

# Higher Education



# Opportunity



Des Moines is home to the acclaimed Highline Community College, the second largest community college in the state. With a population of 18,000 students, the college is a terrific talent pool for local employers, and also represents opportunity as a customer base for local businesses.

The College is characterized by one of the most diverse student populations in the country. It caters to area employers by offering job-training programs specific to their needs, such as transportation & logistics, and healthcare. Many of its resources are open and available to the public, including the Small Business Development Center and StartZone, which offer free counseling for business owners and seminars on practical topics such as accounting, planning, and website-based marketing.

Central Washington University also has a branch campus at Highline, so students can find all levels of instruction, from introductory through graduate training. And, with the University of Washington, the premier public research university in the United States, and other four-year colleges nearby, Des Moines has exceptional access to higher learning.

