

Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges

Vision: Build strong communities, individuals and families, and achieve greater global competitiveness and prosperity for the state and its economy by raising the knowledge and skills of the state's residents.

Ten Year Goals

Economic Demand: Strengthen state and local economies by meeting the demands for a well educated and skilled workforce.

- Continually reassess the knowledge and skills needed for a thriving economy at local and state levels.
- Meet the needs of changing local economies by increasing the number of skilled employees in the areas of greatest unmet need.
- Support strategic industries by appropriately focusing program growth and development.
- Meet the unique needs of innovative, entrepreneurial people who are operating small businesses, working as creative, independent contractors in the knowledge-based society.
- Be responsive to the changing needs of the business community by offering high quality, relevant, flexible programs.

Student Success: Achieve increased educational attainment for all residents across the state.

- Enroll more underserved populations.
- Improve academic achievement for all students.
- Ensure community and technical college is affordable and accessible, especially for basic skills and part-time students, by developing bold, creative and innovative methods, including low tuition, need based tuition waivers and restructured financial aid.
- Provide smooth transitions from K12 to colleges and universities.
- Expand the pipeline to associate and bachelor's degrees, particularly in math, science, engineering and health sciences.

Innovation: Use technology, collaboration and innovation to meet the demands of the economy and improve student success.

- Recognize and adapt to the changing nature of how people learn, how they access information and communication by making technological advancement part of the system's strategic direction.
- Ensure state-of-the-art, lifelong education that is relevant, convenient and efficient.
- Produce better education that meets the needs of local communities by taking full advantage of cost effective partnerships and leveraging outside resources.
- Accomplishment of these goals rests upon the shoulders of our faculty and staff. They are essential to innovation in our colleges.