In Academic Year 2018-2019 Thomas Nelson served 11,588 students (unduplicated headcount) in credit instruction, making it the fifth largest college within the Virginia Community College System in terms of headcount.

The College serves a highly diverse region, and its student body closely reflects the demographics of the greater community. Of the College’s 11,588 credit students, 59.4% are female, 35.4% are 25 years old or older, and 50.2% are minority in terms of race/ethnicity. Traditionally underserved populations, as defined by student race/ethnicity, first-generation status, and income level, comprise 63.0% of the College’s unduplicated credit headcount.

Thomas Nelson serves a region that is home to many military service members and their families. In Academic Year 2018-2019, 24.1% of Thomas Nelson credit students indicated a military affiliation (e.g., active-duty, veteran, military spouse, or military dependent).