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Every year colleges and universities submit a Graduated Student File to the Arkansas Higher Education Information System (AHEIS). This file contains a record for every certificate and degree awarded to students by the institution between July 1st and June 30th of each year. This year's annual report includes AY 2021 credentials awarded between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

Statewide Trends

Arkansas higher education institutions overall experienced a slight increase of .2% in the number of credentials awarded in 2021 compared to 2020. There was an increase of 85 credentials awarded in 2021. The 4-year universities had an increase of .8%, while the 2-year colleges reported a slight decline from 2020 to 2021 of 1.5%. The private and independent colleges and universities reported an increase of 6.8% in the number of credentials awarded. Our Nursing Schools and Northwest Technical Institute experienced the largest percentage loss comparing 2020 to 2021 of almost 14%.

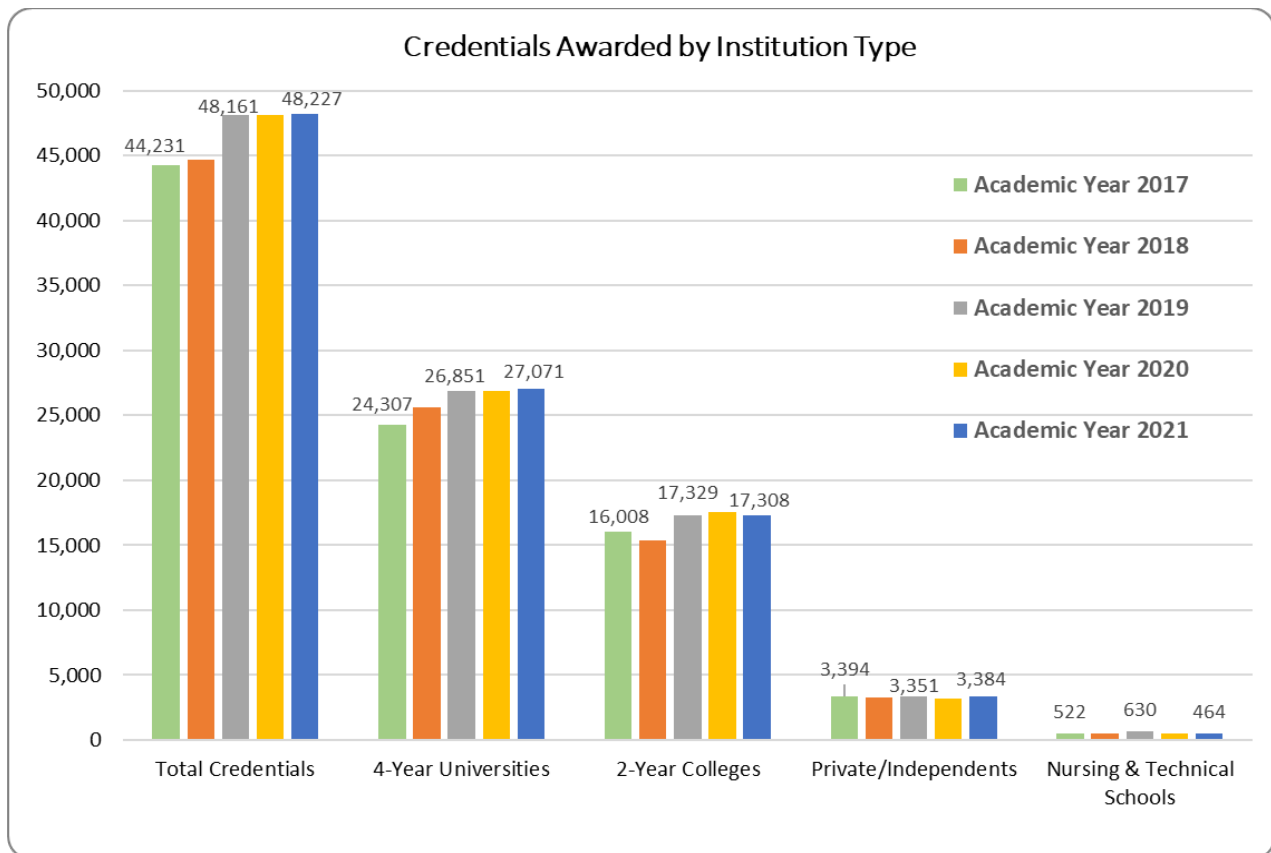


Chart 11-1: Five-Year History of Credentials Awarded by Institution Type

Bachelor's degrees awarded in 2021 compared to 2020 increased by 1.7%, while Associate degrees declined by 5.1%. Technical Certificates increased by .2%, while Certificates of Proficiency experienced a decline of 2.5% as reported below in Chart 11.2. There were 156 nursing diplomas and 35 advanced certificates conferred in 2021 that are not included on chart 11.2.

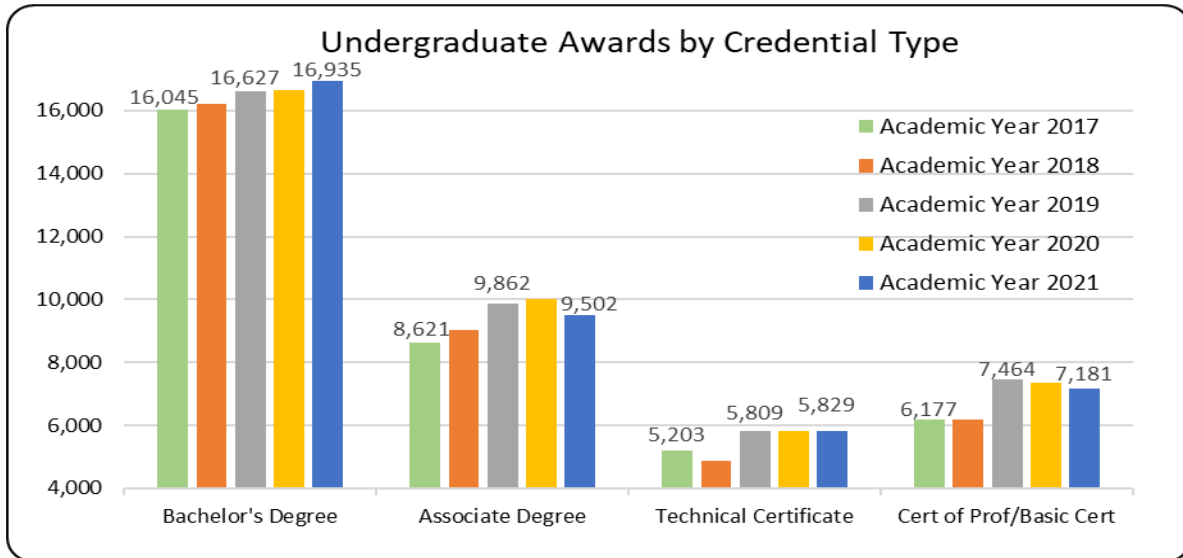


Chart 11.2: Five-year History of Undergraduate Credentials

For the graduate level credentials, Professional Practice Doctoral degrees increased 30.7% from 2020 to 2021 due in large part to the Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (ACHE) awarding 137 Osteopathic Medicine degrees to its first cohort.

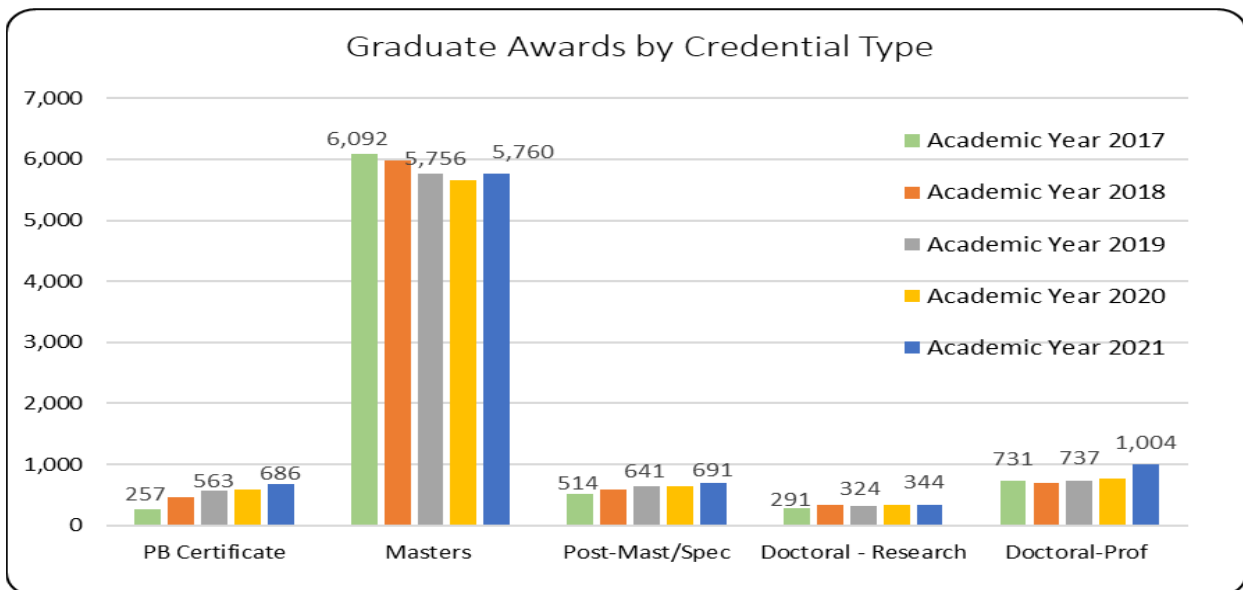


Chart 11.3: Five-year History of Graduate Credentials

Credential Trends by Institution

Charts 11.4 through 11.9 provide a five-year history of credentials awarded by each institution. Five of eleven 4-year universities reported an increase in credentials awarded. Increases ranged between 1.4% and 9%. For the 2-year colleges, 9 of 22 reported an increase in the number of credentials awarded in 2021 over 2020.

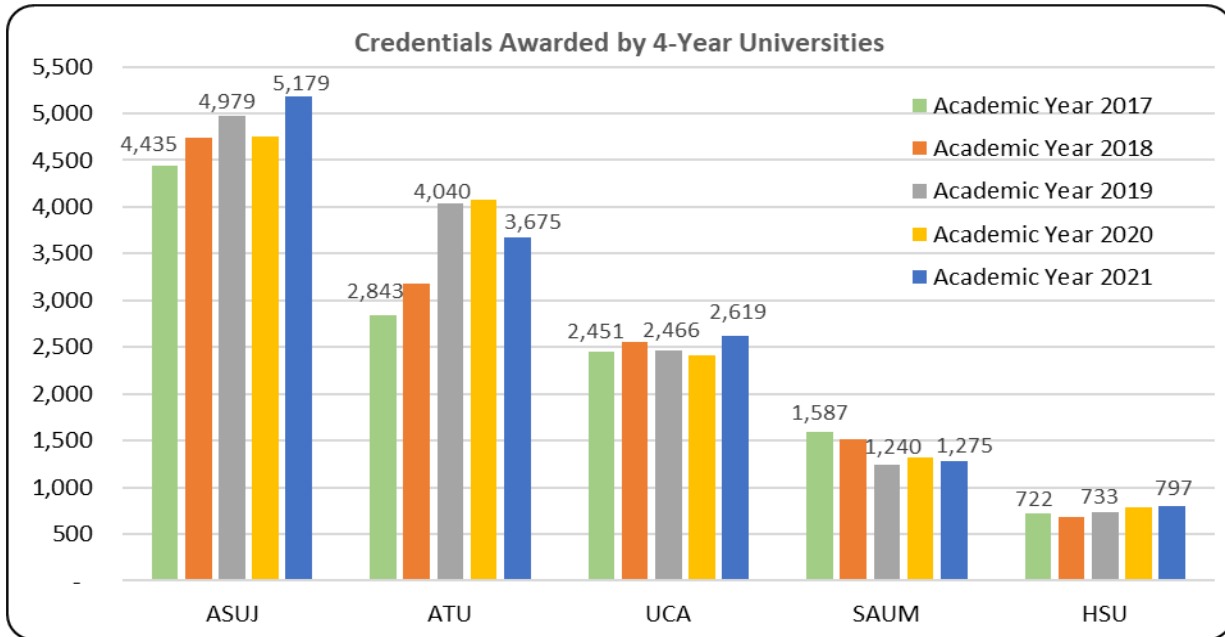


Chart 11.4: Five-year History of Credentials

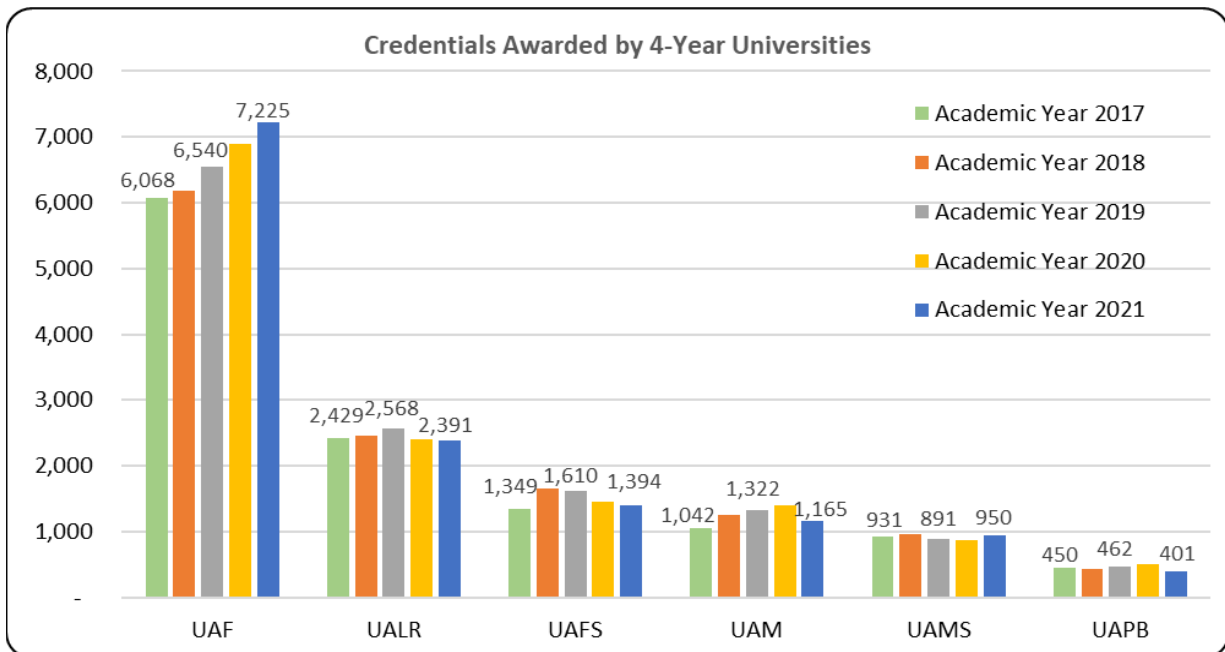


Chart 11.5: Five-year History of Credentials

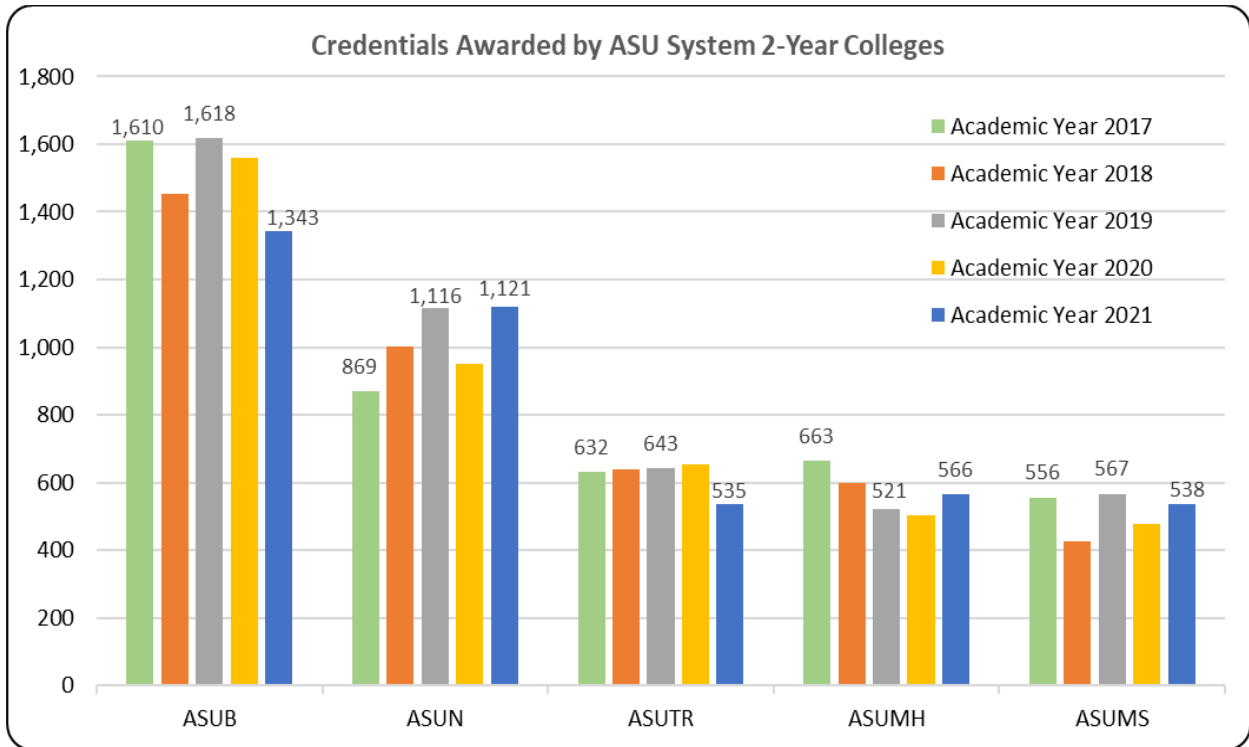


Chart 11.6: Five-year History of Credentials

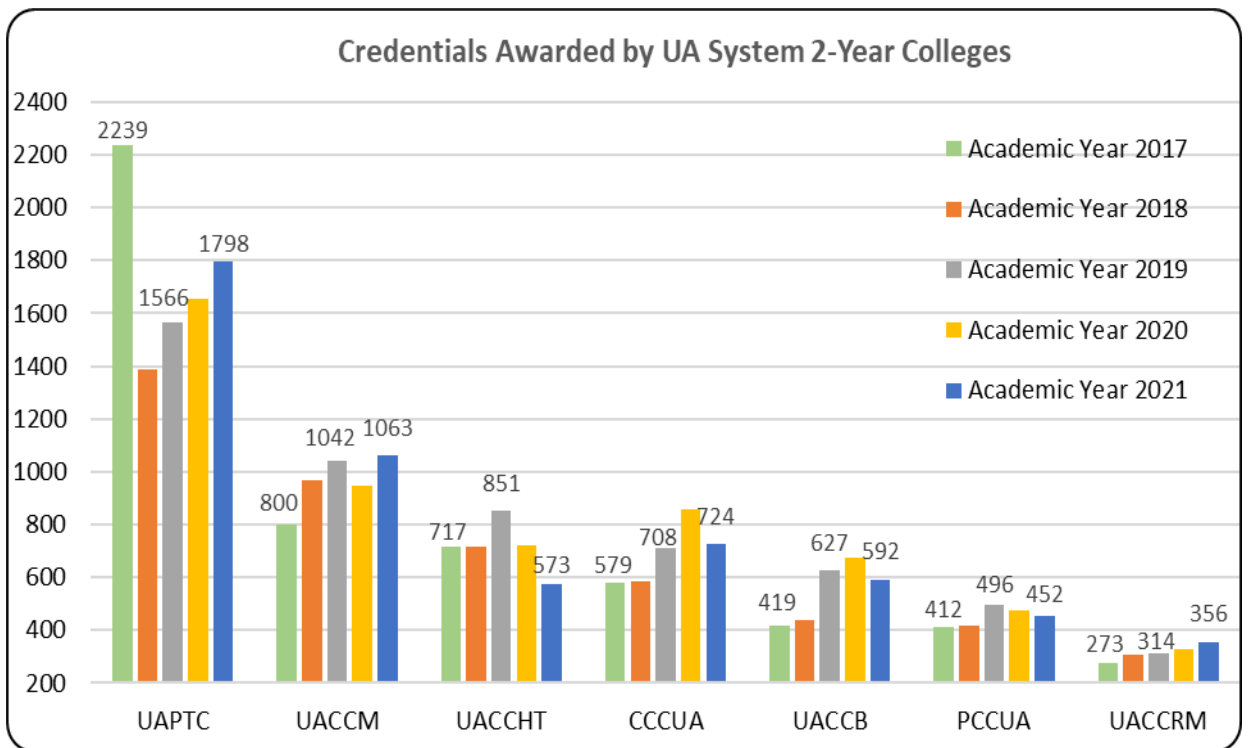


Chart 11.7: Five-year History of Credentials

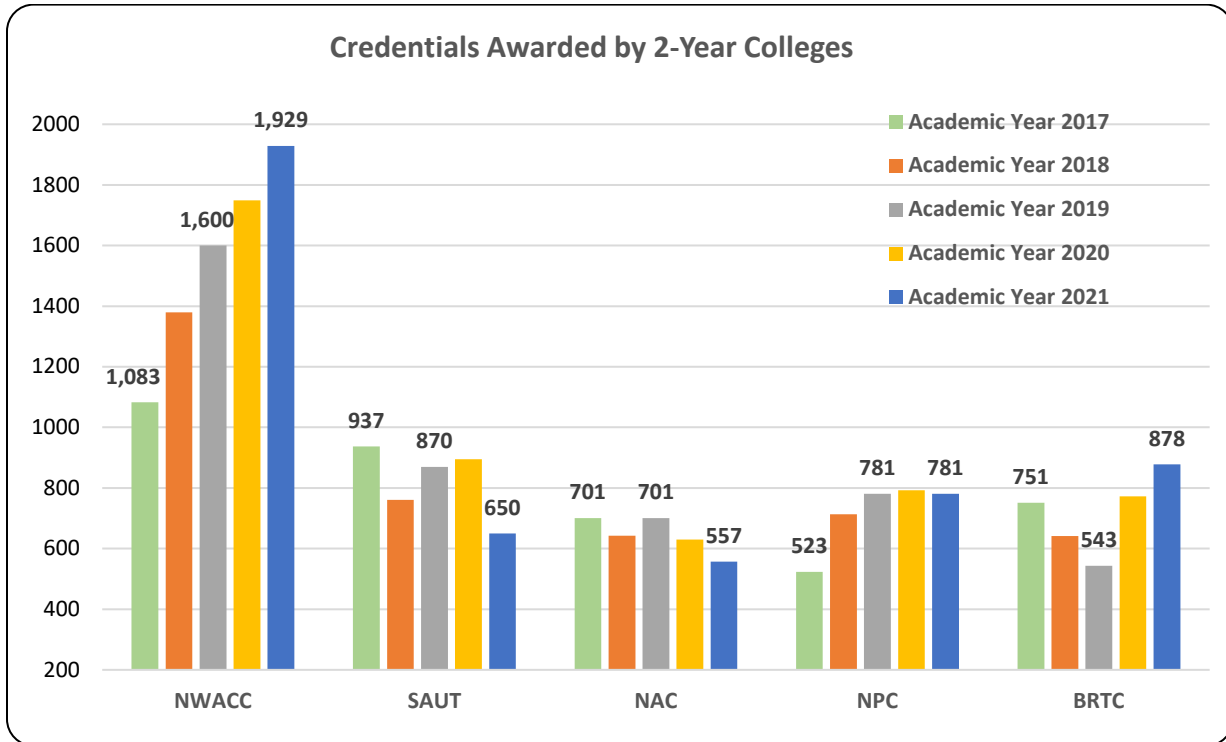


Chart 11.8: Five-year History of Credentials

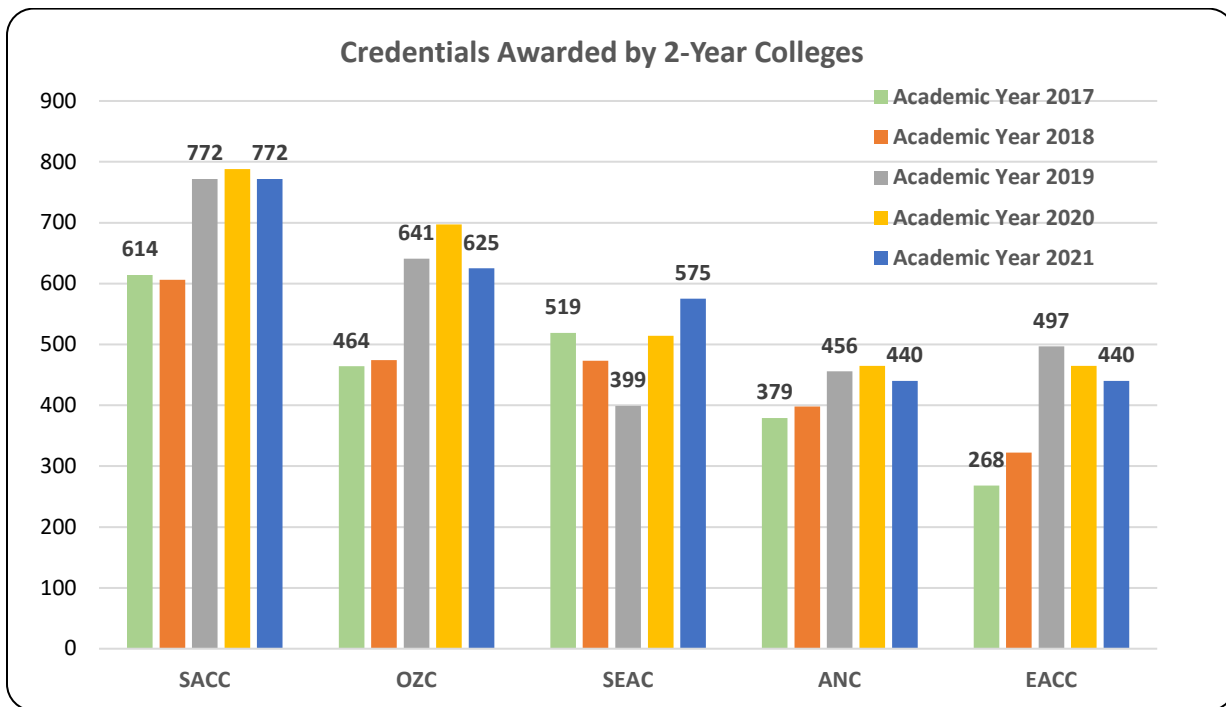


Chart 11.9: Five-year History of Credentials