



**TENNESSEE'S
COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Creating Opportunities. Powering Possibilities.

FACTS ABOUT COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS

Tennessee:

- In the fall of 2014, nearly **68 percent of freshman at Tennessee Community Colleges required learning support**. More than 32 percent of incoming full-time freshman at TBR universities did as well.
- **Average ACT score of Tennessee students is 19**, compared to the national average of 21.
- The 2014 ACT College Readiness Report determined that only 59 percent of ACT-tested students in Tennessee had met benchmarks for college readiness in English and only 30 percent in math. Furthermore, only 19 percent had met benchmarks in all four subjects, which include science and reading as well.

National:

- According to ACT, **75 percent** of American students who *do* achieve a high school diploma are **not ready** for college coursework and often need remedial classes at both the university and community college levels.”
- Nationally, **two-year students with an ACT composite score of 18 or below had less than a 35% chance** of earning an associate’s or a bachelor’s degree by the end of year six compared to students with a score above 28 who had over a 64% chance of completing a degree. *(2012 ACT)*
- The United States has **more than 600,000 manufacturing jobs vacant** because there aren’t enough qualified people to fill them.
- States and students **spend \$3 billion annually to reteach high school classes** to college kids. *(Complete College America, 2012)*
- There is **growing consensus that students entering the workforce must demonstrate similarly high proficiency in academic knowledge and skills** as those entering college *(ACT, 2006; Alliance for Excellent Education, 2009; Educational Policy Improvement Center, 2009)*.
- Research predicts that within the next 10 years, 63 percent of all jobs in the United States will require some postsecondary education and that 90 percent of new jobs in growing industries with high wages will require some postsecondary education *(Carnevale, Smith, & Strohl, 2010)*.
- From 1997 to 2010, the percentage of middle and high school students planning to attend college increased from 67% to 75% *(MetLife, 2011)*.