new england board of higher education's

tuition break

for rhode island residents

Connecticut

Maine

Massachusetts

New Hampshire

Vermont

Hundreds of degree programs, not offered by Rhode Island's public colleges, are offered by public colleges in the five other New England states through the New England Regional Student Program. Find your program at www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak.

The bachelor's degree programs approved through the New England Regional Student Program (RSP) for Rhode Island residents are listed below. Each program is offered only by the college(s) indicated. Some programs have special requirements and/or restrictions and may not be available to freshman students: *Read the footnotes.*

Actuarial Science
  University of Connecticut

Agriculture Education [1]
  University of Connecticut

Allied Health [+]
  University of Connecticut

American Studies
  Keene State College, NH
  University of Massachusetts Boston
  University of Massachusetts Lowell
  Western Connecticut State University

Animation (BFA)
  Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Animation and Illustration (BFA)
  Lyndon State College, VT

Architectural Design (BFA)
  Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Architectural Engineering Technology
  Vermont Technical College

Architecture [2]
  University of Maine at Augusta
  University of Massachusetts Amherst

Artisanry (BFA)
  University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Arts Management
  Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Asian Studies
  University of Massachusetts Boston

Astronomy
  University of Massachusetts Amherst

Athletic Training
  Bridgewater State University, MA
  Castleton State College, VT
  Central Connecticut State University
  Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
  Salem State University, MA
  Southern Connecticut State University
  University of Maine
  University of Maine at Presque Isle
  University of Southern Maine
  Westfield State University, MA

Aviation Science
  Bridgewater State University, MA
  Vermont Technical College [+]

Bioengineering
  University of Maine

Book Arts
  University of Maine at Machias

Building and Construction Technology
  University of Massachusetts Amherst

Business and Information Technology
  Framingham State University, MA

Canadian Studies
  University of Vermont

Cartography and Geographic Information Systems
  Salem State University, MA

Ceramics (BFA)
  Massachusetts College of Art and Design
  University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Civil Engineering Technology
  Central Connecticut State University

Classical Languages (Greek and Latin)
  University of Massachusetts Boston

Cognitive Science
  University of Connecticut

Communication Design (BFA)
  Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Communications Media
  Central Connecticut State University
  Eastern Connecticut State University
  Fitchburg State University, MA
  *Framingham State University, MA**
  Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
  Salem State University, MA
  Western Connecticut State University

Community and Environmental Planning
  University of New Hampshire

Community Education (BFA)
  Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Community Health Education
  University of Maine at Farmington
  University of Massachusetts Lowell
  Western Connecticut State University

Community Studies
  University of Massachusetts Boston

Computer Engineering Technology
  Vermont Technical College

Computer Information Systems/Meteorology
  Lyndon State College, VT

Construction Management Technology
  Central Connecticut State University
  University of Maine
  Vermont Technical College

Creative Writing (BFA)
  Johnson State College, VT
  University of Maine at Farmington

Criminal Justice
  Bridgewater State University, MA
  Castleton State College, VT
  Central Connecticut State University
  Fitchburg State University, MA
  Salem State University, MA
  University of Maine at Presque Isle
  University of Massachusetts Boston
  *University of Massachusetts Lowell**
  Western Connecticut State University
  *Westfield State University, MA**
  Worcester State University, MA

Criminology
  Framingham State University, MA
  University of Southern Maine

Cytotechnology [3]
  University of Connecticut

Dairy Management
  University of New Hampshire

Dental Hygiene
  University of Maine at Augusta
  Vermont Technical College

Design (Graphic & Web) (BFA) [+]
  Lyndon State College, VT

Diagnostic Genetic Sciences [4]
  University of Connecticut

Diversified Agriculture
  Vermont Technical College

Early Childhood Special Education
  University of Maine at Farmington

Earth Science
  Bridgewater State University, MA
  Central Connecticut State University
  Fitchburg State University, MA
  Southern Connecticut State University
  Western Connecticut State University

Ecogastronomy [5]
  University of New Hampshire

Electrical Engineering Technology
  University of Maine
  Vermont Technical College

Electrical Engineering Technology [6]
  University of New Hampshire-Manchester

Electromechanical Engineering Technology
  Vermont Technical College

Electronic Imaging (Visual Design BFA)
  University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Electronic Journalism Arts
  Lyndon State College, VT

Electronics Technology
  Central Connecticut State University

Emergency Management
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Energy Systems Engineering +
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Engineering Physics
University of Connecticut
University of Maine
University of Massachusetts Boston

Environmental Design
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Environmental Design (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Environmental Earth Science
Eastern Connecticut State University

Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences +
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Boston
Westfield State University, MA

Environmental Engineering
University of New Hampshire

Environmental Health
University of Massachusetts Lowell

Equine Studies
University of New Hampshire
Vermont Technical College

European Cultural Studies
University of New Hampshire

Facilities Engineering
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Fashion Design (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Fibers (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Film/Video (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Fine Arts Three-Dimensional (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Fire and Emergency Services Management
Vermont Technical College

Food Science
Framingham State University, MA
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Food Science and Nutrition
University of Maine

Forest Operations Science
University of Maine

Forest Technology-Business Management
University of Maine at Fort Kent

Forestry
University of Maine
University of New Hampshire
University of Vermont

Genetics
University of New Hampshire

Glass (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Graphic Design (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Graphic Design/Information Design
Central Connecticut State University

Greek
University of New Hampshire
University of Vermont

Health Care Management* [4]
University of Connecticut

Holocaust and Genocide Studies
Keene State College

Hospitality and Tourism Management
Johnson State College, VT
University of Southern Maine

Hospitality Management
University of New Hampshire

Illustration (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Industrial Design (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Industrial Systems Engineering Technology
Central Connecticut State University

Industrial Technology
Central Connecticut State University
University of Southern Maine

Industrial Technology [7]
Fitchburg State University, MA

Information and Library Services [8]
University of Maine at Augusta

International Business and Logistics
Maine Maritime Academy
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Japanese
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Jazz and Contemporary Music
University of Maine at Augusta

Jewelry and Metalsmithing (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Judaic Studies
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Justice Studies
University of Maine at Augusta

Labor Relations and Human Resource
Management
Eastern Connecticut State University

Labor Studies
University of Massachusetts Boston

Latin
University of New Hampshire
University of Vermont

Legal Studies [9]
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Library Science and Instructional Technology
Southern Connecticut State University

Linguistics
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of New Hampshire

Linguistics: American Sign Language
University of Southern Maine

Management and Engineering for Manufacturing
University of Connecticut

Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Central Connecticut State University

Marine Engineering
Maine Maritime Academy
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Marine Safety and Environmental Protection
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Marine Sciences
University of Connecticut

Marine Transportation Operations
Maine Maritime Academy
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Maritime Studies
University of Connecticut

Material Science Engineering
University of Connecticut

Mechanical Engineering Technology
Central Connecticut State University
University of Maine

Mechanical Engineering Technology [6]
University of New Hampshire-Manchester

Media (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Media Arts +
Johnson State College, VT

Media Studies
Southern Connecticut State University

Meteorology/Atmospheric Sciences
Lyndon State College, VT *
Plymouth State University, NH
University of Massachusetts Lowell
Western Connecticut State University

Middle Eastern Studies
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Mountain Recreation Management
Lyndon State College, VT

Museum Education (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Music Business
Lyndon State College, VT
University of Massachusetts Lowell

Networking Technology
Central Connecticut State University

Neuroscience and Behavior
University of New Hampshire

Nuclear Engineering
University of Massachusetts Lowell

Occupational Therapy [10]
University of New Hampshire (srs only)
Worcester State University, MA

Outdoor Education
Johnson State College, VT
University of New Hampshire

Painting (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Parks, Recreation and Tourism
University of Maine
University of Maine at Machias

Pathobiology
University of Connecticut

Peace and Conflict Studies [+]
University of Massachusetts Lowell

Photography (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Physiology and Neurobiology
University of Connecticut

Plastics Engineering
University of Massachusetts Lowell

Portuguese
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Power Engineering Operations
Maine Maritime Academy

Power Engineering Technology
Maine Maritime Academy

Psychology and Community Studies
University of Maine at Machias

Public and Community Health (BS)
Southern Connecticut State University

Public Health Sciences
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Pulp and Paper Technology [11]
University of Maine

Puppetry (BFA) [12]
University of Connecticut

Radiological Health Physics
University of Massachusetts Lowell

Real Estate and Urban Economic Studies [4]
University of Connecticut

Recreation and Leisure Studies [13]
Southern Connecticut State University
University of Maine at Presque Isle

Rehabilitation Services
University of Maine at Farmington

Rural Safety Administration
University of Maine at Fort Kent

Russian
University of New Hampshire
University of Vermont

Russian and East European Studies
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Sculpture (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Sign Language Interpretation
University of New Hampshire-Manchester

Small Business Management
Central Connecticut State University

Small Vessel Operations
Maine Maritime Academy

Social Thought and Political Economy
University of Massachusetts Amherst

Sociology/Applied Social Relations
Eastern Connecticut State University

Sound Recording Technology [12]
University of Massachusetts Lowell

Sport and Leisure Management
Eastern Connecticut State University

Statistics
University of Connecticut

Structural Biology and Biophysics
University of Connecticut

Studio for Interrelated Media (BFA)
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Surveying Engineering Technology
University of Maine

Sustainability Studies
Lyndon State College, VT

Sustainable Agriculture
University of Maine

Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
University of New Hampshire

Sustainable Design and Technology
Vermont Technical College

Sustainable Product Design and Innovation
Keene State College, NH

Therapeutic Recreation
University of New Hampshire
University of Southern Maine

Tourism Management and Policy
Plymouth State University, NH

Tourism, Planning and Development
University of New Hampshire

Urban Studies
Worcester State University, MA

Visual Communications [+]
Lyndon State College, VT

Visual Design (BFA)
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Wellness and Alternative Medicine
Johnson State College, VT

Footnotes to Bachelor's Programs

* *Admission highly competitive.*

+ *Newly approved program.*

1 *Integrated bachelor's/master's; RSP eligibility starts junior year.*

2 *UMaine at Augusta: BArch; Transfer articulation agreement with Boston Architectural Center's master's program. UMass Amherst: BFA; portfolio required.*

3 *UConn is not accepting any new students; RSP eligibility–junior and senior levels only.*

4 *RSP eligibility–junior and senior levels only.*

5 *Offered only as a dual major; RSP eligibility starts no sooner than the sophomore year, after student has declared a primary major and met certain requirements.*

6 *UNH-Manchester: Open only to students with AS degree in field.*

7 *Options: Architectural Tech., Construction Tech., Electronics Engineering Tech., Energy Management Tech., Manufacturing Engineering Tech. and Tech. Theater Arts.*

8 *Instruction is delivered via distance education.*

9 *UMass Amherst: RSP eligibility at sophomore, junior, and senior levels only.*

10 *UNH: RSP eligibility is effective for the senior year only and the master's degree program. Worcester State: Entry-level master's degree program.*

11 *Fifth year certificate program also available.*

12 *Audition required.*

13 *Southern Connecticut State University: Options in Therapeutic Recreation, Community and Youth Development, Sports Management, and Travel and Tourism Management. UMaine Presque Isle: Options in Outdoor Recreation/Leadership and Community Recreation.*

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the New England Regional Student Program (RSP) for New England only?

Yes. The program, aka the Tuition Break, is only for permanent residents of the six New England states–Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont–who attend out-of-state public colleges and universities in New England.

How does a student qualify for the RSP?

As a permanent resident of a New England state, a student is eligible for the RSP when enrolled in an approved degree program offered by a specific public college or university in another New England state. Information on approved majors (associate, bachelor's and graduate) is available under "Find a Program" at www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak. Note: The approved bachelor's degree programs are also listed in this brochure.

At certain colleges, students may also qualify when the out-of-state college is closer to home than the in-state college(s) offering the same program. The colleges allowing "proximity" eligibility are listed at www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak under "Eligibility" and are flagged on the last page of this brochure.

How does a student apply for the RSP?

A student completes the college's application for admission and declares an approved major offered through the RSP by that college. Some college applications include a box to check for "New England Regional" or "RSP." Otherwise, a student should indicate "Applying for New England Regional Student Program (RSP) status." NEBHE does not require a separate application.

The college notifies a student of RSP status usually at the time of acceptance to the college. Note: Some programs have special requirements and/or are not available to freshman students (see footnotes to programs).

How much of a discount is the RSP?

The average annual tuition savings per full-time RSP student is currently $7,000. The RSP allows an eligible student to pay a regional rate, which is significantly less than out-of-state tuition. The rate is based on a percentage (up to 175 percent) of a college's in-state rate. Current tuition rates are posted at www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak under "Data and Reports."

Example:

In-State Tuition $6,000

Out-of-State Tuition $18,000

Regional (RSP) Tuition....................$10,500

Tuition Discount $7,500

Can a student already enrolled at a college declare an RSP major at that college?

Usually. An enrolled student needs to contact the registrar and/or the college's RSP campus representative, listed in the RSP catalogs, available at www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak.

How are degree programs approved for RSP status?

Undergraduate and graduate majors are approved for RSP status on an annual basis. The residents of a particular state become eligible for an RSP major after a review by that state's public colleges and universities determines that a comparable major or concentration is not offered in-state.

Why are certain programs, which aren't offered in a student's home state, not offered under the RSP?

Sometimes a college or university decides not to offer certain majors, such as high-demand programs, under the RSP. Also, a few programs are not offered by any New England public college or university (Examples: Aerospace Engineering, Physician Assistant, Professional Golf Management).

What happens if a student changes from an approved RSP major to one not approved?

A student will be charged the full out-of-state tuition rate from that point forward.

What happens if a college decides to discontinue offering a major through the RSP?

If a college withdraws a major from the RSP, but still offers the major, eligible students currently enrolled through the RSP are grandfathered.

Can the RSP be used to attend a private college or a college outside New England?

No. The RSP is only available at New England public colleges and universities.

Is an RSP-eligible student eligible to apply for financial aid?

Yes. A student should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) available at **www.fafsa.ed.gov** and any other financial aid applications required by the college(s) in order to be considered for any type of financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans and/or work-study). For general financial aid information, visit **www.studentaid.ed.gov** and **www.finaid.org**.

New England Regional Student Program (RSP) Participating Colleges and Universities

New England's public colleges and universities offer more than 700 associate, bachelor's and graduate degree programs through the RSP, the New England Board of Higher Education's Tuition Break program. Residents of the six New England states are eligible for a lower, regional tuition rate when they pursue approved majors, which are listed in the catalogs and state brochures. Certain colleges allow additional eligibility under "Proximity" (see [P] below); and some community colleges allow eligibility for most or all of their programs (see [O] below. Get eligibility details at www.nebhe.org/tuitionbreak.

Connecticut

Connecticut Community Colleges
Asnuntuck Community College [P]
Capital Community College [P]
Gateway Community College
Housatonic Community College [P/O]
Manchester Community College [P/O]
Middlesex Community College [P/O]
Naugatuck Valley Community College
Northwestern Conn. Community College [P/O]
Norwalk Community College [P]
Quinebaug Valley Community College [P]
Three Rivers Community College [P]
Tunxis Community College

Connecticut State University System
Central Connecticut State University
Eastern Connecticut State University [P]
Southern Connecticut State University
Western Connecticut State University

University of Connecticut
University of Connecticut
UConn School of Dental Medicine
UConn School of Law
UConn School of Medicine

Maine

Maine Community College System
Central Maine Community College [P]
Eastern Maine Community College
Kennebec Valley Community College
Northern Maine Community College [P/O]
Southern Maine Community College
Washington County Community College [P/O]
York County Community College [P/O]

Maine Maritime Academy

University of Maine System
University of Maine
University of Maine at Augusta [P]
University of Maine at Farmington
University of Maine at Fort Kent
University of Maine at Machias
University of Maine at Presque Isle
University of Southern Maine [P]
UMaine School of Law

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Community Colleges
Berkshire Community College [P/O]
Bristol Community College [P/O]
Bunker Hill Community College
Cape Cod Community College [P]
Greenfield Community College [P/O]
Holyoke Community College [P/O]
Massachusetts Bay Community College
Massasoit Community College
Middlesex Community College [P]
Mount Wachusett Community College [P]
North Shore Community College [P/O]
Northern Essex Community College [P/O]
Quinsigamond Community College [P/O]
Roxbury Community College
Springfield Technical Community College [P/O]

Massachusetts State University System
Bridgewater State University
Fitchburg State University
Framingham State University
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts [P]
Salem State University [P]
Westfield State University [P]
Worcester State University [P]

University of Massachusetts
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth [P]
University of Massachusetts Lowell [P]
UMass School of Law – Dartmouth
UMass Worcester School of Nursing

New Hampshire

Community College System of New Hampshire
Great Bay Community College [P]
Lakes Region Community College [P/O]
Manchester Community College [P/O]
Nashua Community College [P/O]
NHTI, Concord's Community College [P]
River Valley Community College [P/O]
White Mountains Community College [P]

University System of New Hampshire
Keene State College
Plymouth State University
University of New Hampshire
University of New Hampshire-Manchester

Rhode Island

Community College of Rhode Island [P]
Rhode Island College [P]
University of Rhode Island

Vermont

Vermont State Colleges
Castleton State College
Community College of Vermont [P]
Johnson State College
Lyndon State College [P]
Vermont Technical College [P]

University of Vermont