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KEY FACTS:

Year Founded: 1967

Service Area: Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Walla Walla Counties

Legislative Districts: 9th, 16th

Programs: 36 AAAS degrees and 40 certificates in 30 Workforce Education programs.

Highest Enrolled Programs:

- Nursing and Allied Health
- Computer Science
- Business/Office Technology
- Welding
- Energy Systems

State-Supported Enrollment:

Headcount: 6,201
FTES: 3,443

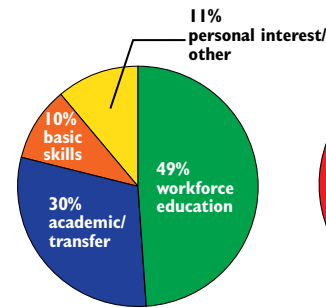
Enrollments for Selected Student Types (FTES):

eLearning: 446
I-BEST: 43
International Students: 5
Opportunity Grant: 117
Running Start: 1181
Worker Retraining: 444

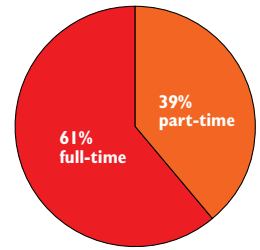
STUDENT PROFILE

(Fall 2010 unless otherwise noted)

Enrollment by intent (2010-11)



Attendance



Ethnicity

Asian/Pacific Islander 2%
African American 2%
Native American 2%
Hispanic 18%
Other; Multiracial 1%
White/Caucasian 75%

Median age

26.1

Family and Finances

Students receiving need-based financial aid (2010-11): 47%
Students who work: 47%
Students with children: 33%

Gender

Female: 59%
Male: 41%

Employment Rate (2008-09):

69%

(within 9 months of program completion)

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Water and Environmental Center

The William A. Grant Water and Environmental Center (WEC) received the 2010 Governor's Workforce and Economic Development Best Practice Award for the collaboration of colleges with multiple community entities to produce innovations with tangible economic and environmental impact. The WEC addresses real environmental threats in sustainable water resources and salmon recovery. It houses offices of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Washington State Department of Ecology, WW Watershed Management Partnership, and the Sustainable Living Center. These diverse entities have come together to foster economic and environmental solutions through education and collaboration. A workforce is being trained in emerging water resource management fields and, after almost a century, Chinook Salmon were recently successfully re-introduced to the Walla Walla River as well as other tributaries of the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

A Wine Industry Leader

The Center for Enology and Viticulture, a 2006 recipient of the Governor's award for best workforce education and training program in the state, plays a leading role as a center of innovation for the Washington state wine industry. Preparing students for participation in Washington's \$3 billion wine industry, the Center supports the meteoric rise in bonded wineries in the Walla Walla Valley, combining the unique alliance with local industry and a teaching vineyard and commercial winery to produce award-winning College Cellars wine. The Center continues to help leverage the region's competitive strengths, adding approximately \$260 million annually to the economy, according to a recent economic study.

Innovation Partnership Zone

The College, in partnership with the City of Walla Walla and other economic development organizations, is creating a legislatively designated Innovation Partnership Zone to create jobs by promoting cluster development through innovation and entrepreneurial strategies. This zone serves as a model for the state and represents the power of public-private sector partnerships. The Walla Walla valley has innovative strategies addressing environmental stewardship, water management, agriculture, education, and transportation, all working to spark economic development. The IPZ integrates and empowers these efforts. A recent IPZ hospitality cluster study and strategic plan documents the significant economic impact of the region's growing wine industry, even during tough economic times for Washington State.