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Number and Wages of NOVA Graduates by Certificate and Degree Level: 2001-02 to 2005-06 Cohort through 2005-06 to 2009-10 Cohort

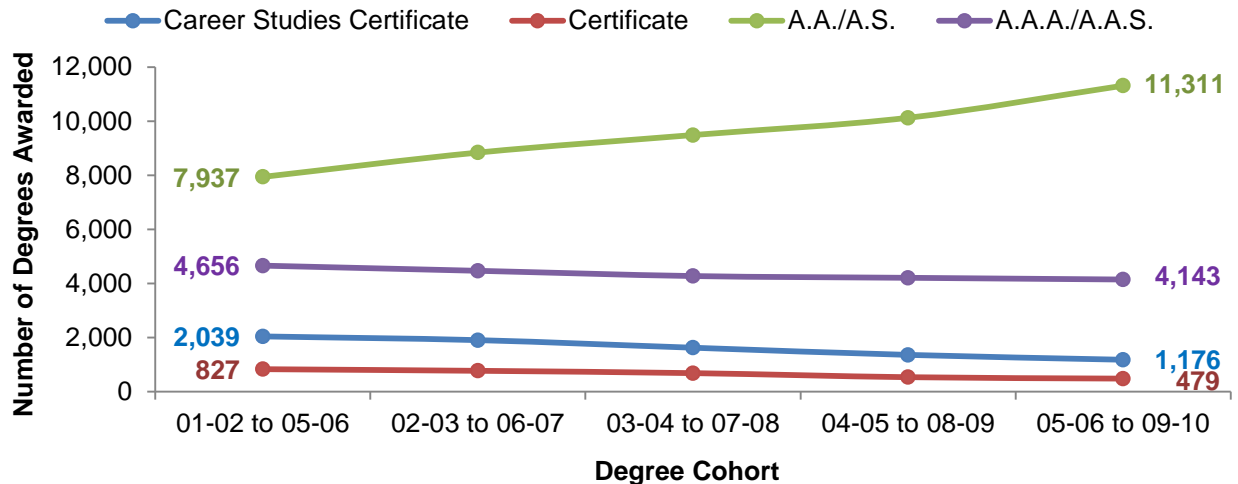
This Research Brief presents data from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia on the number and average wages of NOVA graduates by certificate and degree level from the 2001-02 to 2005-06 cohort through the 2005-06 to 2009-10 cohort. Table 1 and Figure 1 display the number and percentage of NOVA graduates by certificate and degree level. The percentage of graduates with Career Studies Certificates, Certificates, or A.A.A./A.A.S. degrees decreased slightly, while graduates with A.A./A.S. degrees increased by 15 percentage points from the 2001-02 to 2005-06 cohort through the 2005-06 to 2009-10 cohort.

**Table 1. Number of NOVA Graduates by Certificate and Degree Level:
2001-02 to 2005-06 Cohort through 2005-06 to 2009-10 Cohort**

Cert./Degree	Degree Cohort									
	01-02 to 05-06		02-03 to 06-07		03-04 to 07-08		04-05 to 08-09		05-06 to 09-10	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Career Studies Cert.	2,039	13.2%	1,901	11.9%	1,621	10.1%	1,356	8.4%	1,176	6.9%
Certificate	827	5.3%	767	4.8%	681	4.2%	531	3.3%	479	2.8%
A.A./A.S.	7,937	51.3%	8,836	55.3%	9,485	59.1%	10,123	62.4%	11,311	66.1%
A.A.A./A.A.S.	4,656	30.1%	4,465	28.0%	4,271	26.6%	4,206	25.9%	4,143	24.2%
Total	15,459	100.0%	15,969	100.0%	16,058	100.0%	16,216	100.0%	17,109	100.0%

Source: The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

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As seen in Table 2 and Figure 2, average wages of NOVA graduates from the 2005-06 to 2009-10 cohort with an A.A.A./A.A.S. degree obtained the highest wage at \$47,000. When comparing the 2001-02 to 2005-06 cohort to the 2005-06 to 2009-10 cohort, average wages for graduates receiving a Career Studies Certificate increased the most by \$5,500.

Average wages of graduates with Career Studies Certificates increased by \$5,500 to \$45,000 while average wages of graduates with Certificates fluctuated and remained at \$39,000 from the 2001-02 to 2005-06 cohort through the 2005-06 to 2009-10 cohort. Average wages of graduates with an A.A./A.S. degree increased by \$1,600 to \$38,000 while average wages of graduates with an A.A.A./A.A.S. degree increased by \$2,600 to \$47,000.

Table 2. Number and Average Wages of NOVA Graduates by Certificate and Degree Level: 2001-02 to 2005-06 Cohort through 2005-06 to 2009-10 Cohort

Cert./Degree	Degree Cohort									
	01-02 to 05-06		02-03 to 06-07		03-04 to 07-08		04-05 to 08-09		05-06 to 09-10	
	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
Career Studies Cert.	2,039	\$39,130	1,901	\$39,923	1,621	\$40,661	1,356	\$42,372	1,176	\$44,626
Certificate	827	\$38,785	767	\$38,420	681	\$39,811	531	\$40,958	479	\$38,829
A.A./A.S.	7,937	\$36,586	8,836	\$37,466	9,485	\$37,945	10,123	\$38,272	11,311	\$38,141
A.A.A./A.A.S.	4,656	\$43,918	4,465	\$45,536	4,271	\$46,435	4,206	\$46,739	4,143	\$46,561

Source: The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

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