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### **Research on Community College Degrees and Certificates**

Thanks to Art Ellison (NH) for forwarding this information:

**Research Title:** *Labor Market Returns to Sub-Baccalaureate Credentials: How Much Does a Community College Degree or Certificate Pay?*

**Abstract:** This study provides one of the first estimates of the returns to different types of community college credentials—short-term certificates, long-term certificates, and associate degrees—across different fields of study. We exploit a rich data set that includes matched, longitudinal college transcripts and Unemployment Insurance records for students who entered a Washington State community college in 2001–2002. Our findings based on an individual fixed effect model suggest that earning an associate degree or a long-term certificate is associated with increased wages, particularly for women. We find that there is greater variation in returns to wages by the field of study than by degree type.

**Full report:**

<http://www.aera.net/Newsroom/RecentAERAResearch/LaborMarketReturnstoSub-BaccalaureateCredentialsHowMuchDoesaCommunityCollegeDegreeorCertificatePay/tabid/15704/Default.aspx>

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