

ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE CERTIFICATE MAJORS IN THE CAPE & ISLANDS (2000–2010)

While Services was the most common field for Certificates at the beginning and end of the decade, Health Sciences was actually the largest field of study for most of the decade. When Cape Cod Community College began awarding Certificates in 2001, the number of Health Sciences Certificates completed in the region nearly quadrupled in just one year. As such, the number of completions in the major surpassed those in Services in 2001 and 2002. However, growing completions in Services overtook those in Health Sciences in 2003, 2004, and 2006. Thereafter, completions in the Services field declined through 2009. Between 2009 and 2010, the number of completed Services Certificates nearly doubled, to reach a decade high of 113, slightly exceeding the 108 in Health Sciences in 2010. Over the course of the decade, we can see the emergence of Engineering & Computer Sciences, Legal, and Science & Mathematics in the top five majors as Cape Cod Community College starts to offer Certificates in these fields.

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

