

## CERTIFICATES AWARDED BY MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY (2000-2010)

In the Southeast region, the increase in the number of completed Certificates came mostly from the four largest fields of study. The number of Health Sciences certificates completed in the region more than quadrupled between 2000 and 2010, increasing from 19.7 percent to 44.3 percent of the region's Certificates. State-wide, the number of completed Health Sciences Certificates more than doubled, accounting for almost 50 percent of Certificates in 2010. The region's second largest increase in completions came in the second largest field of study, Services, which rose by more than 300 certificates between 2000 and 2010. Services Certificates include a large range of areas of specialization, including Cosme-

tology, Law Enforcement, Construction Trades, Sports & Fitness Studies, Library Sciences, Social Work, Appliance Installation & Repair, Welding Technology, and Construction Equipment Operations. Other large increases came in Engineering & Computer Sciences and Business certificates, while the numbers of completions in other fields changed little over the course of the decade.

**Source:** National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Post Secondary Education Data System.

**Note:** For major fields of study by degree type for the US, see the on-line Data Appendix.

Major Field of Study	Southeast				Massachusetts			
	2000		2010		2000		2010	
	Certificates Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Certificates Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Certificates Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Certificates Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)
Health Sciences	250	19.7	1,071	44.3	2,080	27.8	5,638	47.7
Services	559	44.1	892	36.9	2,479	33.1	3,984	33.7
Engineering & Computer Sciences	31	2.4	197	8.1	1,013	13.5	752	6.4
Business	91	7.2	229	9.5	709	9.5	513	4.3
Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences	14	1.1	8	0.3	271	3.6	424	3.6
Legal	13	1.0	7	0.3	132	1.8	189	1.6
Education	14	1.1	11	0.5	129	1.7	87	0.7
Science & Mathematics	3	0.2	0	0.0	248	3.3	80	0.7
Other	3	0.2	4	0.2	81	1.1	146	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,494</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,813</b>	<b>100.0</b>