



Glossary of system acronyms

A		
AA	Associate of Arts degree (see also DTA)	
AACC	American Association of Community Colleges	
AA/EEO	Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity	
AAHEA	American Association of Higher Education and Accreditation	
AAG	Assistant Attorney General	
AAS	Associates of Applied Science degree or Associate of Arts and Science degree	
AAUW	American Association of University Women	
AAWCJC	American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges	
ABE	Adult Basic Education	Former name for “Basic Education for Adults”
ABLE	Adult Basic and Literacy Educators	
ACCT	Association of Community College Trustees	
ACE	American Council on Education	
ACAE	Advisory Council on Adult Education	
ACRL	American College and Research Librarians	
ACTP	American College Testing Program	
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	
AEAC	Adult Education Advisory Council	
AEH	Adult Education for Homeless	
AFRS	Agency Financial Reporting System	
AFT	American Federation of Teachers	



AG	Attorney General	
AGB	Association of Governing Boards	
AGO	Attorney General's Opinion	
AHE	Association of Higher Education	
AHEAD	Association on Higher Education and Disability	
APGA	American Personnel and Guidance Association	
AS	Associate of Science degree	
ASHE	Association for the Study of Higher Education	
ASSIST	Adult Statewide System for Information through Technology	
AVA	American Vocational Association	
B		
BA	Bachelor of Arts	
BAC	Business Affairs Commission	
BAR	Budget, Accounting and Reporting Council	
BAS	Bachelor of Applied Sciences	
BEA	Basic Education Allotment	
BEaA	Basic Education for Adults	Formerly "Adult Basic Education"
BFA	Bachelor of Fine Arts	
BFET	Basic Food and Employment Training	BFEandT also acceptable
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs	
BIs	Baccalaureate Institutions (see also PBIs)	
BS	Bachelor in Science	
BT	Bachelor in Technology	



C		
CAM	Capital Analysis Model	
CASAS	Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System	
CBO	Community Based Organization	
CBS	Council for Basic Skills	
CCSSEE	Community College Survey of Student Engagement	
CCSEQ	Community College Student Experience Questionnaire	
CCE	Community and Continuing Education	
CE	Continuing Education	
CEC	Continuing Education Commission	
CESC	Career and Employment Services Council	
CEU	Continuing Education Units	
CHE	Center for Higher Education	
CIH	College in High School	
CIP	Classification of Instructional Programs	
CIS	Center for Information Services	Formerly CTC
CLEP	College Level Examination Program	
COCNASC	Commission on Colleges -- Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges	
COP	Council of Presidents	
CRLA	College Reading and Learning Association	
CSDAC	Counseling and Student Development Administration Council	
CTC	community and technical colleges	
CTCLAMS	Community and Technical College Library and Media	



Specialists

CUPA	College and University Personnel Association	
CUSP	Council of Union and Student Programs	
CWPC	College Women's Programs Council	
D		
DACUM	Develop a curriculum	
DCD	Department of Community Development	
DES	Department of Enterprise Services	
DIS	Department of Information Services	Now part of the Department of Enterprise Services
DLC	Distance Learning Council	
DLOA	Data Linking for Outcomes Assessment	Data files with employment and further education information on former students designed for research and accountability purposes
DOE	Department of Education	
DOP	Department of Personnel	
DSHS	Department of Social and Health Services	
DSSC	Disabled Student Services Coordinators	
DTA	Direct Transfer Agreement (Associates degree)	
E		
EALR	Essential Academic Learning Requirements	Competencies required in K-12
ECEAP	Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program	A state-funded program somewhat like Head Start
ECS	Education Commission of the States	
EDP	External Degree Program	
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity	
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	



EOE	Equal Opportunity Employer	
ES	Employment Security	Can also mean Employment Services, a function with the ES agency
ESAC	Even Start Advisory Committee	
ESD	Educational Service District	
ESL	English as a Second Language	
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages	
F		
FAC	Financial Aid Council	
FACTC	Faculty Association of Community and Technical Colleges	
FAE	Faculty and Equipment	
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid	
FIP	Family Independence Program	Part of TANF. Family Independence (FI) is a time-limited program that assists families with dependent children when families cannot provide for their basic needs.
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act	
FMS	Financial Management System	
FRACHE	Federation of Regional Accrediting Commissions of Higher Education	Merged in 1975 with Federation of Regional Accrediting Commissions of Higher Education (FRACHE) to create the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA).
FTE	Full-time equivalent	
FTEF	Full-time equivalent faculty	
FTES	Full-time equivalent student	
G		
GA	General Administration State Department of	Now part of DES
GAAPCom	Governor's Affirmative Action Policy Committee	
GED®		Formerly "General Education Development." GED ® is a proprietary term.



GSL Guaranteed Student Loan

H

HCA [Health Care Authority](#)

HEGIS Higher Education General Information Survey

The Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS) system was conducted by the NCES between 1966 and 1985. This system was comprised of several surveys of institutions that were accredited at the college level by an agency recognized by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education. These surveys collected institution-level data on such topics as institutional characteristics, enrollment, degrees conferred, salaries, employees, financial statistics, libraries and others. HEGIS surveys were sent to approximately 3,400 accredited institutions of higher education.

HECB Higher Education Coordinating Board Now Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC)

HEPB Higher Education Personnel Board

HRMC [Human Resource Management Commission](#)

HSC High School Completion

I

I-BEST [Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training](#)

IC [Instruction Commission](#)

ICOA Inter-institutional Committee of Academic Officers (of PBIs)

ICRC [Inter-college Relations Commission](#)

ICSEW [Interagency Community of State Employed Women](#)

I-DEA Integrated Digital English Acceleration

IPEDS [Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System](#) Federal data collection for higher education

IPQ Indicators of Program Quality

IRC Information Resources Coordinator

IRCA [Immigration Reform and Control Act](#)

ITPG Information Technology Planning Group



J	
JCE	Joint Center for Education
JCS	Job Service Center
JEVC	Joint Economic Vitality Cabinet
JLARC	Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee
L	
LAAP	Learn Anytime, Anywhere Program
LEP	Limited English Proficient
LLA	Laubach Literacy Action
LMDC	Library Media Director's Council
LRC	Learning Resources Center
LVA	Literacy Volunteers of America
M	
MIS	Management Information System
MOOC	Massive Open Online Course
MRTE	Mutual Research Transcript Enterprise
MSSD	Multicultural Student Services Directors
N	
NACFAM	National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing
NACTC	Northwest Association of Community and Technical Colleges
NACV	National Association of Concerned Veterans
NAFSA	National Association of Foreign Student Advisers
NASC	National Association of Schools and Colleges



NASFAA	National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators	
NASPA	National Association of Student Personnel Administrators	
NCA	National Commission on Accrediting	Merged in 1975 with Federation of Regional Accrediting Commissions of Higher Education (FRACHE) to create the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA).
NCBA	Northwest College Bookstore Association	
NCDA	National Career Development Association	Formerly the National Vocational Guidance Association (NVGA).
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics	
NCFL	National Center for Family Literacy	
NCHEMS	National Center for Higher Education Management Systems	
NCSACE	National Council of State Association Chief Executives	
NDEA	National Defense Education Act	
NDSLCL	National Direct Student Loan Coalition	
NEH	National Endowment for Humanities	
NIEA	National International Education Association	
NIFL	National Institute for Literacy	
NIMS	National Institute for Metalworking Skills	Also National Incident Management System
NSIS	North Snohomish, Island and Skagit Counties Consortium for higher education	Colleges and universities cooperating on joint program planning to serve that area
NSSB	National Skill Standards Board	
NVGA	National Vocational Guidance Association	Renamed in 1985 the National Career Development Association (NCDA).
NWAACC	Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges	
NWCCU	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities	
NWPA	Northwest Placement Association	
NWREL	Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory	Now Education Northwest



NWRLRC Northwest Regional Literacy Resource Center

O		
OAL	Office of Adult Literacy (SBCTC)	
OASI	Old Age and Survivors' Insurance (social security)	
OCCP	Office of Child Care Policy	
OCR	Office of Civil Rights	
OFC	Operations and Facilities Council (plant managers)	
OFM	Office of Financial Management	
OPEP	Organization of Parent Education Programs	
ORIA	Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance	
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	
OSPI	Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction	
P		
PAC	Purchasing Affairs Council	
PBIs	Public Baccalaureate Institutions	
PERC	Public Employment Relations Commission	
PERS	Public Employees' Retirement System	
PIC	Public Information Commission	
PID	Periodic Increment Date	
PMCI	Performance Management for Continuous Improvement	
PMIS	Personnel Management Information System	A quarterly snapshot of the PPMS file used by SBCTC
PODC	Participant Outcomes Data Consortium	
PPAC	Professional Placement and Advancement Committee	



PPMS	Personnel/Payroll Management System	A core administrative data system of the CTCs
R		
RCW	Revised Code of Washington	
RFI	Request for information	
RFP	Request for proposals	
RFQ	Request for quotation	
RIF	Reduction in force	
RPC	Research and Planning Commission	Formerly Washington Association for Research and Planning (WARP)
RS	Running Start	Program for dual enrollment in high school and college
S		
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test	
SBCCE	State Board for Community College Education	Now State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)
SBCTC	State Board for Community and Technical Colleges	Formerly State Board for Community College Education (SBCCE)
SBE	State Board of Education	
SBVE	State Board for Vocational Education	Now Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB)
SCAN	State Controlled Area Network	
SCANS	Secretary's Commission on Achievement of Necessary Skills	Commission appointed by Secretary of Labor in 1990. Work completed in 1992.
SDA	Service Delivery Area	
SEBB	State Employees Benefit Board	
SEOG	Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	
SJTCC	State Job Training Coordinating Board	Now Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB)
SLIAG	State Legalization Impact Assistance Grants	
SMIS	Student Management Information System	Summary snapshot of the SMS for use by SBCTC



SMS	Student Management System	A core administrative data system of the CTCs
SPI	Superintendent of Public Instruction	
SSC	Student Services Commission	
STARS	State Training and Registry System	Career development system designed for child care providers.
STTACC	Staff Training for Technical and Community Colleges	
T		
TABE	Test of Adult Basic Education	
TACTC	Trustees Association of Community and Technical Colleges	
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	
TEACH	Teacher Education and Compensation	For child care providers
TESC	The Evergreen State College	
TESOL	Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages	
TIAA/CREF	Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association/Retirement Equities Fund	
TRS	Teachers Retirement Fund	
U		
USDE	United States Department of Education	
V		
VC	Virtual Campus	
VISTA	Volunteers in Service to America	
W		
WAC	Washington Administrative Code	
WACAL	Washington Coalition for Adult Literacy	
WACCFAA	Western Association of Community College Financial Aid	



Administrators

WACCSAP	Washington Association of Community College Student Activities Personnel	
WACRAO	Washington Council of Registrars and Admissions Officers	
WACTC	Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges	Association of community and technical college presidents
WACTC-BAC	Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Business Affairs Commission	
WACTC-HRCM	Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Human Resources Management Commission	
WACTC-IC	Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Instruction Commission	
WACTC-PIC	Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Public Information Commission	
WACTC-SSC	Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Student Services Commission	
WACTC-WP	Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Women's Programs Council	
WACTCS	Washington Association of Community and Technical College Students	
WACTE	Washington Association of Colleges of Teacher Education	Also Washington Association for Career and Technical Education
WADE	Washington Association for Developmental Education	
WAESOL	Washington Association for the Education of Speakers of Other Languages	
WAFSA	Washington Application for State Financial Aid	
WAOE	Washington Association of Occupational Educators	
WAOL	Washington Online	
WAOL VC	Washington Online Virtual Campus	



WAPEC	Washington Association of Parent Education Coordinators	
WAPED	Washington Association on Postsecondary Education and Disability	
WARP	Washington Association for Research and Planning	Now Research and Planning Commission (RPC)
WASA	Washington Association of School Administrators	
WASP	Washington Association of School Principals	
WCHSCR	Washington Council for High School-College Relations	Usually referred to as “The Washington Council”
WCPCAN	Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect	
WCTCCA	Washington Community and Technical College Counselors' Association	
WEA	Washington Education Association	
WEACPECP	Washington Association of Educators of Personnel in Early Childhood Programs	
WEC	Workforce Education Council	
WF	WorkFirst	
WFAA	Washington Financial Aid Association	
WICHE	Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education	
WINS	Workplace Integration of Necessary Skills	
WISC	Washington Information Systems Commission	
WISHA	Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act	
WL	Washington Literacy	
WOIS	Washington Occupational Information Service	
WP	Women's Programs Council	
WPCT	Washington Pre-College Test	



WPEA	Washington Public Employees' Association	
WSAC	Washington Student Achievement Council	Formerly Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB)
WSASEA	Washington State Association of Student Employment Administrators	
WSATC	Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council	
WSCA	Washington School Counselors Association	Professional development group for K-12 school counselors
WSSSC	Washington State Student Services Commission	
WSTPCC	Washington State Tech Prep Coordinating Council	
WTB	Workforce Training Board	
WTECB	Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board	Formerly State Board for Vocational Education (SBVE) and State Job Training Coordinating Board (SJTCB)
WtW	Welfare to Work	
WVA	Washington Vocational Association	Now Washington Association for Career and Technical Education