

# COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Washington's community colleges provide a wide range of educational opportunities beyond high school. Generally, these two-year colleges offer three types of diplomas.

- Certificates of completion qualify students to work in certain occupations.
- The Associate of Arts (AA) degree is a two-year transfer degree for students wishing to complete their freshman and sophomore years at a community college and transfer to a four-year college.
- The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree is a two-year program that prepares students for a variety of health, business, mechanical, and technical occupations.  
(The AAS degree is not designed for students planning to transfer to a four-year college, and some credits may not be transferable.)

## Requirements for Admission

- Complete and submit a Washington Community College Application
- Be 18 years old and/or have graduated from high school or have a GED Certificate
- Submit an official high school transcript or GED test results if required
- Take the COMPASS test (This is not an "admissions" test but rather a test designed to determine a student's skill levels to assure proper placement in classes.)

## Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees will vary with each institution. You can get the current year's information from the institution but realize that cost will most likely increase every year.

## Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to community college students and parents for basic educational costs through grants, loans, and work-study programs. The first step in applying for financial aid is to file a Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA), which can be done by completing a paper form (available in the counseling office) or online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## Scholarships

Numerous scholarships are available for students attending or planning to attend a community college; see your guidance counselor or, once you are admitted, the financial aid office of your local community college. Note: Columbia Basin College's scholarship deadline is February 21, each year.

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Community College	Phone	Website
Bellevue Community College	(425) 564-1000	<a href="http://www.bellevuecollege.edu">www.bellevuecollege.edu</a>
Big Bend Community College	(509) 762-5351	<a href="http://www.bigbend.edu">www.bigbend.edu</a>
Cascadia Community College	(425) 352-8000	<a href="http://www.cascadia.ctc.edu">www.cascadia.ctc.edu</a>
Centralia Community College	(360) 736-9391	<a href="http://www.centralia.edu">www.centralia.edu</a>
Clark College	(360) 992-2000	<a href="http://www.clark.edu">www.clark.edu</a>
Columbia Basin College	(509) 547-0511	<a href="http://www.cbc2.org">www.cbc2.org</a>
Edmonds Community College	(425) 640-1459	<a href="http://www.edcc.edu">www.edcc.edu</a>
Everett Community College	(425) 388-9100	<a href="http://www.everettcc.edu">www.everettcc.edu</a>
Grays Harbor College	(360) 538-4026	<a href="http://www.ghc.ctc.edu">www.ghc.ctc.edu</a>
Green River Community College	(206) 833-9111	<a href="http://www.greenriver.edu">www.greenriver.edu</a>
Highline Community College	(206) 878-3710	<a href="http://www.highline.edu">www.highline.edu</a>
Lower Columbia College	(360) 442-2370	<a href="http://www.lowercolumbia.edu">www.lowercolumbia.edu</a>
North Seattle Community College	(206) 527-3639	<a href="http://www.gonorth.org">www.gonorth.org</a>
Northwest Indian College	(360) 676-2772	<a href="http://www.nwic.edu">www.nwic.edu</a>
Olympic College	(800) 259-6718	<a href="http://www.olympic.edu">www.olympic.edu</a>
Peninsula College	(360) 452-9277	<a href="http://www.pc.ctc.edu">www.pc.ctc.edu</a>
Pierce College (Fort Steilacoom)	(253) 964-6501	<a href="http://www.pierce.ctc.edu">www.pierce.ctc.edu</a>
Pierce College (Puyallup)	(253) 840-8470	<a href="http://www.pierce.ctc.edu">www.pierce.ctc.edu</a>
Seattle Central Community College	(206) 587-3800	<a href="http://www.seattlecentral.edu">www.seattlecentral.edu</a>
Shoreline Community College	(206) 546-4101	<a href="http://www.shoreline.ctc.edu">www.shoreline.ctc.edu</a>
Skagit Valley Community College	(360) 416-7600	<a href="http://www.skagit.edu">www.skagit.edu</a>
South Puget Sound Community College	(360) 754-7711	<a href="http://www.spscc.ctc.edu">www.spscc.ctc.edu</a>
South Seattle Community College	(206) 764-5300	<a href="http://www.sccd.ctc.edu/south">www.sccd.ctc.edu/south</a>
Spokane Community College	(509) 533-7000	<a href="http://www.scc.spokane.edu">www.scc.spokane.edu</a>
Spokane Falls Community College	(509) 533-5300	<a href="http://www.spokanefalls.edu">www.spokanefalls.edu</a>
Tacoma Community College	(253) 566-5000	<a href="http://www.tacoma.ctc.edu">www.tacoma.ctc.edu</a>
Walla Walla Community College	(509) 527-4283	<a href="http://www.wallawalla.edu">www.wallawalla.edu</a>
Wenatchee Community College	(509) 664-2563	<a href="http://www.wvc.edu">www.wvc.edu</a>
Whatcom Community College	(360) 676-2170	<a href="http://www.whatcom.ctc.edu">www.whatcom.ctc.edu</a>
Yakima Valley Community College	(509) 574-4600	<a href="http://www.yvcc.cc.edu">www.yvcc.cc.edu</a>