KEY FACTS (DATA FROM 2019-2020 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–Transfer
• Nursing
• Early Childhood Education
• Business Administration
• Dental Hygiene

Enrollment
Headcount (all sources) 11,063
FTES (all sources) 5,967
Headcount (state-funded) 9,341
FTES (state-funded) 4,585

Students in Selected Programs
Applied bachelor’s 875
Apprentices 856
I-BEST 55
International 11
Running Start 1,509
Worker Retraining 872

STUDENT PROFILE — STATE-FUNDED

Type of Student
51% workforce education
40% academic/transfer
9% basic skills

Attendance
47% full-time
53% part-time

Race/Ethnicity*
Am. Indian/Alaska Native 2%
Asian 3%
Black/African American 3%
Hispanic/Latino 44%
Pacific Islander 1%
Other race 1%
White 62%

Gender
Female 53%
Male 47%

Median Age: 23

Family and Finances
Students receiving need-based financial aid in eligible programs 41%
Students who work 12%
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

STEM Connections Columbia Basin College (CBC) enjoys many partnerships with world-class science and technology companies centered in the Tri-Cities area, offering students a multitude of opportunities for real-world experience and industry connections. One example is CBC’s Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Health Physics, which develops highly skilled professionals that specialize in protecting people and the environment from the potential hazards of radiation. CBC is home to a thriving Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program, helping increase the number of historically underrepresented community college students who pursue STEM bachelor’s degrees. To further inspire the imaginations of students and the community, CBC’s Pasco Campus proudly includes the Bechtel National Planetarium, with its 36-foot domed theatre screen, and the Robert and Elisabeth Moore Observatory.

Opportunities for All CBC has offerings for all students, from those seeking high school completion, to students targeting placement in the workforce, to students looking to transfer to a university or complete one of CBC’s eight Bachelor of Applied Science degrees. CBC organizes its instruction into eight schools, grouping similar programs and degrees together by subjects and topics. This structure helps provide students with guided support, resources and advising. The college employs 14 completion coaches who act as personal advisors to assist students throughout their academic journey.

New Construction CBC is constructing an 80,000-square-foot Student Recreation Center (SRC), with multiple gymnasiums, esports facilities, multi-purpose learning spaces and state-of-the-art fitness equipment. The SRC will become a first-class training facility supporting the college’s nine athletic teams and the entire student population.