

## FACT SHEET

### National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE)

**Description:** NACCE fosters economic development by serving as the hub for the dissemination and integration of knowledge and successful practices regarding entrepreneurship education and student business incubation. As a membership association, NACCE helps community colleges nationwide link their traditional role of workforce development with entrepreneurial development. The result is innovation programs and courses that advance economic growth and prosperity in the communities served by the colleges.

**Founded:** NACCE was founded in 2002. The organization held its inaugural conference in 2003 and has held annual national conferences each year since. It became a membership organization in early 2006 and was granted nonprofit status in 2008.

**No. of Members:** NACCE's rapidly growing body of 924 members includes institutional members and individual members.

**Location:** NACCE is housed at the Andrew M. Scibelli Enterprise Center at Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield, MA.

#### About Entrepreneurship Education at Community Colleges:

- The field of entrepreneurship education first emerged in the 1970s, with the first courses at community colleges starting in the early '70s.
- According to a 2007 survey of the 1,193 community colleges in the U.S., 66% offer a least one course in Entrepreneurship, 14% offer an associate degree in Entrepreneurship, 19% offer a certificate in Entrepreneurship, 55% offer Entrepreneurship as continuing education, 26% offer a program in Entrepreneurship, and 20% host a small business development center.<sup>1</sup>
- Entrepreneurship education programs at community colleges have two target markets: students enrolled in credit and noncredit classes, and potential or existing small business owners.

#### Community College Facts<sup>2</sup>:

- 11.5 million students are enrolled in these schools, with 6.5 million enrolled in credit programs and 5 million enrolled in noncredit programs.
- These students represent 46% of all U.S. undergraduates and 41% of first-time freshmen.
- Forty-one percent of students are enrolled full-time and 59% are part-time students.
- The average student age is 29.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Study conducted by University of Illinois at Urbana.

<sup>2</sup> Source: American Association of Community Colleges