

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
In-State Tuition Pilot Program Legislative Update  
FY2024-25**

**Request:** The State Board of Community Colleges approve the legislative report for the in-state tuition pilot program at Tri-County Community College (TCCC)

**Background:** Section 6.13 of S.L. 2023-134 permitted the State Board of Community Colleges to establish an in-state tuition pilot program at Tri-County Community College (TCCC). This program, marketed as “Success Without Borders,” allows TCCC to offer in-state tuition to up to 100 residents from the following Georgia counties bordering North Carolina: Fannin, Rabun, Towns, and Union.

**Rationale:** The pilot program expires at the end of the 2026-2027 academic year. Beginning September 30, 2024, and annually thereafter for the duration of the pilot program, the SBCC must report the results of the pilot program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division. The report must include at least the following information:

- Information on out-of-state students who enrolled at the in-State tuition rate, including:
  - The number of students enrolled.
  - The programs that these students chose.
  - Any programs unavailable to these students due to the potential displacement of North Carolina residents.
- Any indicators of increased economic development as a result of this program.
- The number of out-of-state students enrolled who do not qualify for the in-State tuition rate.



**The number of out-of-state students who were enrolled at the in-state tuition rate through the 2024 - 2025 Academic Year:**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Reciprocity Students</b>
2024 Fall	46
2025 Spring	59
2025 Summer	36

**The academic programs selected by students in the pilot program:**

- Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Technology
- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Engineering
- Associate in General Education - Pre-Medical Sonography
- Associate in General Education - Pre-Nursing
- Associate in Science
- Automotive Systems Technology
- Building Construction Technology
- Business Administration/Operations Management
- Cosmetology
- Early Childhood Education
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Electrical Systems Technology
- Emergency Medical Science
- Esthetics Technology (Certificate)
- Human Services Technology - Social Services
- Medical Office Administration
- Medical Sonography
- Nursing
- Public Safety Administration
- Therapeutic Massage
- Welding Technology

**A list of any programs unavailable to the pilot program students due to the potential displacement of North Carolina Residents:**

- No NC Residents were displaced by the out-of-state students in the pilot program.

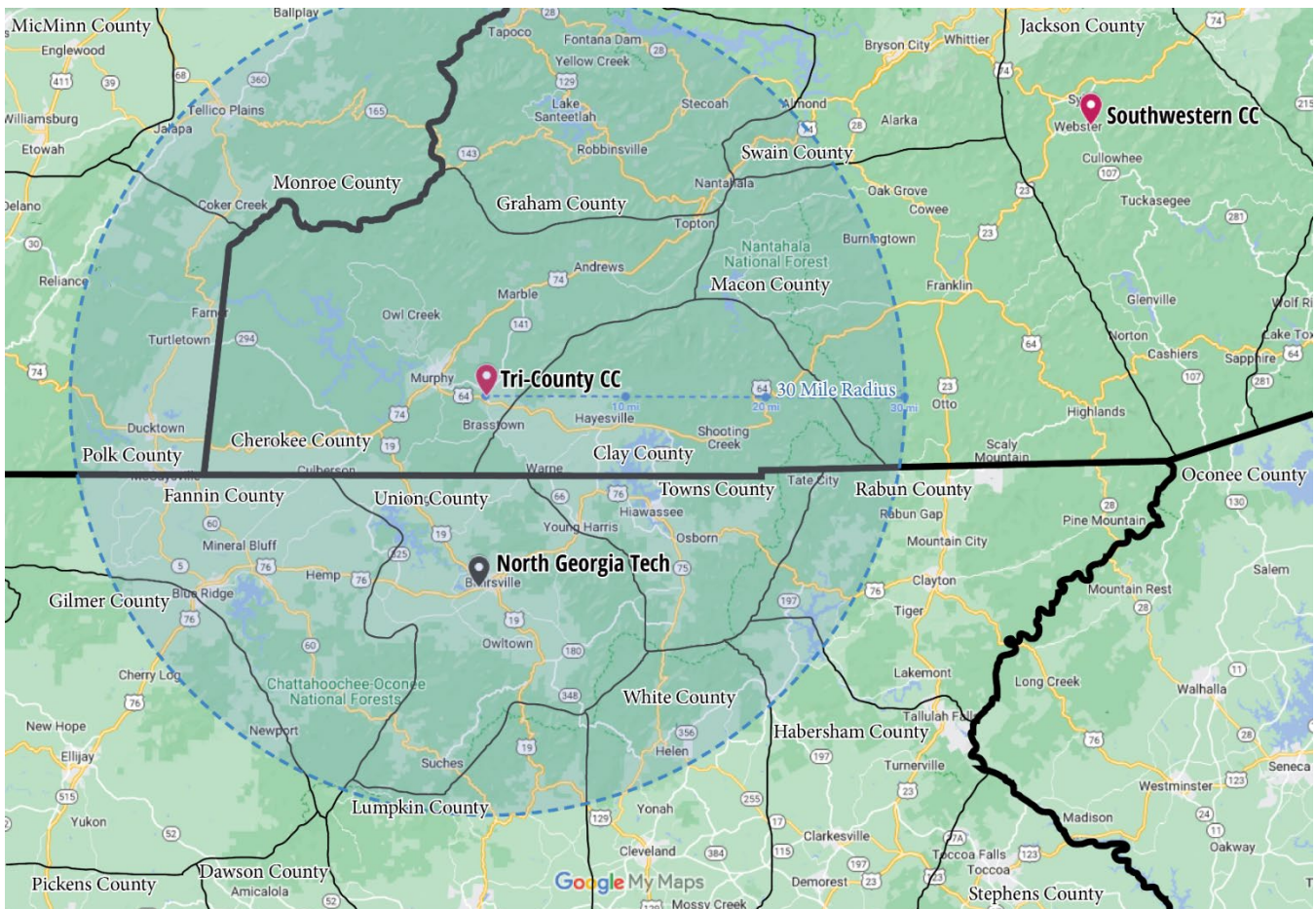
**Any indicators of increased economic development as a result of this pilot program?:**

- The "Success Without Borders" pilot program continues to demonstrate promising indicators of economic development in our region. Participating students from Georgia

contribute to the regional economy through their spending on transportation, food, and other services while taking classes. Still, upon their graduation, they also enhance the regional workforce pipeline in key sectors. Many of the students in the pilot program are enrolled in high-demand, technical programs that align with our regional labor needs. During TCCC's annual advisory committees, the Building Construction and Electrical Engineering programs both had employers praise the pilot program as it reduces barriers for Georgia students and has grown the enrollment in these programs, adding to the NC workforce. The pilot program has also helped expand TCCC's clinical partnerships and will fill critical shortages in fields like nursing, medical sonography, and emergency medical services.

**The number of out-of-state students who do not qualify for the in-State tuition rate:**

- 24 Out-of-State students did not qualify for the pilot program:
  - 7 Georgia
  - 3 Mississippi
  - 14 Tennessee



The above map depicts a 30-mile radius around Tri-County Community College's Main Campus. Within this region lies the Blairsville campus for North Georgia Tech, as well as multiple counties within Georgia and Tennessee. Tri-County Community College is closer to North Georgia Tech than its nearest NC Community College Partner, Southwestern Community College.