



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

INVEST IN NEW YORK'S WORKFORCE

SUNY's community colleges are extraordinary engines of student success and upward mobility — providing students with paths to high-demand careers and partnering with regional employers and labor organizations to meet the workforce needs of their communities.

The last two enacted budgets included \$8 million each in targeted operating aid for community colleges, the first time there has been a back-to-back increase in direct support for community colleges in decades.

With the \$8 million enacted in the 2025-26 Enacted State Budget, community colleges committed to create nearly 1,800 additional seats in high-demand programs and hire 66 new faculty:



Create 858 additional seats in **nursing and allied health programs** and hire 33 faculty



Create 198 additional seats in **advanced manufacturing programs** and hire 8 faculty



Create 228 additional seats in **green jobs and sustainability programs** and hire 10 faculty



Create 472 additional seats in **cybersecurity, IT, and AI programs** and hire 15 faculty

INVEST IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPERATING AID: \$8 MILLION

With an additional \$8 million in the 2026-27 Enacted State Budget, this funding will again be used to continue to support the expansion of high-demand workforce programs