

RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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Renton Technical College

KEY FACTS:

Year Founded: 1941

Service Area: King County

Legislative Districts: 5, 11, 33, 37, 41, 43

Programs: 12 Associate of Applied Science-Transfer degrees, 36 Associate of Applied Science degrees and 66 Certificate of Completion.

Highest Enrolled Programs:

- Nursing
- Technology
- Dental Assistant
- Precision Machining
- Culinary Arts

State-Supported Enrollment:

Headcount: 11,675
FTES: 4,457

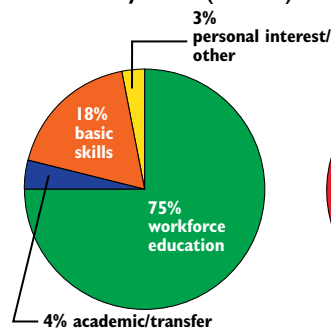
Enrollments for Selected Student Types (FTES):

eLearning: 288
I-BEST: 159
International Students: 11
Opportunity Grant: 104
Running Start: 69
Worker Retraining: 461

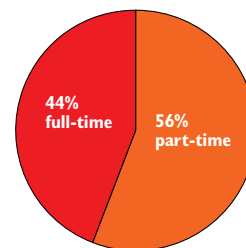
STUDENT PROFILE

(Fall 2010 unless otherwise noted)

Enrollment by intent (2010-11)



Attendance



Ethnicity

Asian/Pacific Islander 19%
African American 15%
Native American 2%
Hispanic 16%
Other; Multiracial 2%
White/Caucasian 47%

Median age

32

Family and Finances

Students receiving need-based financial aid (2010-11): 11%
Students who work: 44%
Students with children: 39%

Gender

Female: 41%
Male: 59%

Employment Rate (2008-09):

76%

(within 9 months of program completion)

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Student Success

Renton Technical College has the highest graduation rate of any two year college in Washington state. 51% of RTC students graduate within three years of matriculation. Why? RTC has made strong investments in student success. RTC has been recognized as a national leader in this work, through innovative programs that work on improving students' reading skills (Reading Apprenticeship), developing teaching practices that address students' individual learning styles and needs (Universal Design for Learning), and giving students contextual basic skills support through team teaching in a wide range of technical courses (i-BEST). Renton Technical College is a model for individualized student support in a community college setting and the results are impressive—after just 33 hours of Reading Apprenticeship instruction, students in Adult Basic Education classes see a 3 – 5 point gain on the Life and Work Skills Reading and Math Assessment, a gain that typically takes 100 hours of classroom instruction to achieve.

Workforce Development

Renton Technical College puts people to work. 76% of students in workforce training programs get jobs after graduation. In order to ensure that our students today are prepared to meet the industry needs of tomorrow, Renton Technical College has more than 300 Advisory Committee members from local businesses, major corporations, regional hospitals, and entrepreneurs who offer program guidance, keep instructors up to date with the latest industry innovations and trends, and provide students with invaluable real-world connections for the skills they are learning in class. RTC's recent partnership with the Washington Aerospace Training Resource Center will provide skilled aerospace assembly mechanics for local aerospace companies, ensuring that Washington companies will continue to find the highly skilled local workforce they need to do business in our state.

Research Driven Innovation

Renton Technical College has pioneered the use of flexible cohort modeling, allowing faculty and administrators to investigate the success of specific groups of students, target interventions, and evaluate the effectiveness of programs in a way that no other college does in the United States. By seeing the progress of defined groups of students, we are able to develop and evaluate strategies to address issues like 1st quarter retention, where our Reading Apprenticeship program has resulted in 20% gains. RTC's success with the Reading Apprenticeship program resulted in our materials being incorporated into the nationwide Reading Apprenticeship training curriculum. Renton Technical College's faculty become research partners, working to address systemic challenges in the classroom and using data to continually improve student achievement. Our research and development team is nationally recognized for the development of this modeling system.