



## **Complete to Compete Initiative Fact Sheet**

- Complete to Compete is a statewide program focused on encouraging Mississippi adults who have completed some college, but no degree, to return to college and complete the requirements necessary to earn their degrees.
- Mississippi Public Universities, the Mississippi Community College Board and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges are partners in the effort to identify target groups, implement adult learner services and re-engage adult students to help them complete their degrees.
- Approximately 31 million Americans have completed some college credit without earning a degree or credential.
- For the initial effort, Mississippians who attended a public university or community colleges within the past 15 years have been identified:
  - More than 2,400 former students age 21 or over have enough credits to earn a bachelor's degree with no additional coursework.
  - An additional 28,000 students have enough credits to earn an associates degree with no additional coursework.
  - More than 100,000 former students can earn either an associates or bachelor's degree with some additional coursework.
- C2C is designed for any adult learner that has some coursework completed at a Mississippi public institution is at least 21 years of age, who has been out of college at least 24 consecutive months and has not completed a postsecondary degree.
- Tuition Assistance Grants will be available in Spring 2018 for those who qualify. These grants will be one-time, last-dollar scholarships. Many of the institutions have developed institutional tuition assistance scholarships for C2C.
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