Committed to Economic Recovery
Whatcom Community College (WCC) was named a Career Connect Washington Intermediary and awarded $100,000 from the Washington Employment Security Department to develop a new associate degree in software development. The college is working with local and regional employers like Technology Alliance Group for Northwest Washington (TAGNW) to develop the program and provide more paid work-based learning opportunities for students. WCC believes our community and economy recovers together. Workforce recovery staff provide community members with customized information and ensure students have an advocate at the college.

Bachelor of Applied Science Degrees
WCC launched its second Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in fall 2020. The BAS in Applied Business Management 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 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 (NCyTE).

Student-Centered Buildings
The college opened two new buildings in 2020: The Phyllis and Charles Self Learning Commons and Cedar Hall, WCC’s first on-campus student housing. The Learning Commons houses the library, writing center, computer services, collaboration and study spaces, instructional technology, and tutoring services. It also received a LEED Gold rating for environmental energy design. The state-of-the-art residence hall can house up to 240 students at maximum capacity in a variety of apartment styles including private rooms with private bathrooms. These buildings help students access services and resources they need to succeed.