

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE TIMELINE

- 1854 RI State Normal School, 8th in U.S., opens in Providence in rented space on the corner of Weybosset and Eddy Streets
- 1857 Normal School moves to Bristol
- 1865 General Assembly ends funding, Normal School in hiatus
- 1866 State-subsidized teacher instruction begins at Providence Conference Seminary (East Greenwich) and Lapham Institute (Scituate)
- 1871 General Assembly re-authorizes Normal School, re-opens on Hoyle Square in Providence
- 1878 Normal School moves to its first state-owned home, the former Providence High School on Benefit Street
- 1887 RI Normal School Alumni Association established
- 1893 First Model and Training School opens, corner of Halsey & Benefit Streets, Providence
- 1898 New purpose-built Normal School dedicated on Smith Hill
- 1908 Admission limited to high school graduates
- 1910 First student government established
- 1920 Institution becomes RI College of Education, baccalaureate program established
- 1922 First baccalaureate degrees awarded; five students receive B.Ed.
- 1924 First advanced degrees awarded; two students receive M.Ed.
- 1927 Class of '27 establishes anchor as school symbol, representing symbol on state flag
- 1927 Student newspaper, *The Anchor*, publishes first edition
- 1929 First yearbook, *Ricoled*, is published
- 1929 Men's basketball inaugurated as first intercollegiate sport
- 1942 Secondary school curriculum established
- 1943 Accreditation by American Association of Teachers Colleges
- 1958 New \$5.6 million Mount Pleasant campus opens
- 1958 College is accredited by New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
- 1959 Undergraduate enrollment exceeds 1,000 for first time
- 1960 Name changed to "Rhode Island College"; mission expanded to comprehensive state college
- 1963 Council of Rhode Island College established
- 1963 First Bachelor of Arts degrees awarded
- 1964 Departmental Honors Program established
- 1965 Rhode Island College Foundation established
- 1966 Upward Bound Program established
- 1968 Master of Arts degree is introduced
- 1969 Nursing program approved
- 1971 First separate commencement ceremony for advanced degrees
- 1972 Faculty vote AFT for collective bargaining purposes
- 1974 Student Community Government (SCG) officially incorporated
- 1976 Women's Center established
- 1979 School of Social Work officially established
- 1987 RIC becomes charter member of NCAA Division III's Little East Conference
- 1989 Center for Industrial Technology established (would become Center for Management and Technology in 1994, School of Management and Technology in 2002, School of Management in 2005)
- 1992 Walsh Center destroyed by fire
- 1999 College confers first doctoral degrees as two Ph.D. in Education degrees are awarded
- 2007 School of Nursing established
- 2010 Voters approve \$17 million to rebuild and expand the Art Center
- 2012 Voters approve largest-ever bond issue for RIC - \$50 million for classroom building renovation & expansion
- 2014 President Barack Obama becomes first sitting US President to visit RIC
- 2015 First commencement held off campus since 1958