

## Welcome to your field guide to Washington’s community and technical colleges.

This guide features your community and technical colleges, highlighting just a few of the remarkable education programs, partnerships and innovative endeavors at each campus. Take a look inside and, as you are traveling around the state, stop in and see for yourself the good work going on every day at your 34 community and technical colleges.

### A note from the field

***Your community and technical college system remains focused on the educational challenge of our time: Educating more people to higher levels in Washington State.***

Now, more than ever, students are relying on CTCs to make a better life for themselves. And, faculty and staff are committed to their success.

### A few things you should know:

- In 2007, Washington’s CTC system was ranked the fourth most-productive system in the nation when averaging completions to the state’s funding per FTE (National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, 2007).
- State funding has decreased by \$1,045 per full-time student, a 21 percent decrease since FY 2008.
- At the same time state funding decreased, demand at CTCs increased, with enrollments growing by more than 18 percent.
- 330,608 students were served in the 2010-11 academic year, the highest in the history of CTCs.
- eLearning has increased nearly 66 percent since 2008.
- Nearly 40 percent of Washington’s bachelor’s degree graduates are CTC transfer students.
- 32 percent of graduates in STEM fields began their studies at a Washington CTC.
- Nearly 30,000 people completed a CTC professional-technical degree, certificate or short-term certificate in 2009-10. A majority (75%) got jobs within 6-9 months of finishing their training and most CTC graduates (91%) stay and work in Washington, giving back to the state’s economy.
- For every state dollar invested in CTCs, \$1.70 in tax revenues is returned to the state.
- For every dollar students invest in Washington’s CTCs, they receive a cumulative \$5.90 in higher future income over the course of their working careers.
- At career midpoint, CTC graduates earn an average \$49,000 annually, which is 35 percent more than those with just a high school diploma.

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