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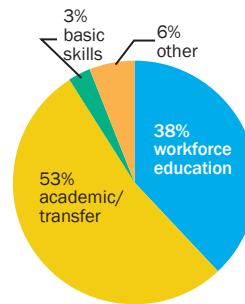


KEY FACTS (DATA FROM 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR. REFLECTS HEADCOUNT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.)

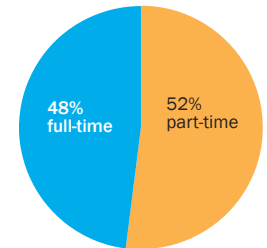
Year Founded 1967	Enrollment Headcount (all sources) 11,195 FTES (all sources) 4,039
Service Area Whatcom County	Headcount (state-funded) 5,178 FTES (state-funded) 2,284
Legislative Districts 40, 42	Students in Selected Programs Applied bachelor's 20 I-BEST 38 International 368 Running Start 1,057 Worker Retraining 76
Highest Enrolled Programs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate in Arts and Sciences • Business and Office Administration • Computer Information Systems • Physical Therapist Assistant • Nursing 	

STUDENT PROFILE — STATE-FUNDED

Type of Student



Attendance



Race/Ethnicity*

African American	3%
Asian	9%
Hispanic/Latino	19%
Native American	3%
Pacific Islander	1%
Other, Multiracial	2%
White/Caucasian	70%

Gender

Female	56%
Male	44%

Median Age: 22

Family and Finances

Students receiving need-based financial aid in eligible programs	46%
Students who work	51%
Students with children	14%

* May not add up to 100% because students may be counted in more than one race. Percentages calculated on reported value.

POINTS OF INTEREST

National Leader in Cybersecurity Education WCC is a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance in 2-Year Education and the lead institution of CyberWatch West. With \$9 million in National Science Foundation grants, WCC leads a nationwide expansion of cybersecurity education. The college offers a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in IT Networking-Cybersecurity, which builds upon current Computer Information Systems pathways. These include an associate in applied science transfer degree in cybersecurity that articulates to a bachelor's degree program at Western Washington University and aligns to the University of Washington. The BAS degree is also available online, thereby expanding capacity locally and nationwide.

Health Professions Education Leadership WCC is developing three new programs to prepare 85 students annually for emerging health care careers. The work is funded by three grants from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. One grant addresses demand for certified nursing assistants with training in acute care, behavioral health, aging populations and medical terminology. The second creates a fast-track, 15-credit chemical dependency professional certificate to meet demand for licensed mental health professionals. The third grant modernizes WCC's medical assisting program to address emergent workforce needs such as patient navigation. WCC is also home to the Area Health Education Center for Western Washington, working to improve health care quality and access for rural and medically underserved communities in partnership with the University of Washington.

Award-Winning Approach to Student Success WCC students' continued success rates led to Whatcom's fourth consecutive Aspen Prize nomination as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation. A combination of innovative technology and human connection helps WCC students achieve goals. Students and advisors use software to plan courses, monitor progress, pinpoint student interests and access important resources. In addition, the college was awarded an Upward Bound grant of \$1.3 million by the US Department of Education to help 300 local low-income, first-generation high school students prepare for and achieve college success over the next five years.