



# CASCADIA COLLEGE GATEWAY BUILDING

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*The construction of a new Gateway Building (CC5) at Cascadia College, Bothell, will address inefficient and inadequate student service spaces. CC5 will bring together student services (from outreach and enrollment, to advising and financial aid) for all student populations (adult basic education, worker retraining, academic transfer, and international) in one building and allow for classroom growth to meet current demand by backfilling vacated spaces.*

Left: Architectural rendering

## Key Details

- Cascadia College has experienced double digit enrollment growth for three consecutive years.
- In-person learning grew 20% from Fall 2023 to 2024 and now accounts for 70%. Online learning is capped at 30%.
- Retention rates are among the strongest in the state. In 2024-2025, retention between Fall and Winter quarter was 90%.
- Guided Pathways success: Degree completion increased 27% in 2020 and 33% in 2021.
- Running Start students are in-person learners and the population has grown to over 1,100 students in 2025-2026.
- Current Cascadia buildings are maxed out for space. CC5 will bring student services together into a single building, and open space for much-needed classrooms and faculty office space.
- Fulfills the Campus Master Plan and final Cascadia build-out.
- Further cements co-location with UW-Bothell as well as increases Cascadia's visibility, identity and prominence, creates a "flagship" building with a sense of belonging.
- Cascadia is the number one college for transfer students to UW-Bothell.

## Project Milestones

- **January 2022:** Pre-Design launched, completed in six months.
- **August 2022:** Design launched with anticipated project funding in 2023-2025 biennium at a \$36,852,000 building cost, but not funded. Anticipated funding in 2025-2027.
- Continued with Construction documents, *applied for building permit in anticipation of funding*, submitted for funding 2025-2027 at \$41,231,594 building cost. Building not funded.
- **August 2025:** submitted for Supplemental budget at \$45,208,000 building cost. Building is not on the list for consideration.
- **December 2025 City of Bothell building permit approved** at a cost of \$469,500. Additional costs will incur with extension to permit and/or permit expiring and starting over. **Project is shovel-ready.**

## Project Highlights

- Building is designed with new energy codes in place.
- Guided Pathways is a state directive to improve retention rates and degree completion. This building brings those services together, allowing students to be successful and remove current barriers.
- Provides elevator redundancy and access continuity to connected buildings.



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