

Bridging Aspiration and Reality: Helping More Students Attain Post-Secondary STEM Certifications and Degrees

The math doesn't add up. [A recent report from ACT](#) and [new data from the National Center for Education Statistics](#) (NCES) state 40% of all new entering students either express an interest in STEM degrees or actually choose a STEM program. However, a majority of them switch out of STEM programs or drop out of school altogether. Among 4-year students, 57% of students who choose health sciences and 59% who choose computer science never complete a credential in that field. The problem is more profound at 2-year colleges, where 58% of health science and 72% of computer science students leave the program without a credential.

At the end of their post-graduate schooling, only 13% of today's students complete certifications or degrees in a STEM field. Even more unsettling, fewer than half of those students are women and minorities. What happens in the intervening years to discourage American students? Join us for a discussion with national experts who are working on policies and programs to address this critical issue for the future of the U.S. workforce.

Thursday, July 31, 2014 • 8:30am – 10:00am • Continental Breakfast Provided

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