

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
U.S. Department of Transportation
Center of Excellence (CoE) for Domestic Workforce Training and Education

Delaware County Community College – Media, Pennsylvania

The Maritime Administration redesignates Delaware County Community College (DCCC) as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE) for its leadership in skilled trades, industrial shipbuilding training, and regional workforce alliances across the Greater Philadelphia area. Located in Media, Pennsylvania, DCCC serves as a principal educational engine supporting the Delaware River and Bay port system.

Operational Footprint & Assets

Provides structured ashore career preparation tracks, technical certificates, and advanced industrial simulation across regional facilities and consortium partnerships.

- **Philadelphia Regional Maritime Training Center:** Operates through the Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development to deliver industrial maritime training, including welding, shipbuilding trades, foundry operations, rigging, crane operations, safety, and leadership.
- **Workforce & Economic Development Division:** Offers career preparation in cargo handling, casting/molding, LEAN Manufacturing, Six Sigma, forklift operation, and transportation logistics.
- **Shipbuilding Alliances & Funding Initiatives:** Serves as a core education partner alongside Hanwha Philly Shipyard, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, and regional higher education consortiums in major U.S. shipbuilding workforce initiatives (\$8 million federal grant and \$13.8 million workforce projects) to advance domestic vessel construction capabilities.
- **Consortium & Regional Partners:** Collaborates directly with PhilaPort, Philadelphia Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship & Training Fund, Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, MITAGS, SUNY Maritime College, and international training partners.

Workforce & Regional Impact

Directly supports commercial shipping, shipbuilding, and logistics sectors along the Delaware River corridor.

- **Enrolled Student Volume:** Enrolled 708 students in 2021–2022 and 602 students in 2022–2023 across its ashore maritime-related technical programs.
- **High Retention & Completion Rates:** Achieved a 98% retention/completion rate in 2021–2022 and a 97% rate in 2022–2023.
- **Incumbent Worker Upskilling:** 100% of students in DCCC's maritime ashore programs are incumbent workers attending part-time to upgrade technical skills and earn cross-sector credentials.
- **Port Infrastructure Expansion:** Supports workforce demand generated by the 45-foot Delaware River main channel deepening project and PhilaPort's container volume growth.
- **Academic Articulation & Transfer Pathways:** Maintains bachelor's degree completion and transfer agreements with over 40 colleges and universities.

Strategic Outlook

Supported by state investments through the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Delaware County Community College continues expanding its regional industrial training capacity. By scaling multi-million-dollar federal shipbuilding grants and expanding technical apprenticeships with Hanwha Philly Shipyard and maritime academies, DCCC secures a skilled workforce pipeline essential to maintaining domestic vessel manufacturing and Delaware River maritime infrastructure.