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## Overview of Charter Oak

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### History

Charter Oak is a distance learning college established in 1973 to assist adult learners in completing their [college degree](#). Due to student demand, in 1998, the College began offering courses online. Today we offer more than 150 video and [online courses](#)— more than any other public college in the state. Courses can be taken for personal development or to earn credits that can be applied toward a [degree](#) or [professional certificate](#).

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### Accreditations

Charter Oak is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Connecticut State Board for Higher Education. See our [Accreditation](#) page for more information.

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### Student Body

Approximately 2,000 students are enrolled (matriculated) with the College, representing all 50 states and 9 countries.

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### Programs of Study

The College offers four General Studies Degrees [Associate in Arts](#) and [Associate in Science degrees](#) (requiring a minimum of 60 credits), and [Bachelor of Arts](#) and [Bachelor of Science degrees](#) (requiring at least 120 credits). Every degree awarded at Charter Oak is customized based on the student's educational background and goals. There are also professional [Certificate Programs](#) (in Project Management, Computer Security, and Public Safety

## Student Testimonials

*"I needed a flexible, affordable and accelerated program to complete my degree. Charter Oak provided it all...plus a caring and supportive environment."*

E. Mary Heffernan, BA,'02  
Office Manager  
New Milford, CT

*"The Charter Oak program has been a perfect fit in my life. Combining a job and parenting while completing a degree has been a challenge. Charter Oak has definitely made a seemingly impossible task possible."*

Julie DeNicola, BS, '99  
Image Consultant  
Newtown, CT

*"As an adult learner, I was interested in a school that offered accelerated programs but, more importantly, treated students like adults. Charter Oak helped me meet both objectives. I truly believe my Charter Oak B.S. helped me achieve my recent promotion."*

Deborah Bennett, B.S.'02  
Senior Manager, Human Resources  
Macon, GA

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Administration), and more than 150 video and [online courses](#).

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## Specialty Courses / Programs

Charter Oak develops new courses and programs based on the needs of our students and workforce demands, including the [Connecticut Director's Credential](#), the [After School Education Credential](#), the [Pharmacist Refresher Course](#), the [RN Refresher Course](#), and the [Home Care Nursing Course](#)

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## Transferring and Earning Credits

A major [Charter Oak advantage](#) is the many ways that credits can be combined to form a [degree](#). In addition to taking video and [online courses](#) with the College, students may also utilize credits from:

- Courses transferred from other regionally accredited colleges and universities
- Standardized tests (CLEP, DANTES)
- Corporate & agency training programs evaluated by the ACE / PONS I
- Military service schools and occupational ratings evaluated by ACE
- Faculty-evaluated licensures / certifications
- Contract learning (independent study)
- [Portfolio assessment](#) (experiential learning)
- [Connecticut Credit Assessment Program](#) (CCAP)

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## Tuition and Payment Options

A Charter Oak education is very [affordable](#). See how we compare to other Connecticut and online colleges in our [Cost Comparison Charts](#) (PDF). The actual cost of a degree varies based on your individual circumstances. Please visit the [Tuition](#) page for more information. In addition, Charter Oak offers a variety of payment options including interestfree [payment plans](#), scholarships, grants, and loans. For more information, please see [Financial Aid](#).

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## Graduates

Close to 50% of recent Charter Oak graduates have gone on to graduate school. In addition, 45% of graduates report professional advancement as a result of their Charter Oak degree. See [Student Successes](#) for more details.

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## Faculty

The [Consulting Faculty](#) is appointed from public and independent institutions of higher education in Connecticut. They ensure that every individual degree awarded by the College meets the [highest academic standards](#). In addition, our video and [online courses](#) are taught by degreed professionals who are experts in their fields.

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### Associations

Charter Oak State College has partnered with many branches of the [US Military](#) so that service members and their spouses can [complete their degrees](#) from a distance at a reduced rate. We also maintain a [corporate partnership](#) with [Aetna Inc](#), and welcome new affiliations with corporations seeking to enhance their workforce through distance education.

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### Location

Our administrative offices are located in [New Britain, Connecticut](#). However, since we are a distance learning college, students can take video [online courses](#), communicate with counselors, faculty and staff, and complete their degree without ever physically visiting our building.

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