

Higher Education

The Greater Scranton area has many outstanding colleges, universities and business schools. Sixteen post-secondary institutions, enrolling more than 45,000 students are located within a 60-mile radius of Downtown Scranton.

Our regional institutions of higher education offer a multitude of choices and degrees.

A brief overview of the institutions is as follows:

Baptist Bible College – Located in Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, Baptist Bible College and Seminary has a long tradition of training people for the Christian ministry vocations.

Bloomsburg University – Located on 282-acres in Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania is the largest post-secondary institution in the five county Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The University is one of 14 institutions in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education.

College Misericordia – Founded in 1924 by the Sisters of Mercy of Dallas, PA, College Misericordia is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in the region and the first four-year college in Luzerne County. Misericordia is a Catholic, four-year, co-educational liberal arts institution serving both residential and commuter students.

East Stroudsburg University – Located in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania, East Stroudsburg University is one of 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Founded in 1893 as a Normal School to prepare teachers, the institution changed its name in 1927 to East Stroudsburg State Teachers College and again in 1960 to East Stroudsburg State College, reflecting the addition of liberal arts and sciences curriculum. In 1973, it achieved university status.

Johnson College – The region's premier post-secondary trade, technical and clinical institution, Johnson College was founded in 1912 as a school for young men and women. Located in Scranton, on a distinguished 60-acre setting, Johnson is a private non-profit, co-educational professional institution with a strong tradition of working with regional business and industry to ensure a skilled and qualified workforce.

Keystone College – Located on a 270-acre picturesque campus in LaPlume, PA, Keystone College is a small private college founded 130-years ago. With about 1,200 residential and commuter students and a 13 to 1 student/faculty ratio, the opportunities for involvement and leadership are plentiful.

Kings College – Located in Wilkes-Barre, King's is an independent, four-year college in a Catholic tradition that offers 35 major programs of study leading to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, Associate in Arts and Associate in Sciences degrees.

Lackawanna College – Founded as Scranton Business College in 1894, Lackawanna College is private and non-profit, offering associate degrees in over one dozen majors. Certificates for several other academic programs are available. The college is located in Downtown Scranton in an elegant, historically certified building.

Luzerne County Community College – LCCC’s main campus is a 122-acre site in Nanticoke, Luzerne County. A leader in technology training, LCCC is a public, two-year comprehensive community college that offers 108 academic credit programs and various other certificates and personal development programs.

Marywood University – Established in 1915 in the spirit of dedicated service characteristic of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Marywood was originally founded as a Liberal Arts college for women. Marywood’s Undergraduate School was restructured in 1990 to provide residence for men and all degree-granting units are now co-educational. Its suburban Scranton campus is considered one of the most beautiful in the state.

The Pennsylvania State University – Penn State’s University Park campus is located in State College, Pennsylvania, an approximately two and one half-hour drive from the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Metropolitan Statistical Area. Penn State has three Commonwealth campuses within the MSA: the Worthington Scranton Campus in Dunmore, Lackawanna County, and the Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton Campuses located in Luzerne County. Most students enroll in local campuses, a first step toward a four-year Baccalaureate Degree, choosing from 180 majors.

University of Scranton – A Jesuit institution in Downtown Scranton, The University of Scranton is known for many things, especially its outstanding sense of community. Founded in 1888, the University has a student population of approximately 4,600, including adult, part-time, and graduate students. For eleven consecutive years, U.S. News and World Report ranked Scranton among the 10 finest Master’s universities in the North – sixth in the 2005 edition. Intel Corp. ranked Scranton 87th in the nation for wireless access for 2004.

Wilkes University – Located along the banks of the Susquehanna River, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Wilkes University is a four-year private independent institution offering Bachelor and Masters Degree programs in over 25 fields.

Moreover, the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce “Skills in Scranton” program promotes job awareness and human resource development among students at all levels throughout the labor force at large.

Enrollment (Numbers include full time and part time graduate and undergraduate enrollment.) Source: www.pde.psu.edu

Baptist Bible College	940
Bloomsburg University	8,304
College Misericordia	2,271
East Stroudsburg	6,553
Johnson College	366
Keystone College	1,658
Kings College	2,223
Lackawanna College	1,197
Luzerne County Community College	6,396
Marywood University	3,127
The Pennsylvania State University	
Hazleton	1,114
Wilkes Barre	779
Worthington Scranton	1,354
University of Scranton	4,795
Wilkes University	4,364
TOTAL	45,441

For more information regarding Scranton’s educational system, and to find links to the web sites of all of the colleges and universities serving Lackawanna County, visit our web site at www.scrantonchamber.com or www.scrantonplan.com. Click **Community Information** and then **Education**.