**Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education (BAS-TE)**

Lower Columbia College welcomed its first applied bachelor’s students to campus in fall 2019. Offering both certification and non-certification options, the new Bachelor of Applied Science in Teacher Education degree program helps meet community demand for elementary, pre-kindergarten, and early childhood education teachers.

**Support for Regional Workforce Needs**

Lower Columbia College (LCC) offers programs to help prepare students for Washington’s most in-demand careers, including Accounting, Administrative Support, Automotive Technology, Business, Commercial Truck Driving, Computer Programming, Diesel/Heavy Equipment Technology and Preventative Maintenance, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Engineering, Fitness Training, Information Technology, Machine Trades, Manufacturing, Medical Assisting, Medical Office Administration and Reception, Nursing and Welding. New certificate programs in 2019 include Engineering Technician, Multicraft Trades, and Production Technician.

**Student Success Fund**

The LCC Foundation’s Student Success Fund provides a critical source of support to help financially at-risk students stay in school. Administered through the counseling office, small awards from the Student Success Fund can help students pay for things like books and fees, emergency childcare or transportation costs. LCC’s retention rate has notably increased since launching the Student Success Fund and other student success initiatives.