

Fast *Facts*

- Blackburn was founded in 1837 by Gideon Blackburn.
- Located in Carlinville, Illinois — 1 hour north of St. Louis, Missouri and 45 minutes south of Springfield, Illinois in west-central Illinois.
- The student-managed Work Program was established in 1913.
- Situated on an 80 acre residential campus including a new state-of-the-art fitness facility.
- U.S. News & World Report 2018 Rankings—one of the Midwest regions “Best Regional Colleges.”
- Dual degree program in Nursing with St. John’s College of Nursing.
- Pre-professional programs in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Law, Theology, and Nursing.
- Blackburn is one of the most affordable, private, four-year residential institutions in the state of Illinois.
- Work Program jobs are primarily on campus and are essential to the day-to-day operation of the campus and its services and facilities.
- The student newspaper, *The ‘Burnian*, is the longest continually published student newspaper in Illinois.



Work Colleges are an exceptional group of four-year, degree granting, liberal arts institutions that engage students in the purposeful integration of work, learning, and service. The work college model is student-centered and designed to enhance and enrich the educational experience while reducing the cost of education. Unique to work colleges is the requirement that resident students participate in a work-learning-service program for all four years of enrollment. Working in a supportive campus environment has been shown to have a positive effect on college persistence and degree completion.

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on U.S. News & World Report’s 2018 “Great Schools/Great Prices” in the Midwest region.

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Best Baccalaureate College in Illinois, 2017 Washington Monthly.

Blackburn College students have a 99% placement rate in graduate school or the workplace following graduation!



LOW DEBT & CAREER READY*

49.6%

of 2018 graduates
had ZERO debt!

69%

of 2018 graduates
had less than
\$10,000 in student
loan debt

64.8%

of full-time degree
seeking students are
PELL eligible

5000

The number of
full-time students
participating in the
comprehensive
work-learning-
service program (per
federal regulation).

13:1

The average student
faculty ratio

*data compiled in Fall 2018 from all WCC member institutions

WHAT EMPLOYERS WANT

1. Problem solving skills
2. Ability to work in a team
3. Communication skills (written)
4. Leadership
5. Strong work ethic
6. Analytical skills
7. Communication skills (verbal)
8. Initiative
9. Detail oriented
10. Flexibility and adaptability

Source: Job Outlook 2018 | National Association of Colleges and Employers | www.nace.org

WORK COLLEGES PREPARE AND DELIVER



91%

of the respondents*
agreed that the
Work Program
experience helped
to develop/
strengthen problem-
solving skills.



87%

of the respondents*
agreed that the
Work Program
experience helped to
develop/strengthen
skills for working
cooperatively in
groups/teams.



90%

of the respondents*
agreed that the
Work Program
experience helped to
develop/strengthen
communication
skills.



89%

of the respondents*
agreed that the
Work Program
experience helped to
develop/strengthen
leadership skills.



85%

of the respondents*
agreed that the
Work Program
experience helped to
develop/strengthen
work ethic.

*Spring 2018 Graduates from Berea College, Blackburn College, College of the Ozarks, and Warren Wilson College.



10

The number of major campus buildings have been built by student labor through the Work Program.



550

Approximately 550—the number of full-time students



18

The number of states represented at Blackburn



15

Average class size is 15 students



26%

percentage of ethnic and minority students (entering fall 2017 class)



92%

percentage of the full-time faculty hold the highest degree available in their field



\$5,000

amount of annual tuition credit awarded to students in exchange for work program participation.



160

minimum number of hours all resident students work per semester (average of 10 hours per week) during the fall and spring semesters

12:1

Student to faculty ratio

77

Academic majors and minors (Bachelor's degree)

31%

of students who are first generation students (based on Fall 2017 enrollment of degree-seeking students).

44%

of the students have an Expected Family Contribution of less than \$1,000 (based on Fall 2017 enrollment of degree-seeking students).

99%

of the alumni are either employed or enrolled in graduate school.

60%

of students who received Pell grants (based on Fall 2017 enrollment of degree-seeking students).



35

recognized student organizations



12

number of NCAA Division III intercollegiate teams for women and men.



75%

of student body reside on campus.



100%

of Blackburn graduates accepted into veterinary or medical school with a Blackburn faculty recommendation.

The Creating Opportunity! fundraising campaign accomplished the following:

\$26,343,835

total amount raised

26.8%

alumni participation rate

16

number of new endowed scholarships that were established

\$100

most common gift size