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# Colleges and Universities In Rhode Island

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## Rhode Island Colleges and Universities

Rhode Island's institutions of higher education are widely recognized for their prominence in special areas. Brown University's science, medical, and engineering programs, the Rhode Island School of Design's art and design programs, and the University of Rhode Island's engineering, pharmacy and oceanographic research programs, enjoy high national rankings.

### From the academic year 2010-2011, there were 15,387 degrees awarded:

Certificates:	268
Associates Degrees:	3461
Bachelor's Degrees:	8863
Master's Degrees:	2560
Doctoral Degrees:	235

### Full & Part-Time Enrollment and Degrees Awarded

	<u>Total Headcount</u> <u>Fall Enrollment, 2010-2011</u>	<u>Degrees Awarded,</u> <u>2010-2011</u>
<b><u>PUBLIC</u></b>		
Community College of R.I.	17893	1587
Rhode Island College	9044	1518
University of Rhode Island	16317	3415
<b><u>PRIVATE</u></b>		
Brown University	8705	2287
Bryant University	3606	996
Johnson & Wales University	10974	3120
New England Inst. of Technology	3298	376
Providence College	5053	1135
Rhode Island School of Design	2406	688
Roger Williams University	4680	1021
Salve Regina University	2604	676
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>79,444</b>	<b>14,760</b>

Source: NCES, July, 2011

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

<http://www.ribghe.org/factslist.pdf#headcount>



*Rhode Island College in the Spring*

### State Colleges & Universities

Rhode Island's three state institutions are Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and University of Rhode Island.



#### Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI)

Founded in 1964, the Community College of Rhode Island is one of the largest public, two-year, degree granting colleges in New England and offers either a two-year college curriculum or a two-year career oriented program. The College provides a variety of vocational, technical, and academic programs at campuses in Warwick, Lincoln, Providence, and Newport and offers courses on satellite facilities in, Westerly. The College offers three basic programs: Transfer Program, Career Program, and Diploma and Certificate Program.

CCRI offers a full array of programs and services for full and part-time students, for recent high school graduates and for adult learners. Many graduates of CCRI transfer to four-year colleges or universities. Others complete career-oriented programs, which can lead to immediate employment in technical fields. CCRI's faculty totals over 300 full-time members and part-time lecturers.

CCRI opens its facilities for public use, sponsors programs on issues of public concern, and offers workshops and seminars for small businesses, government agencies, and for individuals seeking to improve their skills or enhance their lives.



*Knight Campus, one of the many CCRI locations in RI*



#### Rhode Island College (RIC)

Rhode Island College, a liberal arts and teacher education facility, is located on 180 acres in the Mount Pleasant area of the city of Providence. The college has a faculty and a professional staff of approximately 800 and offers the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, and Master of Education, and a certificate of Advanced Graduate Study.

The college offers a program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and has programs in medical technology, management, and social services. Academic offerings are provided through RICs' five schools; Faculty of Arts and Science, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, School of Social Work, School of Management, and School of Nursing. Rhode Island College extends its curriculum and support service to traditional and non-traditional students who are pursuing various degrees

**Center for Industrial Technology:** In order to help Rhode Island industry realize its leadership goals, the center and its staff will provide new production and cost control methods, innovative training techniques, and a flex lab that can be utilized by area businesses to gain hands-on experience with advanced technology. Under the guidance and support of educators, business leaders, industrial managers, and state officials, the Center for Industrial Technology serves also as a cooperative link between the college and the business communities to build an economic stronghold in high-tech industries as Rhode Island moves in the 21st century.

**School of Nursing:** Defined as one of the major growing fields in Rhode Island by the Department of Labor and Training, Rhode Island College offers both Bachelor and Master degrees at their School of Nursing. Established in 2006, the School of Nursing offers classroom and clinical experiences which are coordinated and encouraged to allow students the opportunity to apply what they have learned. The convenient location of Rhode Island College gives its students quick and easy access to the major health care institutions in the state of Rhode Island.



### **University of Rhode Island (URI)**

The University of Rhode Island, well known for its oceanographic and engineering research facilities, was founded in 1892 as one of the land grant colleges. In 1971 it became one of the first four sea grant colleges in the country. With a staff containing 700 faculty members, the University holds a 20:1 student-teacher ratio. The University's main campus encompasses 1,200 acres in the village of Kingston, in the town of South Kingstown, 30 miles south of Providence and six miles from the

Atlantic Ocean. URI has campuses in three other locations in the state including Providence, Newport and West Greenwich. Major programs include:

**Sea Grant College Program:** Established in 1968 in the Graduate School of Oceanography, the Sea Grant College program acts as a focal point in a partnership between government, industry, and the university. The program strives to increase scientific understanding of the oceans and coastal waters, improve management of marine resources, and promote the development of marine products in focusing on sustainable coastal communities and ecosystems as well as sustainable fisheries.

**Oceanographic Research:** One of the major facilities for oceanographic research in the nation can be found on the Narragansett Bay Campus of the University's Graduate School of Oceanography. Construction is underway on a new research library and inner space center where, once finished, students and researchers can monitor, track and disseminate information from oceanographic expeditions and remotely operated vehicles in real time. Adjacent to this facility is the Northeast Marine Health Science Laboratory and the Narragansett Marine Game Fish Research Laboratory. (The University operates several vessels.)

**Division of Engineering Research and Development:** This division was established in 1942 to coordinate the research activities of the College of Engineering. It disseminates the results of basic or fundamental investigations; conducts fundamental and applied research projects; provides opportunities for graduate students and higher qualified undergraduates to participate in research studies; and offers opportunities for member of the engineering faculty through research to keep abreast of advances in the profession.



*University of Rhode Island Sailing Team*

## Private Colleges and Universities

Rhode Island's nine private institutions are: Brown University, Bryant University, Gibbs College, Johnson & Wales University, New England Institute of Technology, Providence College, Rhode Island School of Design, Roger Williams University and Law School, and Salve Regina University. In 2007, roughly 41,100 students were enrolled in these schools.



### Brown University

Brown University, the seventh oldest college in America located on 143 acres in the states capital, attracts students from all over the United States and foreign countries to participate in the academic and extracurricular life of an Ivy League University.

With a student body of over 7,000 students and a faculty of 628, Brown offers almost 100 programs of studies in their Undergraduate College, Graduate School and Medical School. Brown has long been recognized for its plethora of science, medical and engineering programs including but not limited to:

**Division of Engineering:** The first undergraduate engineering program in the Ivy League where faculty members devote a portion of their time to research for business and industry. The Program allows students to choose from a variety of degree options and even go on to pursue a graduate degree.

**The Lefschetz Center for Dynamical Systems:** a mathematical research group supported jointly by the University, the Air Force, the Army and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The staff includes some of the nation's top mathematicians and concentrates on research in non-linear differential equations, such as are required to mathematically describe certain types of oscillation characteristics of satellites and space vehicles. It is one of the leading centers in the world within the field. The center attracts distinguished visiting scientists and promising young scientists from the United States and abroad, and has an extensive post-doctoral program.

**Life Science Research:** Seven hospitals in metropolitan Providence area are affiliated with Brown's medical program as "teaching hospitals". An \$8 million bio-medical building completed in 1969 serves as the on-campus center for the medical programs. Two new buildings have been added to the campus in the couple years to yield the demand of medical research done by the University.



*Students studying outside at Brown University*

**Laboratory for Engineering Man-Machine Systems:** Established in 1981, the high-level program in computer engineering encompasses twin goals to advance theory and practice in computer engineering and to take the most promising discoveries to product oriented, experimentally tested prototypes aimed at generating new products.



### Bryant University

Set on 420 acres in suburban Smithfield, R.I., Bryant University represents an inspired combination of contemporary architecture and the traditional beauty of the New England landscape. The University offers graduate and undergraduate programs. Through its five outreach programs, Bryant's Center for Business and Economic Development serves as a regional, national, and international resource for business development.

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*Students working hard at Bryant's recently renovated library*

The modern and functional "unistructure" building houses most administrative and academic functions under one roof. The unistructure features a two-story Plexiglas-domed rotunda. The Bryant University seal bears the motto, "Education for Business Leadership" and was founded in 1863. The

combination of business courses and general studies lays a firm foundation from which the University's students can launch

successful business careers.



### **Johnson & Wales University (JWU)**

Johnson & Wales University was founded in Providence in 1914 as a school devoted exclusively to the teaching of business. It has since added the school of Travel-Tourism and Management.

The University boasts of being the largest, most diverse and successful university for tourism. Johnson & Wales is a coeducational institution offering multi-level college courses in the business and culinary arts fields. One-year, two-year, and four-year programs prepare young men and women to enter the business world with a sound foundation in their chosen careers. Three other campuses located in Florida, Colorado and North Carolina allow the University to reach out to those nationwide.



*When it comes to culinary, JWU focuses on hands on learning*



### **New England Institute of Technology (NEIT)**

For over sixty years, New England Institute of Technology has met the challenge of preparing its graduates to enter an increasingly competitive workplace. Founded in 1940 as the New England Technical Institute, the present college began as a certificate-granting trade school. In 1971, a new administration envisioned a degree-granting institution that not only would be better qualified to meet industry's need for technically trained workers, but also would become one of the top technical colleges in the nation.



*A typical class at NEIT*

Today, enrollment has grown to nearly 3,000 students from the original 70 students in 1971. The original educational programs have increased to 27 Associate's and eleven Bachelor's degree programs in such diverse fields as automotive technology, business management, computer information systems, electronics engineering technology, mechanical design, surgical technology, and video and radio production. The campus now encompasses two locations in Warwick, Rhode Island, and includes ten buildings with approximately 175,000 square feet of state-of-the-art classroom, laboratory, faculty and administrative office space.

New England Institute of Technology is a private, non-profit, technical college whose mission is to provide specialized associate and bachelor degree programs for students from diverse

educational backgrounds and with differing levels of ability. The College's mission evolves from the principle that all persons, regardless of age, gender, disability, socio-economic circumstances, religious, racial or ethnic background, should have access to career opportunity through a quality technical education. To achieve this purpose, NEIT is first and foremost an institution committed to teaching. Faculty and staff are devoted to creating a learning environment in each classroom and laboratory that customizes the educational approach to maximize each student's ability to succeed.



### **Providence College (PC)**

Providence College, situated on a 105-acre campus, in the city of Providence is a four-year college of liberal arts and sciences. It is conducted under the auspices of the Order of Preachers of the Province of St. Joseph, commonly known as the Dominicans. Founded in 1917, the college is open to students of all faith/religion.

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences offers programs leading to degrees of Master of Arts in History, Religious Studies and Biblical Studies, the M.Ed. in Education, or a Masters in Business Administration. There is also a doctoral program in Chemistry.

The primary objective of Providence College is the intellectual development of its students through the disciplines of the sciences and the humanities. The liberal education which the College offers presents its students with opportunities to advance their ability to formulate their thoughts and communicate them to others; to discover the facts about themselves and their environments; to evaluate their varied experiences, and to achieve insight into past, present, and future civilization.

Providence College seeks to accomplish these goals within the atmosphere provided by a unique catholic educational tradition of the Dominican Order and reserves to itself, the right to formulate policies consistent with that tradition. Welcoming qualified male and female students of all religious and ethnic backgrounds, the College promotes the pursuit of sound principles of the Judaeo-Christian heritage.



*PC Cheerleaders supporting their Division I Basketball team*



### **Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)**

Founded in 1877 as a privately endowed coeducational institution, the Rhode Island School of Design has its main campus in Providence. The education at RISD is a blend of long and rich tradition, intellectual stimulation, creativity, and a commitment to the visual arts. With more than 2,000 students and 350 faculty members, RISD welcomes more than 200 prominent artists a year to its facilities. The student body is drawn from all over the United States and the world. RISD also operates an Evening Extension School and a Junior School for Providence area students in the fourth through twelfth grades.

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The school offers sixteen undergraduate and seventeen graduate degree programs in a full range of fine arts, architecture, and design disciplines as well as masters degrees in nine areas. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., its professional offerings are balanced by a broad, liberal arts curriculum.



*Ceramic art done by  
a RISD student*

Rhode Island School of Design possesses one of the nation's largest and best-equipped physical plants for the study of art and design. RISD has an extraordinary campus of more than 40 buildings for classrooms, galleries, dormitories, dining halls, the auditorium, the library, and a nearby recreational farm overlooking Narragansett Bay.

The RISD Museum of Art, housed in its own building, is one of New

England's fine and decorative art institutions. The extensive permanent collections and rotating exhibitions are an integral component of an education at the Rhode Island School of Design.



### **Roger Williams University (RWU)**

Roger Williams is an independent coeducational university of liberal arts and professional studies. The university is located on 140 acres of waterfront campus in Bristol, overlooking the Mt. Hope Bay. It operates full-time day and evening

programs in Bristol and at the evening school in Providence with a total of 38 available majors.

The schools include Architecture, Business, Continuing Education, Engineering, Fine & Performing Arts, Humanities, Science and Mathematics, Social Sciences, Communications, Computer Science, and Dance.

Roger Williams University boasts 23 buildings including, a recreation center, performing arts center, and a waterfront residence complex. Its completed library provides 180,000 volumes and the most recent information retrieval system.



*Students working out at the campus gym*

**The Roger Williams University School of Law** serves

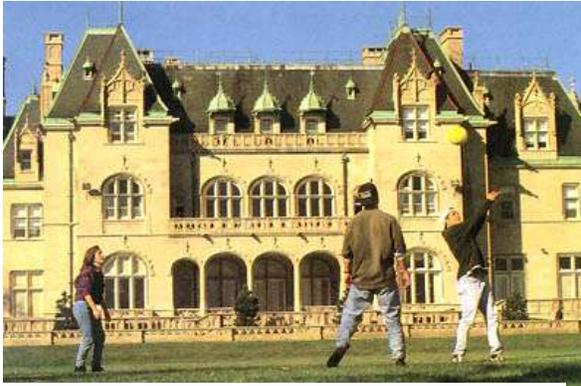
as the only law school in the state of Rhode Island with a virtual franchise on student clerkship opportunities with the federal and state judges as well as state offices and agencies. The RWU School of law thrives on hands on experience to benefit their students to the best of their ability.



### **Salve Regina University (SR)**

Salve Regina University, a Catholic University, is unique because of its heritage, vision, and tradition. The 75 acre campus overlooks the Atlantic Ocean from "Millionaire's Point" on Newport's spectacular Cliff Walk. The university occupies several magnificent 19th century mansions as well as contemporary buildings like the ultra modern O'Hare Academic Center.

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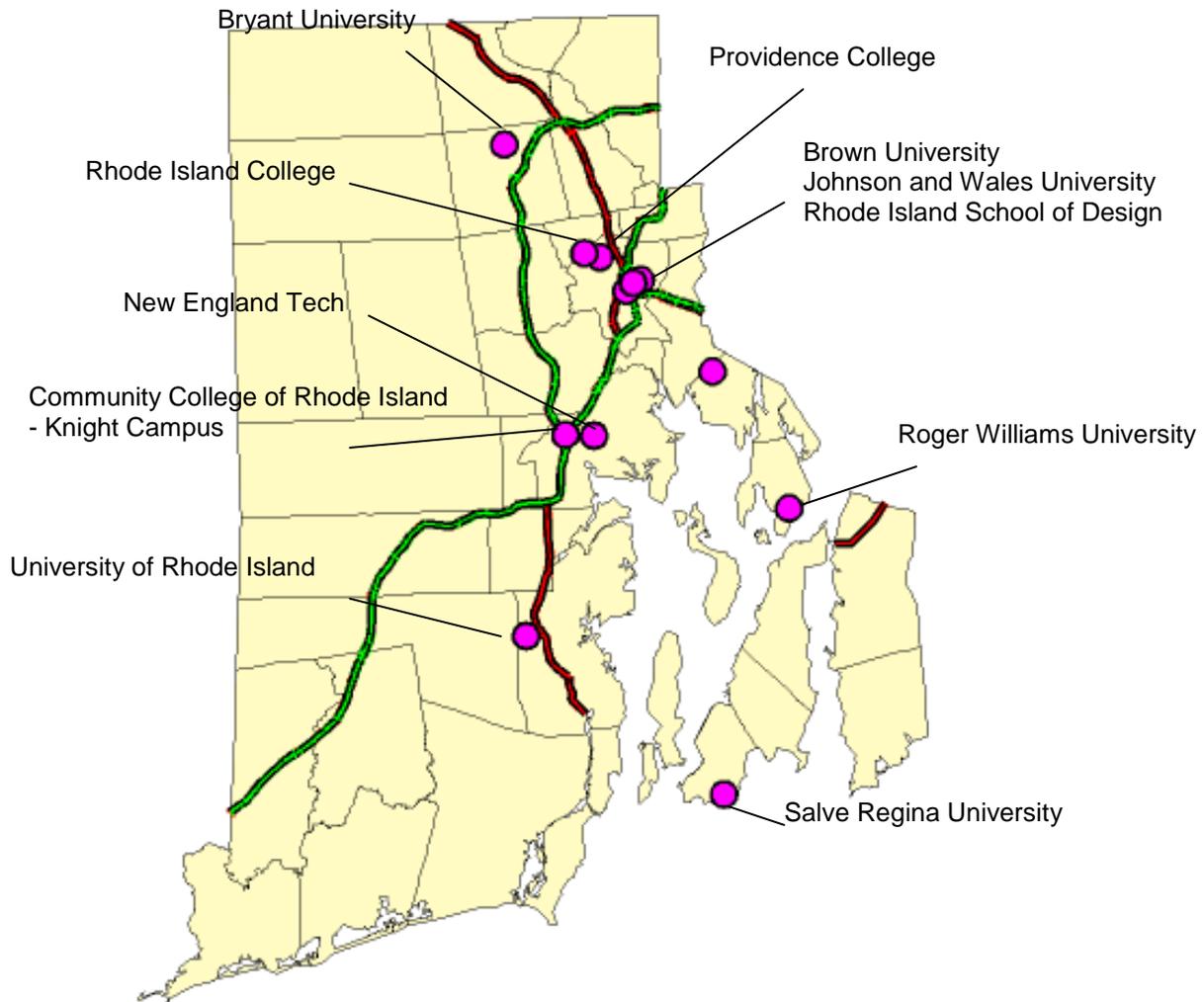


Salve students playing outside one of the many historical buildings the campus has preserved

Recognized as one of the "top ten" small comprehensive colleges in the East, Salve Regina has a continuity of purpose, melding the traditions of the past with an eye towards the educational challenges of the future. The University offers undergraduate degrees including Associate of Arts; Associate of Science; Bachelor of Arts & Sciences; Bachelor of Arts; and Bachelor of Science. Graduate degrees include a Master of Science and a Master of Business Administration.

<b>Estimated Student Expenses (before aid)</b>			
<b>2010-2011 School Year</b>			
<b>School</b>	<b>On Campus</b>	<b>Off Campus</b>	<b>Receive Financial Aid</b>
Brown University	\$54,370	--	64%
Bryant University	\$48,272	\$45,057	86%
Community College of Rhode Island	--	\$17,317	63%
<i>Out of State</i>	--	\$23,457	
Johnson and Wales University	\$37,097	--	99%
New England Institute of Technology	--	\$34,738	91%
Providence College	\$52,940	--	80%
Rhode Island College	\$18,682	\$22,286	56%
<i>Out of State</i>	\$28,574	\$32,178	
Rhode Island School of Design	\$55,805	--	53%
Roger Williams University	\$45,320	\$36,748	88%
Salve Regina University	\$45,450	--	95%
University of Rhode Island	\$24,198	\$24,562	78%
<i>Out of State</i>	\$40,904	\$41,268	

### Major Campus Locations



TIGER data from U.S. Bureau of the Census

## Colleges and Universities in Rhode Island

### Contacts

Institution	Location	(401)	Web
Brown University	Providence	863-1000	<a href="http://www.brown.edu">www.brown.edu</a>
Bryant University	Smithfield	232-6000	<a href="http://www.bryant.edu">www.bryant.edu</a>
Community College of Rhode Island	Lincoln, Warwick,		
	Providence	825-1000	<a href="http://www.ccri.edu">www.ccri.edu</a>
Johnson and Wales University	Providence	598-1000	<a href="http://www.jwu.edu">www.jwu.edu</a>
New England Institute of Technology	Warwick	467-7744	<a href="http://www.neit.edu">www.neit.edu</a>
Providence College	Providence	865-1000	<a href="http://www.pc.edu">www.pc.edu</a>
Rhode Island College	Providence	456-8234	<a href="http://www.ric.edu">www.ric.edu</a>
Rhode Island School of Design	Providence	454-6100	<a href="http://www.risd.edu">www.risd.edu</a>
Roger Williams University	Bristol	263-1040	<a href="http://www.rwu.edu">www.rwu.edu</a>
Salve Regina University	Newport	847-6650	<a href="http://www.salve.edu">www.salve.edu</a>
University of Rhode Island	N. Kingstown, Narragansett, Providence	874-1000	<a href="http://www.uri.edu">www.uri.edu</a>
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