

Student Achievement and Return on Investment

Section 1: Return on Investment

Students See Rapid Financial Gains

Metric	Description
13-Month Payback Period	Students recover out-of-pocket expenses within 13 months of completion (Scorecard).
\$73,000 Median Earnings (completers in high-demand fields)	Students who complete a high-demand CTE program see significant earnings after 12 months (Scorecard).
\$7,200 Wage lift (all students)	While the Median earnings for high-demand CTE completers is impressive. All students who attend (even where they do not finish) experience a meaningful wage lift. (Scorecard)
\$18,944 more annual earning potential compared to HS graduates	Based on median advertised salaries from and required education (Associate Degree) in local job postings (2025)

Section 2: Affordability

Metric	Description
Average Annual Cost \$3,743	The average yearly cost to attend Shasta College, minus any grants and scholarships the student receives. This is the cost for in-state students. (Scorecard)
\$1 million saved on Textbooks	Zero-cost textbook program saved students \$1 million (Spring 2023–Spring 2025).
\$11,095 Less Than CSU Chico Annually	SC students pay over \$11k less per year than CSU Chico students when comparing net educational costs after financial aid (Scorecard).

\$24,180 Less than Simpson University
Annually

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than Simpson Students when comparing
net costs after financial aid ([Scorecard](#)).

*Scorecard income metrics only include
students who received financial aid and are
no longer enrolled at any college, and are
working at a job that reports to the IRS.
Students who received a 4-year degree at
another institution after transferring are
also excluded.

*Dollars and associated calculations from
the US Dept of Education are illustrations
based on real outcomes. These examples do
not represent a guarantee as individual
circumstances will vary.

Section 3: Student Success

Metric	Description
Transfers 893 per year	Five-year average number of students transferring to four-year institutions.
Degrees Awarded: 1,647 per Year	Five-year average across all associate degree pathways.
Certificates Awarded: 996 per Year	Five-year average across all certificate programs.
Licensure Pass Rate: 94.1%	Three-year average across state and national licensure exams.
In-Field Employment: 80%	Majority of CTE completers secure employment in or near their field of study (CTEOS)

Section 4: Learning Experience

Metric	Description
Average Class Size: 20 Students	Typical Spring 2025 class section size, supporting individualized instruction.
Faculty Teaching Excellence: 95% hold recognized training/certification	95% of faculty hold specialized certifications/training (ACUE, POQR, @ONE, EMTL/PEAK) in addition to there college degree and work experience.