COLUMBIA BASIN COLLEGE

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KEY FACTS (DATA FROM 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR. REFLECTS HEADCOUNT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.)

Year Founded
1955

Service Area
Benton and Franklin counties

Legislative Districts
8, 9, 16

Highest Enrolled Programs
• Associate in Arts and Sciences—Transfer
• Nursing (associate and BSN)
• Early Childhood Education
• Emergency Medical Technician
• Welding
• BAS (Applied Management, Project Management, and Cyber Security)*
• Dental Hygiene

*Bachelor of Applied Science

Enrollment
Headcount (all sources) 11,300
FTES (all sources) 5,938
Headcount (state-funded) 9,509
FTES (state-funded) 4,651

Students in Selected Programs
Applied bachelor’s 526
Apprentices 813
I-BEST 65
International 13
Running Start 1,392
Worker Retraining 829

STUDENT PROFILE — STATE-FUNDED

Type of Student
9% basic skills
47% academic/transfer
1% other

Attendance
43% workforce education
48% full-time
52% part-time

Race/Ethnicity*
African American 3%
Asian 4%
Hispanic/Latino 42%
Native American 2%
Pacific Islander 1%
Other race 2%
White/Caucasian 61%

Gender
Female 53%
Male 47%

Median Age: 23

Family and Finances
Students receiving need-based financial aid in eligible programs 41%
Students who work 13%
Students with children 7%

*May not add up to 100% because students may be counted in more than one race. Percentages calculated on reported value.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Job Creation and Workforce Responsiveness
Columbia Basin College collaborated with CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Company to support its “Highway to Hanford” program. CH2M Hill has an aging workforce and company leaders are seeing a gap in critical skills moving forward. To help fill this gap, they worked with CBC to raise awareness of their need for workers — especially in the skilled trades. CBC is working to market opportunities, enhance scholarships, analyze course offerings and educate high school counselors to help move the initiative forward.

Community Partnerships with K-12
CBC is collaborating with secondary schools to develop programs to better prepare students to succeed. We launched a Soar to Success Open Doors re-engagement program. This partnership between local school districts and CBC identifies the best path for high school students to complete their high school diploma or equivalency and transition to their next goal. CBC also developed a program to help prepare local K-12 educators to teach computer science by providing them with upgraded technology, innovative workshops and up-to-date training. CBC is also working with local high school teachers and students to increase awareness of, and interest in, the fields of manufacturing, cybersecurity and agriculture in an effort to increase the number of skilled technicians available to fill high-demand jobs.

Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education Degree
To help fill the void of teaching positions in the local community, CBC launched a Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education (BASTE): Residency Teacher Preparation Program with Early Childhood Education Endorsement. This degree prepares teacher candidates with content and subject knowledge required for teaching in pre-K through 3rd grade classrooms in Washington public schools.

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