Spokane Community College partners with the Community Colleges of Spokane Center for Workforce and Continuing Education to provide industry-driven credit, corporate training and continuing education for local employers and their workers. This paves the way for employers to apply for state programs — like the Job Skills Program and Customized Training Program — that help offset the cost of training and professional development. Recognizing the critical need for a skilled allied health workforce, SCC offers 16 Allied Health programs, nine Health Field Support programs, and seven professional pre-major programs that prepare students to transfer into universities for further study.

SCC provides 22 apprenticeship programs. The college also partners with the Eastern Washington Apprenticeship Coordinators Council (EWACC) on a number of outreach events, including Pizza, Pop and Power Tools, which has served more than 3,000 eighth grade girls since it began in 2003. SCC’s pre-apprenticeship program — Skills Trade Preparation (STP) — gives students, particularly women and minorities, the basic skills and knowledge to successfully apply for an apprenticeship in the construction trades. STP has been a great success for students and apprenticeship programs alike.

SCC offers the largest Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) program in the state. In I-BEST programs, students train for in-demand professions while learning basic skills in reading, writing, math or English language. Each program is designed around the needs of the students and often targets areas where the additional support is most effective. English as a Second Language (ESL) students get a quick on-ramp into I-BEST by learning content-specific skills early, before entering an I-BEST program. This sets the students up for success in I-BEST and puts them on the path to high-wage, high-demand careers sooner. I-BEST is offered throughout SCC’s six-county service area, including Pullman, Colville, Newport and Republic.