Founded in 1933 as Clark Junior College, today Clark College offers everything from professional certificates to four-year degrees – more than 100 program options in all. The college offers Bachelor of Applied Science degrees in Dental Hygiene, Applied Management, Cybersecurity and Human Services. Each of these programs was created with input from local employers to ensure our students are graduating with the skills needed for today’s job market.

At Clark College, Basic Needs are Basic Rights

We understand our students cannot focus on coursework when they are struggling with basic needs. Three years ago, we opened the Penguin Pantry to provide students with free food and hygiene supplies. The college also partnered with the City of Vancouver to provide emergency grants to students at risk of becoming homeless, and the college received a half-million dollar grant to subsidize child care for its student parents. As posters across the campus tell students, “Money shouldn’t stop your education.” During COVID-19, the college has distributed free loaner laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots so students can keep learning during remote operations.

Creating Confident Graduates

Whether it’s performing tracheotomies in our state-of-the-art nursing “sim” lab or designing websites for real-life clients as part of a digital arts course, our students get hands-on learning in programs that emphasize the value of learning by doing. Our Mechatronics lab includes a robotic assembly line that’s a small-scale version of what graduates will see in their future workplaces. Many of our degree programs require internships and/or externships so that students gain workplace experience and networking connections before graduation. Students in our Dealer Ready Automotive Technology programs start internships at local dealerships as soon as they begin classes. In this way, we make sure our graduates enter the job market with the real-world experience that employers want.