Northwest Iowa Community College Has Received Several National and State Awards**

Northwest Iowa Community College has recently been notified of several national and state recognitions from organizations across the country: PayScale.com, Zippa.com, and TheBestColleges.org.

### **PayScale.com – Has ranked NCC as the Best Two Year College in the State of Iowa**

Payscale.com conducted this survey to help students in their college search, PayScale compiled data on over one thousand two-year colleges for the [2017 College Salary Report](#), which ranks the best two-year and four-year colleges in every state. For this report, they define “best colleges” as the colleges where graduates have the highest median mid-career salaries.

According to their website PayScale surveyed 2.3 million graduates of more than 2,700 colleges and universities to create their 2017 College Salary Report; they asked respondents to report their pay, major, highest degree earned, and associate or bachelor’s school name where appropriate. Collecting this data allows them to rank colleges, universities, and courses of study by future earning potential.

“Our report provides a good data point for students and families as they select a school and major. Increasingly, students want to understand the career and income opportunities associated with their college education,” said PayScale Vice President Lydia Frank. “While earning potential should not be the only consideration, it’s an important one, especially when considering the cost of each student’s education.”

To view the entire [payscale.com 2017 College Salary Report](#) go to -

<http://www.payscale.com/career-news/2017/08/best-2-year-colleges-in-every-state>

### **Zippia.com – Has Ranked NCC as the 4<sup>th</sup> Best Junior College for Getting a Job in the Nation and #1 in the State of Iowa**

According to [zippia.com](#) article, The Best Junior College in Each State for Getting a Job NCC, is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation and number 1 in the State of Iowa. Zippia.com used IPEDS and College Scorecard data to determine the ranking, looking specifically at what percentage of students were employed 10 years after graduation.

According to [zippia.com](#), “Not all community colleges are equal in this, and some schools are vastly more supportive of their students’ post-graduation concerns than others. To help showcase some of these stand-out colleges, in addition to the map at the top of this article, we at [Zippia](#) have put together a list of the top schools by state in terms of college placement ratings.”

To view the entire [zippia.com](#) article go to - <https://www.zippia.com/advice/best-junior-colleges-for-jobs/>

### **TheBestColleges.org – Has Ranked NCC’s Pharmacy Technician Program 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation**

In an email from TheBestColleges.org Heidi Pierce, **Outreach Team - TheBestColleges.org**, wrote, “Our team at [TheBestColleges.org](http://www.thebestcolleges.org) strives to connect prospective students with the best degree programs available. This year, we reviewed all accredited pharmacy technician programs in the US to select 50 that provide students with the best learning experiences. NWICC stood out with an outstanding pharmacy technician program.”

According to their website to determine the best pharmacy technician schools, they looked at what they thought were the most important factors for prospective students - common predictors of future success and a school’s commitment to online programs. They included: admissions rate, student loan default rate, retention rate, graduation rate, and the percent of students enrolled in online classes. All data points were taken from information provided by colleges and universities to the National Center for Education Statistics.

To view the full TheBestColleges.org article go to - <http://www.thebestcolleges.org/top-pharmacy-technician-programs/>

Dr. Alethea Stubbe, President, said, “These recognitions and awards reaffirm 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 employees who partner with them to achieve their goals.”

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. 2017 - #11 Best Community Colleges in America, *Niche.com*; 2017- #2 in the State of Iowa Among all 2 Year Colleges, [LearnHowtoBecome.org](http://www.learnhowtobecome.org); 2016 - 12<sup>th</sup> nationally for Premier National Online Associate Degree Program, *BestColleges.com*, 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*.

One of the best ways to figure out if a college is right for you is to schedule a campus visit. Register online at [nwicc.edu](http://nwicc.edu) and click the link in the box labeled Thunder Fridays. Thunder Fridays are scheduled for: November 3, November 10, December 8, January 26, February 16, March 16, April 6, April 20, and May 4.

#### **Quick facts about NCC:**

- 11,500+ College Alumni since 1966, of which over 7,411 live in Iowa
- 96% Placement Rate for College Alumni
- Many seamless transfer agreements with Colleges and Universities
- 50+ Programs of study including career & transfer and applied technology
- Have served 800,000 + students taught through the Continuing Education and Business & Industry Departments

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