



# THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF GUILFORD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S Supply Chain Management Program

The Supply Chain Management program<sup>1</sup> was recently established in 2017. In FY 2019-20, GTCC enrolled 79 students in the program. Of these students, four graduated with a certificate and nine graduated with an associate degree in FY 2019-20.



GUILFORD COUNTY, NC

### **CAREER OUTLOOK**

The Supply Chain Management program can lead students into a number of occupations, which may include: industrial production managers; purchasing managers; and transportation, storage, & distribution managers. Many of the Supply Chain Management program students will enter the Guilford County workforce.

Using the county number of annual job openings for these occupations (46) and subtracting the FY 2019-20 GTCC completers that may fill these openings (13), we arrive at a gap of 33 job openings.<sup>2</sup> There are 61 unique job postings at the associate degree or below for these occupations in Guilford County. The top three posting companies are: Xpo Logistics, Inc.; Volvo Group; and Army National Guard.

### **ALUMNI IMPACT**

Former students of GTCC's Supply Chain Management program added \$92 thousand in income to the Guilford County economy in FY 2019-20. This figure represents the increased wages collected by former students active today in the county workforce as a direct result of their education, the increased output of businesses that employ these students, and the multiplier effects that occur.

PROGRAM TO OCCUPATION MAPPING METRICS IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Number of occupations	5
Jobs (2020)	1,498
Projected avg. job growth (2020-2029)	+0.5%
Annual openings (2020)	46
Median annual wage (2020)*	\$78,123

\* The median annual wage reflects all award levels.

ALUMNI LIFETIME EARNINGS INCREASE AND IMPACT

Lifetime earnings increase per completer





1 The Supply Chain Management program is defined by the following Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code: Logistics, Materials, & Supply Chain Management (52.0203).

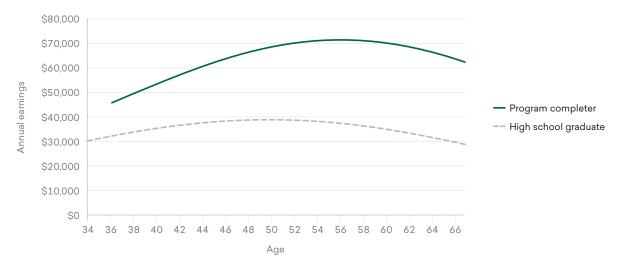
2 For the purposes of this analysis, only GTCC completers were considered when comparing to annual openings.

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## STUDENT RETURN ON INVESTMENT

To earn a degree or certificate in the program, students experience costs in the form of tuition and fees, books and supplies, and the opportunity cost of attending school instead of working. In return for this investment, students can earn higher wages. For every dollar students invest in their education in the program, they will receive \$8.60 back over the course of their working lives. This investment can also be seen in terms of a rate of return of 46.8%. This is an impressive return, especially when compared to the U.S. stock market 30-year average return of 10.6%.

LIFETIME EARNINGS OF A PROGRAM COMPLETER COMPARED TO A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE



#### **TAXPAYER BENEFITS**

Taxpayers will receive an estimated present value of \$1.6 million in added tax revenue stemming from the students' higher lifetime earnings and the increased output of businesses. Savings to the public sector add another estimated \$44 thousand in benefits due to a reduced demand for government-funded social services in North Carolina. Throughout the students' working lives, North Carolina taxpayers will receive a total of \$1.7 million in benefits.

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