

TECHNICAL, PUBLIC & PRIVATE CAREER COLLEGES AND APPRENTICESHIPS

Technical Colleges

There are five public technical colleges in Washington that offer over 400 training programs varying in length from a few weeks to two years. Some colleges offer an AAS degree in certain programs. Technical colleges prepare students to enter the workforce after training or to upgrade skills for advancement. Financial assistance is available for tuition.

Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements vary among these schools, but in general a student must be 16 years of age and have a high school diploma in order to enroll.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to technical 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.

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.

Scholarships

Numerous scholarships are available for students attending or planning to attend a technical college; see your guidance counselor or, once you are admitted, the financial aid office of your technical college.

WASHINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Technical College	Website
Bates Technical College	www.bates.ctc.edu
Bellingham Technical College	www.beltc.ctc.edu
Clover Park Technical College	www.cptc.edu
Lake Washington Technical College	www.lwtc.edu
Renton Technical College	www.renton-tc.ctc.edu

See Career Cruising for Contact Information at <http://www.careercruising.com>

Private Career Colleges

Over 30,000 students in Washington State are served annually in over 300 private career schools and colleges. These independent schools provide training for jobs in business or industry. They have flexible start dates and focused programs that allow students to complete their training in a minimum amount of time.

Requirements for Admission

Contact each college directly for specific admissions requirements and processes.

Financial Aid

Most private career schools and colleges offer some type of financial assistance. Accredited schools may participate in the U.S. Department of Education's Student Financial Assistance Program, allowing students to apply for Federal grants and loans.

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Scholarships

Numerous scholarships are available for students planning to attend a private career college; see your guidance counselor or, once you are admitted, the financial aid office of your college.

Apprenticeships

An apprentice works full-time for a salary while training to become a journeyman, or a fully qualified worker, in a trade such as carpentry, plumbing, or electrical work. Typically, the apprentice earns about one-half the salary of a journeyman.

When accepted as an apprentice, a student enters a planned, supervised program that combines on-the-job and classroom training. Each program is registered with the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council and lasts from one to five years.

There are numerous Apprenticeship Training Programs in Washington State. Requirements vary according to the union so check with your career specialist regarding specific unions. Admission requirements generally include the following:

- Complete an application through the local labor union
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have strong math, English, and communication skills
- Pass an entrance exam and complete an interview

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS COORDINATED WITH CBC

Apprenticeship	Address	Phone
Carpenters Millwrights	2819 W Sylvester Pasco, WA 99301	(509) 545-1781
Electrical Lineworkers	6162 NE 80 th Ave Portland, OR 97218	(503) 253-8202
Electrical Workers	8340 Gage Blvd #414 Kennewick, WA 99337	(509) 783-0589
Ironworkers	16610 E Euclid Spokane, WA 99216	(509) 922-3577
Painters	7209 E Trent, Spokane, WA 99212	(509) 533-8814
Plumbing/Pipefitting	1328 Road 28 Pasco, WA 99301	(509) 547-6480
Sheet Metal	124-B Vista Way Kennewick, WA 99336	(509) 735-1122