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KEY FACTS (DATA FROM 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR. REFLECTS HEADCOUNT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.)

Year Founded
1949

Service Area
King and Snohomish counties

Legislative Districts
1, 5, 11, 39, 41, 45, 46, 48

Highest Enrolled Programs
- Nursing
- Digital Gaming and Interactive Media
- Health Sciences
- Computing and Software Development
- Early Childhood Education

Enrollment
Headcount (all sources) 5,938
FTES (all sources) 3,161
Headcount (state-funded) 5,412
FTES (state-funded) 2,654

Students in Selected Programs
- Applied bachelor’s 309
- Apprentices 135
- I-BEST 175
- International 183
- Running Start 215
- Worker Retraining 333

STUDENT PROFILE — STATE-FUNDED

Type of Student
- 64% workforce education
- 17% other
- 9% basic skills

Race/Ethnicity*
- Am. Indian/Alaska Native 2%
- Asian 22%
- Black/African American 4%
- Hispanic/Latino 14%
- Pacific Islander 1%
- Other race 3%
- White 61%

Gender
- Female 66%
- Male 34%

Median Age: 31

Attendance
- 48% full-time
- 52% part-time

Family and Finances
- Students receiving need-based financial aid in eligible programs 33%
- Students who work 34%
- Students with children 25%

*May not add up to 100% because students may be counted in more than one race. Percentages calculated on reported value.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Job Creation
LWTech is continually expanding programs, and starting new ones, to meet emerging needs in industry. For example, LWTech:
- Expanded the Human Resources Management program from a mid-career certificate to an associate degree.
- Created a Biomedical Manufacturing certificate, with plans to expand it to an associate degree.
- Expanded the Laser and Optics program from a post-graduate certificate to an associate degree.

LWTech’s robust Workforce Development program ensures the state’s most underserved students have the financial support needed to enroll. Last year, LWTech served over 600 students through the Worker Retraining, WorkFirst, Opportunity Grant, and Basic Food Education and Training programs.

Applied Bachelor’s Degrees
LWTech offers 10 applied bachelor’s degrees: Entrepreneurship; Behavioral Healthcare; Dental Hygiene; Design; Digital Gaming and Interactive Media; Early Childhood Education; Funeral Service Education; Information Technology; Computing and Software Development; Public Health; and Transportation, Logistics and Supply Chain Management. Applied bachelor’s degrees give students the opportunity to earn their two-year and four-year degrees all at LWTech, effectively ending terminal degrees and creating pathways to bachelor’s degrees at LWTech or universities.

I-BEST
LWTech is recognized as a leader in I-BEST (Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training).
- Nine of our 10 Schools of Instruction have I-BEST programs, with the 10th planned for 2021-22.
- Enrollment in I-BEST doubled in three years since LWTech connected I-BEST to Guided Pathways.
- I-BEST students took only one additional quarter to earn a credential than college-level students. They also earned more college credits per quarter and graduated at two to three times the rate of college-level students.
- 42% of I-BEST students graduate compared to 2% of basic education students who transition to college-level courses without the support of I-BEST.