WHATCOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Undergraduate Research

Whatcom Community College is creating additional undergraduate research opportunities using an innovative approach called “CURES” — which stands for Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences. CUREs typically involve cross-course research among a college’s STEM and non-STEM students, and often with other organizations. This benefits a wide range of students, including those who might be inspired by their first experience with STEM studies, and those who might face barriers to getting an independent, competitive research opportunity. CUREs help expand research options for first-generation and underrepresented students.

Bachelor of Applied Science Degrees

WCC will offer its second Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in fall 2020. The BAS in applied business management degree will help meet the workforce needs of small- to medium-sized businesses that make up the majority of Whatcom County employers. The degree builds on WCC’s Associate in Science — Business Administration degree and related associate degrees in hospitality and tourism, accounting and finance. The college’s first BAS degree in IT Networking-Cybersecurity reaffirmed WCC as a national leader in cybersecurity education. WCC is home to the National Cybersecurity Training and Education Center (formerly CyberWatch West).

Substance Use Disorder Professional

In 2018, WCC launched a Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP) program to respond to the increase in opioid dependency cases, both locally and nationally. The college offers both certificate and degree pathways for students interested in counseling individuals and families with substance use disorders. This degree is designed to meet the educational requirements for students to become certified as a substance use disorder professional in Washington state. WCC is also the designated host of the Area Health Education Center for Western Washington, one of only two such centers in the state.