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## KEY FACTS (Data from 2015-2016 academic year unless otherwise noted)

**Year Founded:** 1967

**Service Area:** Whatcom County

**Legislative Districts:** 40, 42

**Highest Enrolled Programs:**

- Associate in Arts and Sciences, Direct Transfer Agreement
- Business
- Technology
- Nursing
- Physical Therapist Assistant

**Enrollment:**

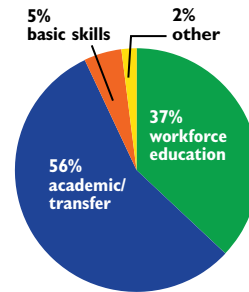
Headcount (all sources)	11,292
FTES (all sources)	4,096
Headcount (state-funded)	5,474
FTES (state-funded)	2,440

**Students in Selected Programs (Headcount):**

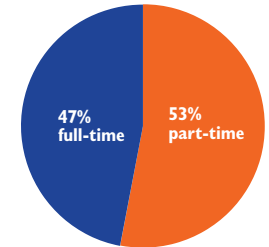
I-BEST	22
International Students	453
Running Start	1,045
Worker Retraining	96

**STUDENT PROFILE — STATE FUNDED**

**Purpose for attending (FTE)**



**Attendance (Headcount)**



**Ethnicity:\***

African American	3%
Asian	8%
Hispanic/Latino	18%
Native American	3%
Pacific Islander	1%
Other; Multiracial	1%
White/Caucasian	72%

**Median Age:**

22

**Family and Finances:**

Students receiving need-based financial aid in eligible programs	46%
Students who work	57%
Students with children	17%

**Gender:**

Female	56%
Male	44%

\* May not add up to 100% because students may be counted in more than one race.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

**National Leader in Cybersecurity Education**

Whatcom Community College (WCC) is a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance in 2 Year Education and the lead institution of CyberWatch West. With \$6.4 million in National Science Foundation grants, WCC leads a nationwide expansion of cybersecurity education. The college has a new Bachelor of Applied Science degree in IT Networking. The four-year degree builds upon current Computer Information Science (CIS) pathways for the program's 200-plus students. These include an associate in applied science transfer degree in cybersecurity that articulates to a bachelor degree program at Western Washington University and that will align to the University of Washington.

**Anticipating Health Care Careers**

WCC is developing new programs to prepare 85 students annually for emerging careers in health care. The work is funded by three grants from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. One grant addresses demand for certified nursing assistants with training in acute care, behavioral health, aging populations, and medical terminology. The second — in partnership with Spokane Falls Community College — creates a fast-track, 15-credit chemical dependency professional certificate to meet intense demand for licensed mental health professionals who are trained in chemical dependency. The third grant modernizes WCC's medical assisting program to address emergent workforce needs such as patient navigation.

**Award-Winning Approach to Student Success**

WCC students' continued success rates led to Whatcom's third consecutive Aspen Prize nomination as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation and top nine in Washington. A combination of innovative technology and human connection helps WCC students achieve goals. Students and advisors use software to plan courses and monitor progress. Advisors leverage technology with personalized guidance to pinpoint student interests and access resources such as financial aid, scholarships and internships. College programs help students succeed in math and English and navigate college life.