

CERTIFICATES AWARDED BY MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY (2000-2010)

In the Northeast region, the increase in the number of Certificates granted mostly came from the two largest fields of study: Health Sciences and Services. The number of Health Sciences Certificates more than tripled between 2000 and 2010, and they increased from 34.2 percent to 53.4 percent of the region's Certificates. This increase exceeded the trend statewide, where the number of Health Science Certificates more than doubled to account for almost 50 percent of Certificates granted in 2010. Also, Services Certificates more than doubled over the same period and accounted for 29.6 percent of the Northeast region's Certificates in 2010. Services Certificates include a large range of areas of specialization,

including Cosmetology, Law Enforcement, Construction Trades, Sports & Fitness Studies, Library Sciences, Social Work, Appliance Installation & Repair, Welding Technology, and Construction Equipment Operations.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Post Secondary Education Data System.

Note: For major fields of study by degree type for the US, see Data Appendix.

| Major Field of Study | Northeast | | | | Massachusetts | | | |
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| | 2000 | | 2010 | | 2000 | | 2010 | |
| | Certificates Completed | Major's Share of Total (Percent) | Certificates Completed | Major's Share of Total (Percent) | Certificates Completed | Major's Share of Total (Percent) | Certificates Completed | Major's Share of Total (Percent) |
| Health Sciences | 278 | 34.2 | 990 | 53.4 | 2,080 | 27.8 | 5,638 | 47.7 |
| Services | 222 | 27.3 | 548 | 29.6 | 2,479 | 33.1 | 3,984 | 33.7 |
| Engineering & Computer Sciences | 212 | 26.0 | 205 | 11.1 | 1,013 | 13.5 | 752 | 6.4 |
| Business | 27 | 3.3 | 17 | 0.9 | 709 | 9.5 | 513 | 4.3 |
| Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences | 33 | 4.1 | 35 | 1.9 | 271 | 3.6 | 424 | 3.6 |
| Legal | 12 | 1.5 | 33 | 1.8 | 132 | 1.8 | 189 | 1.6 |
| Education | 24 | 2.9 | 16 | 0.9 | 129 | 1.7 | 87 | 0.7 |
| Science & Mathematics | 2 | 0.2 | 2 | 0.1 | 248 | 3.3 | 80 | 0.7 |
| Other | 4 | 0.5 | 8 | 0.4 | 81 | 1.1 | 146 | 1.2 |
| Total | 814 | 100.0 | 1,854 | 100.0 | 7,494 | 100.0 | 11,813 | 100.0 |