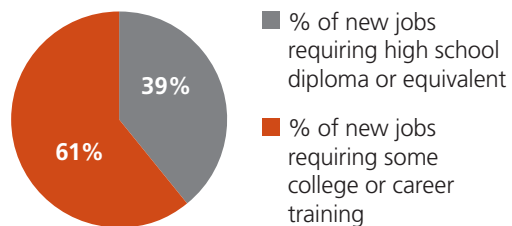




# The highway to higher wages

The fastest growing jobs in California require more than a high school education. As a result, students who earn a community college degree or certificate can see their earnings almost double after just three years on the job.

## New Job Growth by Education Requirement 2012-2022



Data source: California Employment Development Department, Labor Management Division, Occupational Projections (2012-2022), online at [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov).





Common Types of Financial Aid	Award Amount (subject to change)
Federal Pell Grant	Up to \$5,815 per academic year*
Cal Grant B	Up to \$1,670 per academic year**
California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the BOG Fee Waiver)	Waives enrollment fees*

\*Apply year-round.

\*\*Apply between October 1 and March 2.

For a comprehensive list of different types of financial aid, visit [icanaffordcollege.com](http://icanaffordcollege.com).

Visit Salary Surfer to see which community college campuses provide the career training you want, at [salarysurfer.cccco.edu](http://salarysurfer.cccco.edu).

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UNEMPLOYED?

# Go back to school and get back to work.

If you are currently unemployed, now is a good time to consider going to college — especially if you are out of work. As the state's largest provider of affordable career training, the California Community Colleges can quickly retrain you to work in jobs that provide good wages and benefits.

Community colleges offer you hundreds of opportunities in growing fields such as green technology, advanced manufacturing, health care, computer science, electronics, biotechnology, and police and fire science. Many colleges also offer short-term programs with hands-on training that can lead to immediate employment.

## Where do I start?

### As a first step, visit

[SalarySurfer.cccco.edu](http://SalarySurfer.cccco.edu) and use the Select a Program of Study pull-down menu to see which campuses provide the career training you want, learn more about the types of degrees and certificates offered, and view the annual median salaries earned by California students after receiving a certificate or degree.

You can also visit

[CaliforniaCommunityColleges.cccco.edu](http://CaliforniaCommunityColleges.cccco.edu) and use the Find a Community College search box to learn more about the college you're interested in and the resources available to students.

If you are receiving unemployment benefits, contact your local American Job Center before registering for classes to make sure your benefits will continue while you are enrolled in community college. American Job Center locations can be found at [servicelocator.org](http://servicelocator.org).

## How do I pay for college?

Financial aid is available year-round to help cover the cost of community college fees, books, supplies, and sometimes even rent. There are many different types of financial aid, including grants, scholarships and fee waivers which don't have to be repaid and loans which must be paid back.\* To determine the types of aid and how much you qualify for, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which can be found online at [icanaffordcollege.com](http://icanaffordcollege.com).

If your income has changed because you have lost your job, talk to your financial aid office so they can take that into consideration when determining your award amount. Contact information for your local financial aid office can be found at [icanaffordcollege.com](http://icanaffordcollege.com).

\*See table on back panel.

