



COLLEGE *for* AMERICA  
AT SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY



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College for America at Southern New Hampshire University is a fully accredited college program.

### A low-cost college and career pathway that breaks the mold.

Our fast-paced, competitive global economy needs diverse people who possess skills such as critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity, and innovation.

A new partnership with College for America at Southern New Hampshire University offers DVX students an affordable, flexible, and relevant to employment pathway to Associate's or Bachelor's degree completion.

### The DVX-College for America Approach

- Online, competency-based approach with real-world projects.
- Earn an Associate's degree in general studies or healthcare management and a Bachelor's degree in communications, business, or healthcare management.
- \$5,500 per year. The faster you earn your degree, the less money you pay.
- Federal financial aid available. For full Pell Grant recipients, college tuition is free for students.
- Dedicated coach to provide in-person study support and help you navigate college and career.
- Flexible scheduling -create a schedule that works for your life, move at your own pace. Go as fast or as slow as you need.
- Two transcripts: you'll earn a College for America transcript that reflects the mastered competencies, and a traditional course transcript from Southern New Hampshire University.
- Internship and job opportunities available through Da Vinci's industry partner network.



## Frequently Asked Questions

College for America  
[www.collegeforamerica.org](http://www.collegeforamerica.org)

### What is College for America?

College for America (CfA) is a project-based, online degree program within the nonprofit, fully accredited Southern New Hampshire University. CfA is dedicated to radically expanding access and quality of higher education by offering college degrees that are competency-based, low-cost, and relevant to employer needs. CfA was established to give working adults and students a better way to earn a college degree based on what they prove they know and can do (ie, competencies)—not how many lectures they have sat through (ie, credit hours). CfA is designed to remove the three major barriers to college degree completion: high costs, inflexible schedules that don't work for the majority of people, and learning outcomes that are not applicable to the workplace.

### What degrees are offered?

Associate's degrees in General Studies with a concentration in Business, and Healthcare Management; Bachelor's degrees in Communications, Business and Healthcare Management.

### What is the cost of the DVX-College for America degree program?

The program costs \$5,500 per year (\$3,000 CfA tuition + \$2,500 for DVX in-person tutoring and project support). Federal financial aid is available. For full Pell grant recipients, college tuition is free for students.

### What does "competency based" mean?

CfA is organized around competencies rather than traditional courses. Competencies are can-do statements such as: Student can define and use marketing terminology and concepts, can generate a variety of approaches to addressing a problem, and can convey information by creating charts and graphs. Students in the A.A. degree programs are required to master 120 core competencies. Students in the Bachelor's programs will master 120 advanced competencies, many of which are specific to their area of study, in addition to completing an accredited associate's degree.

### What are the benefits of the competency-based approach?

This competency-based approach focuses on learning, not seat time or credit hours. It ensures that students have acquired the most relevant and necessary workforce skills—including communication, critical and creative thinking, collaboration, and teamwork.

### How do students demonstrate competency?

Students work at their own pace on authentic, real-world projects that enable them to demonstrate what they know while they learn by doing. Projects are assessed by credentialed reviewers using rubrics. To complete a project, a student must prove mastery of a given set of competencies. CfA does not use a traditional grading scale. Rather, students have either demonstrated mastery of a competency or they are still working on it.

### Will students who enroll have support?

Yes! A strong support system is key to student success. A dedicated DVX coach will provide in-person tutoring and project support and help students navigate the path through college completion and into good paying jobs. Students also will have support from CfA reviewers who will evaluate their projects and provide detailed feedback.

### Is the degree transferable to other programs and institutions?

Yes. You'll earn a CfA transcript that reflects the mastered competencies and a traditional course transcript from SNHU.

NOTE: As with all accredited programs, acceptance of transfer credits is at the discretion of each university. Please inquire with your universities of choice to confirm acceptance.