

2019-21 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 8, 9, 16

Overview

Columbia Basin College (CBC) serves the residents of Benton and Franklin counties through a comprehensive offering of programs from welding to nursing to STEM. Students gain skills for the workforce, obtain associate degrees to transfer to a four-year university, enroll in one of six applied bachelor programs, and take classes to learn English and prepare for college-level work.

As one of the few designated Hispanic Serving Institutions in Washington, CBC celebrates its diversity with Hispanic students representing over 40 percent of our student population. CBC is dedicated to the success of students through creating educational pathways and support services to help students reach their goals. CBC is also committed to developing partnerships with community organizations, industry, K-12, and other higher education institutions.

Meet Maria Mayorquin



Maria Mayorquin was three years old when she came to the United States from Mexico with her parents who were searching for the “American Dream.” She became a single mom at the age of 17, but wasn’t going to let that determine her fate. She worked hard and earned her Associate Degree in Nursing from CBC, and was later accepted to CBC’s RN-BSN program where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree with honors. She now works as a full-time orthopedic nurse with plans to obtain her master’s degree.

Return on Investment

Fully funding our 2019-2021 operating and capital budget requests will have real returns for the Tri-Cities and for students like Maria Mayorquin, as well as for community members and employers in the Tri-Cities area like Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Energy Northwest, and Lamb Weston. With full funding, CBC students will learn from talented, dedicated instructors who will receive competitive compensation. Students will reap the benefits of “Guided Pathways” – a redesign of course sequencing and advising that gives students a bright-line path into careers and universities. And, they will have more access to training in high-demand areas like nursing, allied health, cyber security, and advanced manufacturing. The capital investments would fund design work for the Performing Arts Building Replacement project, which will include a much needed performing arts and entertainment facility in the Tri-Cities.



Our Students

Total headcount.....	11,235
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	5,795
Full-time	49%
Part-time	51%
Students of color.....	51%

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$189 million is fully funded, Columbia Basin College would receive approximately \$6.1 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s capital request for \$627 million is fully funded Columbia Basin College will receive approximately \$3.7 million for operation, maintenance, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities and approximately \$2.3 million for design of the Performing Arts Building Replacement project.

