

Accreditation

Institutional Accreditation

Bristol Community College is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). Accreditation of an institution of higher education by NECHE indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the Commission is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding the accreditation status by NECHE should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact:

New England Commission of Higher Education

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Program Specific Accreditations

The following specialized accrediting bodies are recognized by the Council on Post-secondary Accreditation and/or by the United States Department of Education:

- The Associate in Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).
- The Associate in Science in Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.
- The Certificate of Achievement in Medical Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) on recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB), Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs.
- The Associate in Science in Clinical Laboratory Science program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS).
- The Associate in Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).
- The Associate in Science in Paralegal Studies and Certificate of Achievement in Paralegal Studies is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA).