

Community and technical colleges of Washington

2015 fall counselor workshops
Washington Council for High School-College Relations

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One system. 34 colleges. Unlimited possibilities.



29 community colleges

5 technical colleges

After high school, what?

In Washington state (Class of 2013):

- 45% enroll in community or technical college
- 31% attend in-state public universities
- 18% go to out-of-state colleges
- 5% enroll at an in-state private institution
- <1% attend a private two-year institution

5% first attend a university and then transfer back to a **two-year college within a year or two of high school graduation.**

CheckOutACollege.org is becoming SBCTC.edu

- Brings together 34 colleges in **one site**
- Drives users to **campus websites**
- **Search** by career, college program, location, online-only option.
- **Paying for college**, financial aid calculator, scholarship links
- **GED and high school completion**
- **Links** to two-year colleges and four-year colleges and universities
- **Links** to the [FAFSA](#) and [WASFA](#)



What does “Open Admission” really mean?

MYTH: It's okay if I do poorly in high school, because I can take **any** community or technical college class I want. Classes are *easier*.

FACT: **Open admission** simply means colleges offer a variety of class levels and student services to accommodate differing readiness levels.

MYTH: I can enroll anytime.

FACT: While students may be admitted, certain classes might be full.

MYTH: I can just drop out and take the GED[®] test.

FACT: GED[®] test changed; price doubled.

Washington higher education placement agreements

- Defines Washington students to be college-ready based on their scores of 3 or 4 on the Smarter Balanced Assessment
- All 34 community and technical colleges agreed that a score of 2 and a B or better in a Bridge Course also indicates that a student is college-ready — no further placement testing needed.

Bridge to College Courses — Student Profile

Ideal students for these courses should have:

- Successfully completed junior core courses (English 11 or Algebra 2)
- Identified an interest in education beyond high school
- Scored a 2 on the Smarter Balanced Assessment
- Enough skills to become college-ready in one year and be on track to graduate on time

Degree options

Professional-Technical

- Training and skills to prepare for work
- Some competitive or restricted admission: e.g. pilot, dental hygiene, radiology, nursing
- Not all designed to transfer
- Apprenticeships

College/University Transfer

- Prepare to transfer to four-year as a junior
- Specific prerequisites for major admission (e.g. engineering, business, nursing school)
- Recently revised transfer degree inventory (see the workshop resource book)

Bachelor's degrees close to home

Applied Baccalaureates

- 37 options at 15 colleges

University Centers & Partnerships

- Most community colleges partner with one or more four-year schools to offer bachelor (or master) degrees on campus.

See resource packet.

Washington transfer stats

- About 20,000 community and technical students transfer to a 4-year public institution each year
- Nearly 44 percent of public bachelor's degree holders in all fields were community and technical transfer students
- Community and technical college transfer students did just as well as those who started as freshmen – approximately same number of credits and GPA upon graduation

Apprenticeships

- Combines classroom studies with on-the-job training supervised by a journey-level craft person or trade professional.
- Classroom studies are offered by a variety of providers, including employer-sponsored schools, union-sponsored schools, and community and technical colleges.
- Associate of Applied Science in Multi-Occupational Trades provides a degree option for students in registered apprenticeship programs.
- Bachelor of Applied Science degrees further apprentices' career pathways

Resources:

- www.ini.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Apprenticeship
- www.exploreapprenticeship.wa.gov
- www.constructioncoejobs.com/apprentice



Basic education options

- **I-BEST**
 - Team teaching combines adult education classes with credit-bearing or job training classes
- **Project I-DEA**
 - Helps English-language students learn English in tandem with job and life skills

Alternative high school options

(all approved by State Board of Education)

- **High School Equivalency**
 - Classes prepare students for the four-part GED® tests
- **High School 21+**
 - Competency-based high school diploma for adults at least 21 years of age

Total cost of attendance

2015-16 academic year, estimated full-time (15 credits) resident

	Living With Parents	Away
Tuition (fall, winter, spring)	\$3,846	\$3,846
Books/Supplies	\$1,050	\$1,050
Rent/Food/Utilities	\$3,270	\$9,780
Transportation	\$1,380	\$1,350
Misc./Personal	\$1,680	\$1,860
Total	\$11,226	\$17,886

Per Washington Financial Aid Association, Student Budgets 2015-16.

Expenses vary per student.



Financial aid

All Washington community and technical colleges have moved to **uniform priority** Financial Aid deadline

March 15

(**College Bound** students, **February 1**)

- Almost 50% receive financial aid
- Ability to Benefit changes mean federal aid for students with no high school diploma or equivalent is now available
- 200%-300% increase in aid applications in last six years
- Other dates in admissions grid are local deadlines

Dual credit programs

Record Running Start enrollments in 2014-15:

- **16,371** FTES
- **21,802** Headcount

In 2014-2015:

- More than **1,000** students completed an **associate degree** at the same time they graduated from high school.

College in the High School:

- **1,086** FTES
- **4,814** Headcount

Student life

- Student Government: Leadership, Legislative Training, Student Rights, Advocacy
- Phi Theta Kappa – two-year honor society
- Clubs, Programs, Events
- Student Ambassadors
- Study Abroad, World Languages, International Business
- Recreational facilities: Athletic Fields, Gymnasiums, Wellness Centers
- Intramural, Competitive Sports
- Model United Nations
- Earth Day, Green Activism, Recycling
- Art Galleries, Theater, Music Performances
- Planetarium, Weather Station, Science Consortium
- Radio and TV Stations, Speech and Debate, Student Publications
- Service Learning, Volunteer and Mentorship Programs

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