

# LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE

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## KEY FACTS:

**Year Founded:** 1934

**Service Area:** Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties

**Legislative Districts:** 18th, 19th

**Programs:** 73 associate degrees and 32 certificates in 46 fields of study.

**Highest Enrolled Programs:**

- Nursing
- Welding
- Medical Assisting
- Information Technology Systems
- Business Management

**State-Supported Enrollment:**

Headcount: 6,501

FTES: 3,652

**Enrollments for Selected Student Types (FTES):**

eLearning: 653

I-BEST: 112

International Students: 1

Opportunity Grant: 83

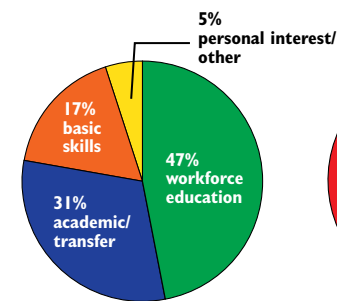
Running Start: 222

Worker Retraining: 291

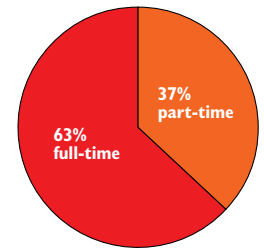
## STUDENT PROFILE

(Fall 2010 unless otherwise noted)

**Enrollment by intent (2010-11)**



**Attendance**



### Ethnicity

Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
African American	2%
Native American	4%
Hispanic	10%
Other, Multiracial	1%
White/Caucasian	81%

**Median age**

25.9

### Family and Finances

Students receiving need-based financial aid (2010-11):	43%
Students who work:	31%
Students with children:	45%

### Gender

Female:	62%
Male:	38%

**Employment Rate (2008-09):**

81%

(within 9 months of program completion)

## POINTS OF INTEREST:

**Nursing** LCC's largest program by enrollment enjoys a success rate over 90% in national licensing exams and has received state and national recognition for its innovative online options. The LPN2RN online program allows Licensed Practical Nurses to earn Registered Nurse certification by completing coursework online and a one-quarter clinical rotation during summer session in Longview. The LCC program received the national Responding to Community Needs Award in the National Council of Instructional Administrators' 19th Annual Exemplary Initiatives Competition. In 2009, LCC responded to a request from rural hospitals in Washington to create a program that would enable healthcare workers to become nurses without moving away. The Rural Outreach Nursing Education program was recognized by Gov. Christine Gregoire with an Economic Best Practices Award in Fall 2010 and graduated its first class in December 2011. Now LCC is helping other colleges establish similar programs while expanding its offerings.

**Head Start** This nationally-recognized program collaborates successfully with LCC to move parents from low-income families to college resources for improving job prospects and lives. The Head Start National Father of the Year Award for 2011 went to LCC student James McBride, a homeless veteran and single father of two young sons, who transitioned through Head Start to graduate (2011) with degree in Automotive Technology and serve other parents as an advocate for Head Start, including testifying before Congress. The Head Start and Early Head Start programs located at Lower Columbia College serve 499 children and their parents each year.

**Transitions Success** LCC has developed several successful and innovative programs for transitioning students from Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language and pre-college courses to college completion. The I-BEST (Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training) and I-Trans (academic I-BEST), Bridges, and redesigned pre-college math courses have resulted in success rates that are up to 10 times higher than those for students following a traditional path.