

Private Community Colleges for American Students

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A proposed system of privately operated community colleges could provide an alternative educational model specifically designed around the educational needs, cultural traditions, workforce priorities, and economic circumstances of American students.

Possible features could include:

- **Private nonprofit or private educational institutions** rather than publicly operated community colleges.
- **American students as the primary intended population**, with admissions policies structured according to applicable federal and state law.
- **American history, civics, literature, and cultural traditions** incorporated alongside technical and professional education.
- **Career-focused programs** in areas such as cybersecurity, networking, healthcare, manufacturing, construction, transportation, and skilled trades.
- **Multiple funding models**, including tuition, private donations, employer partnerships, scholarships, and potentially government-funded student aid.
- **Small Classrooms**: students could choose between larger classrooms or smaller classroom settings.
- **Institutional independence**: individual colleges could establish their own curricula, educational philosophy, and institutional priorities within applicable accreditation and legal requirements.

“Private” and “taxpayer-funded” can work together. A private college can receive government grants, student financial aid, veterans' benefits, or government contracts while remaining privately operated.