

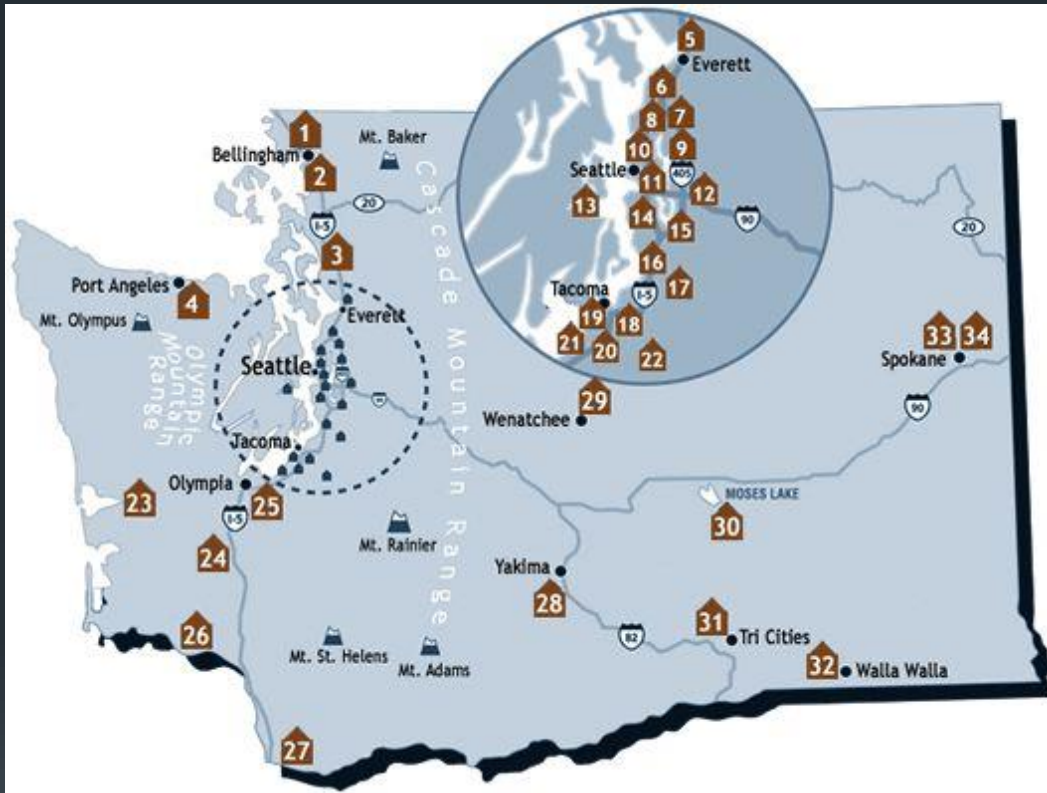


Community College and Transfer Degrees

Utilizing a Community College Transfer Degree

2018-2019 High school & beyond day

34 Community & Technical Colleges



- 29 community colleges
- 5 technical colleges
- Diversity of age, culture, socioeconomic status
- Flexible: evening, weekend, online, hybrid
- Student life, clubs, leadership, honor society, athletics

Bates
Bellevue
Bellingham
Big Bend
Cascadia
Centralia

Clark
Clover Park
Columbia Basin
Edmonds
Everett
Grays Harbor

Green River
Highline
Lake Washington
Lower Columbia
Olympic
Peninsula

Pierce, Puyallup
Pierce, Ft. Steilacoom
Renton
Seattle, North
Seattle, Central
Seattle, South

Shoreline
Skagit Valley
South Puget Sound
Spokane
Spokane Falls

Tacoma
Walla Walla
Wenatchee Valley
Whatcom
Yakima Valley

After high school, what?



In Washington State:

- 37% enroll in a community or technical college
- 29% enroll at in-state universities
- 8% enroll out of state
- 5% attend community or technical college after waiting one or two years
- 5% first attend a university and then transfer back to a two-year college within a year or two of high school graduation.

Tuition Comparison (annually)

(Room, board, transportation and other living expenses will vary per student)

Community & technical colleges, public	\$ 4,000
Eastern Washington University	\$ 7,372
Western Washington University	\$ 7,503
The Evergreen State College	\$ 7,812
Central Washington University	\$ 7,941
UW Seattle, UW Bothell, UW Tacoma	\$11,307
WSU Pullman	\$11,386
Private vocational, career schools (approximate)	\$30,000
Private four-year colleges and universities (approximate)	\$40,000

What does “OPEN DOOR” 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 door simply means the colleges offer a variety of class levels and student support services to accommodate differing readiness levels.

From basic literacy to advanced physics, the placement test determines which classes you will be eligible to take.

College Ready?



- English 4 years
- Mathematics 3-4 years
- Social Studies 3 years
- Science 2-3 years
- Foreign Language 2 years
- Fine, Visual, or Performing Arts 1-2 years

Transfer Student facts



- Of all four-year college and university graduates from the state of Washington, 41% began their studies at one of our community colleges
- College-ready community college students reach junior status at the same rate as freshmen who directly enter public universities
- Of students who enrolled at two-year colleges right after high school, 76% were on the transfer path within two years, compared to 57% of students who delayed entering college
- On average, students who transfer only take one additional course compared to students who start out at a university

Bachelor's Degrees Close to Home

Applied Bachelor's Degrees

- Get the skills to go further in your career. An applied baccalaureate (bachelor's) degree builds on the education and training from a two-year technical associate degree.
- Currently, community and technical colleges offer 31 applied bachelor degrees at 14 colleges including:
 - Bellevue College
 - Highline Community College
 - Lake Washington Technical Institute
 - Seattle Central Community College

University Partnerships and University Centers

- Community and technical colleges and four-year colleges and universities increase local access to higher education by partnering to deliver degree opportunities. That way, students can earn the first two years at a community or technical college and then stay on campus to complete a bachelor's degree.
- Different Bachelors and even masters you can earn at satellite community college campuses.

Bachelors Degree?

- If you plan to earn a bachelor's degree, you can save money by earning a transfer degree — such as an associate in arts (AA) or associate in science (AS) — first.
- **Tuition Savings Example:** Cost estimate scenarios include only tuition (no fees, books, housing or transportation) at today's rates.
 - A 90-credit transfer degree from a community college for \$6,270, plus two years at a regional university for \$15,378 for a total of **\$21,648**.
 - Four years tuition at a regional university costs **\$30,756**.

Dollars and Cents

Students are more likely to drop out of college because of debt and money management issues than low grades. Set a budget, watch your debt levels, and plan ahead.

Types of Financial Aid:

- **Grants** do not have to be repaid as long as students enroll and successfully complete the courses for which they enroll.
- **Loans** must be repaid. Students get loans with several conditions to be met, including paying back the funds (with interest) in the future.
- **Work-study** offers employment for students. Jobs are either on-campus or off-campus and usually relate to students' program of study.
- **Scholarships** are awarded based on an application. Good grades, talent, financial need, and program of study are just a few ways to earn a scholarship.

Financial Aid

- CTC students eligible for full range of financial aid programs
- 45% of CTC students receive financial assistance
- Scholarships available at most CTCs
- High wage/high demand Opportunity Grant program
- Aid for part-time students
- **Apply October 1st, 2019!!!!!!!**

Placement Test

- If you are planning on attending at 2 year community college, the SAT or ACT is NOT required.
- These test are taken at the college, and are not offered online.
- These are examples of placement tests the community colleges use to determine what level you should be placed in:

ACCUPLACER — Computerized, self-paced writing, reading, math and ESL placement test.

ASSET Placement — Timed writing, reading and math placement test.

COMPASS ESL — COMPASS placement test for students whose native language is not English.

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Get Started!

- Find a college
www.checkoutacollege.com
- Visit to make sure it's the right fit
- Financial Aid: www.fafsa.org on Oct. 1 for Fall 2019
- Scholarships: Plan ahead! Applications usually due Feb/March/April for fall 2019.
- Admissions: application process and costs vary
- Placement Test: ASSET, COMPASS, SLEP
- Enrollment: advising, registration, orientation

WEBSITES

- <https://www.sbctc.edu/becoming-a-student/four-year-degree/default.aspx>
- <https://www.sbctc.edu/becoming-a-student/right-degree-you/types-of-degrees.aspx>
- <https://www.wsac.wa.gov/sites/default/files/JTC.Transfer.Handout.pdf>
- <http://www.wsac.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2014.06.04.TransferCover.pdf>