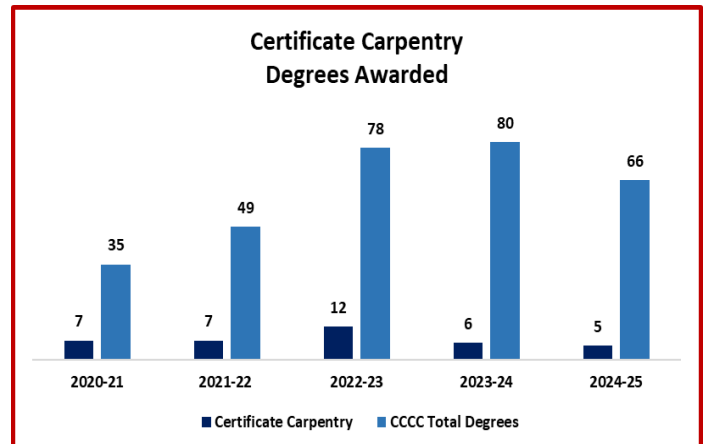
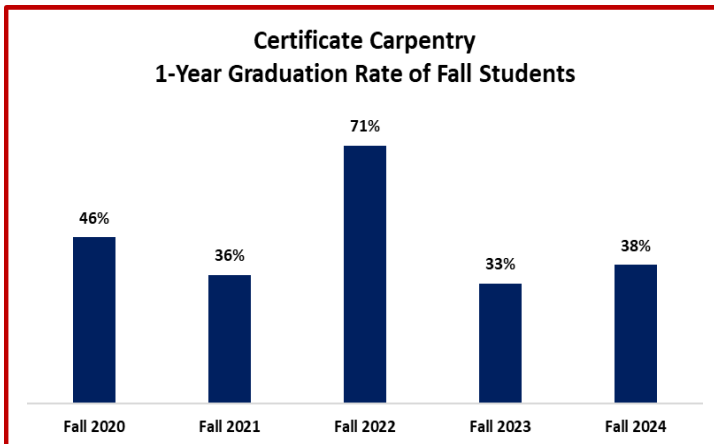
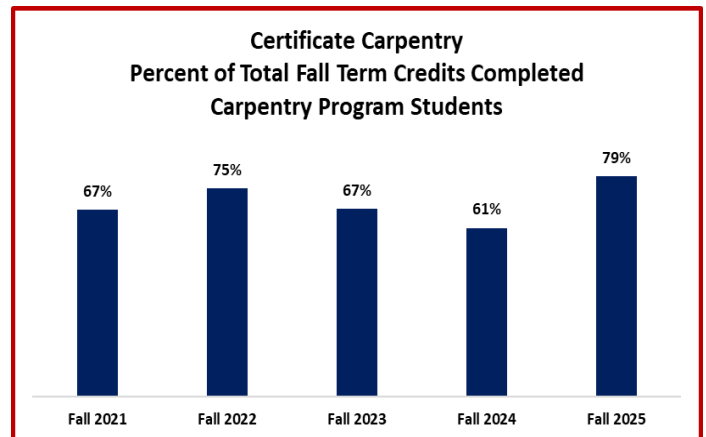
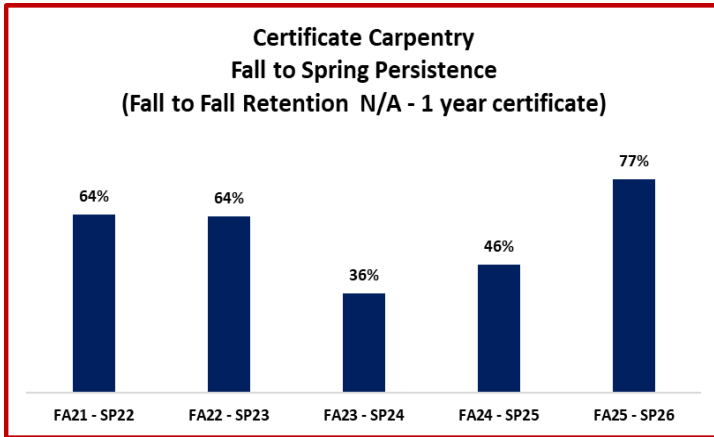
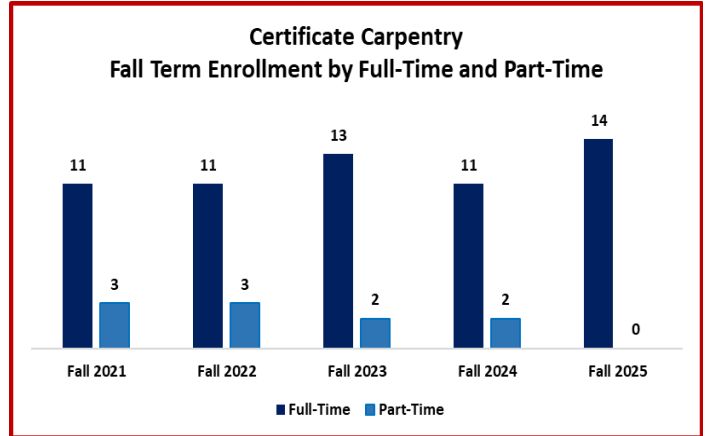
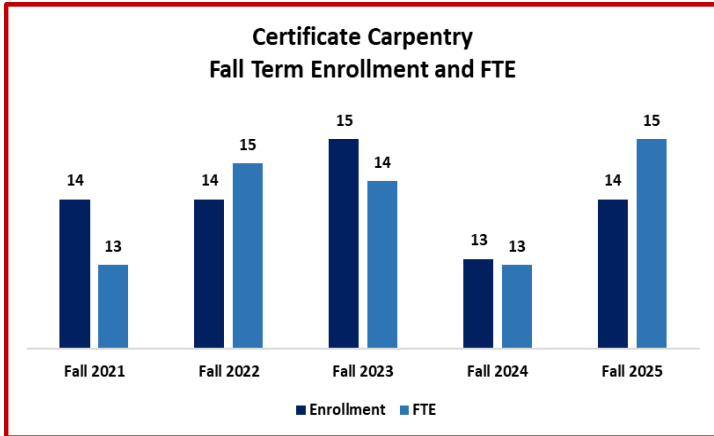




Spring 2026 Annual Program Snapshot

Program Name:
Certificate Carpentry

Program Faculty:
**Frank Gourd, Patrick Riggan,
CTE Director Evelyn McDonald**



Program Highlights 2025-26

1. Cankdeska Cikana Community College was once again able provide a tiny home to one of our very own students. The home was completely funded in house. The house project taught valuable lessons and experience within the construction field. Along with the every day practices of the building process it also taught basic construction economics by building on time and on budget. The students showed a real sense of pride while standing back and seeing what they had accomplished.

2. The carpentry program hosted a CTE day where we accommodated approximately 40 students from both Tate Topa and Warwick middle schools. The day was a big success providing hands on experiences for the visiting students.

3. Instructor Riggan is currently in the process of obtaining instruction of the CNC machines to continue to offer cabinet making possibilities for the Spirit Lake Tribe and for our own in-house builds.

Current Program Goals 2025-26

[as reported on the Fall 2025 Program Goal Status Report]

1. Introduce our students to the most in-demand parts of the construction industry during the 2025-2026 academic school year, and provide them with hands-on experience using current tools, machinery, and learning pedagogy offered through NCCER Training syllabi. This includes visits to two off-site companies utilizing the most in-demand techniques.

2. Collaborate during the 2025-26 academic year with Spirit Lake Housing Authority to identify their need for “cottage-type” homes, funding available for such projects, and the timeframe for delivery. Manufacture 2-3 homes simultaneously.

3. Facilitate at least two students in securing positions with Spirit Lake Housing Corporation or similar employers during the 2025-26 academic year.

Progress on Current Program Goals 2025-26

1. The NCCER curriculum has been very successful in reaching the academic goals of our students. We continue to train them in the use of current and industry leading tools and machinery and learning pedagogy.

2. With the addition of the new steel building we will be able to work on cottage style homes for the Spirit Lake Housing Corporation at a rate of 2–3 homes simultaneously.

3. At the current time none of our students had secured employment with the Spirit Lake Housing Corporation but we continue to pursue the opportunity hoping to get our students employed here at home.

Updated/Revised Program Goals for 2026-27

[Note: At least one program goal should be targeted at improving classroom pedagogy or curriculum.]

1. The program is currently researching the possibility of adding wood working to the current construction curriculum. This would allow students to complete several projects that they can use on a daily basis such as lamps, bowls, tables, stools etc.

2. The program is currently seeking funding to start another home build that would be available for sale once completed. We look forward to getting started on this project as soon as possible. This is a great way to not only teach students the fundamentals needed to build a home but also generate income for the department and ultimately Cankdeska Cikana Community College.

3. We are excited to announce that we will be building a brand new 120' x 60' steel building on the south parking lot site to be able to build homes indoors during all kinds of weather throughout the year. This will allow us to build every day regardless of the weather conditions. Allowing us to complete more projects quicker and safer than ever before.