

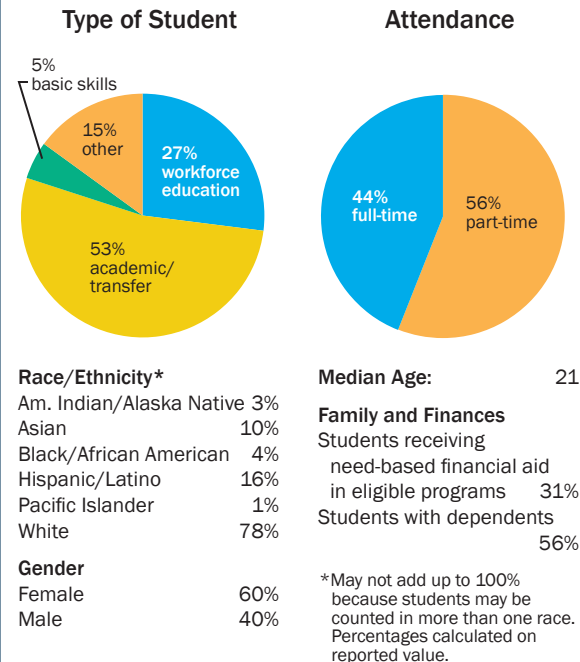
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KEY FACTS (DATA FROM 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR REFLECTS HEADCOUNT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.)

Year Founded 1967	Enrollment Headcount (all sources) 7,161 FTES (all sources) 3,352
Service Area Whatcom County	Headcount (state-funded) 4,112 FTES (state-funded) 1,587
Legislative Districts 40, 42	Students in Selected Programs Applied bachelor's 86 I-BEST 64 International 257 Running Start 1,046 Worker Retraining 116
Highest Enrolled Programs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate in Arts and Sciences (Direct Transfer Agreement) • Health professions • Business • Cybersecurity • Associate in Science–Transfer • Basic Education for Adults 	

STUDENT PROFILE



POINTS OF INTEREST

Bridging the Cybersecurity Workforce Gap

The National Science Foundation in 2021 awarded Whatcom Community College (WCC) \$7.5 million to significantly expand the National Cybersecurity Training and Education (NCyTE) Center’s work in helping colleges and universities train cybersecurity faculty and adopt leading-edge curriculum aimed at fast-tracking students into cybersecurity careers. To address the cybersecurity workforce gap, NCyTE is partnering with industry and government leaders and with Microsoft Philanthropies, which provided a \$1.5 million grant for Accelerating Community College Cybersecurity Excellence (ACCCE). Demand for positions at all levels is high, and WCC offers students the flexibility to pursue an associate degree or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in IT Networking/Cybersecurity.

Flexible Learning Environment — Meeting the Diverse Needs of Students

Providing students flexibility in an enhanced learning environment remains the top priority at WCC. The college offers in-person, hybrid and online classes that meet the diverse needs of all students. In September, WWC introduced Orca Central, a vibrant one-stop space that provides integrated services and support both in-person and online. Additionally, WCC’s new Charles and Phyllis Self Learning Commons provides a welcoming, learner-centered environment that incorporates a library, instructional technology, collaboration and study space, learning centers and resources that support students.

Health Professions Meet the Needs of Fluid Health Care Environment

WCC’s Health Professions programs excel in preparing students for employment in the nursing and allied health workforce with degrees and certificates well aligned to current and evolving regional industry needs. Students choose from pathways in medical assisting, massage therapy, substance-use disorder professions, physical therapy assisting and nursing. Recent graduates from WCC Health Professions programs fill significant gaps in critical health care service centers. Industry stakeholders identified urgent needs in behavioral health, medical assisting, nursing and massage therapy and WCC’s programs help match motivated students with high-demand jobs in these fields.