

## Degrees and Programs

### Learning That Lasts

#### Educational Programs

Wenatchee Valley College is a comprehensive community college that provides transfer, liberal arts, technical/professional, basic skills and continuing education classes and programs.

#### Degree and Certificate Programs

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#### Transitional Studies

We offer a wide range of educational opportunities designed to prepare students for college-level classes. These include adult basic education, English language acquisition, English for academic purposes, high school equivalency preparation, high school diploma courses and developmental education. Some classes are available at off-campus locations with open enrollment options. For more information about basic skills and transitional programs, please call 509.682.6790.

### General Education Outcomes and Abilities

Every program of study at WVC gives you the opportunity to develop abilities that will carry through to future learning or vocational application. The purpose of this general education is for you to master competencies for independent learning and to develop an awareness of the fundamental areas of knowledge. What degree and certificate holders know and can do reflects on our students and on our integrity as an institution. We specifically build these general education outcomes into all of our programs of study that lead to degrees and certificates in both transfer and professional/technical areas.

At a minimum, students who complete a transfer degree will be able to communicate effectively and will be introduced to the content and methodology of the major areas of knowledge – the humanities and fine arts, the natural sciences, mathematics, and the social sciences. Students in professional/technical programs will have completed a body of instruction in communication, computation and human relations in addition to acquiring their technical competencies.

At WVC, however, we intend to go well beyond the minimum.

The vision statement of WVC says, in part, that we are engaged in “transforming lives.” Therefore, the faculty has developed curriculum that gives you opportunities to acquire life-changing abilities. **Learning that lasts** transcends discipline and program specific skills, competencies and knowledge.

WVC structures learning so that students acquire those abilities that produce deep, lasting learning.

#### **The Wenatchee Valley College Abilities Outcomes:**

Through the course of pursuing degrees and certificates from WVC, successful students will be able to:

- Problem solve (think critically and creatively, reason quantitatively and qualitatively)
- Communicate orally, in writing and through artistic expression
- Interact socially through collaboration, ethical and professional conduct, and cultural diversity
- Inquire using information literacy, research and documentation.

We are committed to continually assessing both what our students know and can do, and how we can improve their college experience.

## WVC Degree Requirements

- Your degree must have a minimum of 90 credits.
- You must earn a minimum of 30 credits of your degree at WVC.
- If degree requirements change, you have three years from the time of the change to complete the previous requirements unless state interagency agreements mandate a change be made before three years.
- You must earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above for all degrees/certificates.
- If you have a financial obligation to the college, your degree will be awarded, but WVC will not mail your diploma until the obligation is satisfied.
- You must submit an application for graduation to the admissions/registration office. Applications for fall quarter graduation are due by December 1; for winter quarter by March 1; and for spring quarter by May 1. Forms are available in the admissions/registration office and online at [www.wvc.edu/graduation](http://www.wvc.edu/graduation). Turn in completed forms at the admissions/registration office, fax or e-mail the form to [registrar@wvc.edu](mailto:registrar@wvc.edu).
- **You are responsible for knowing your graduation requirements.** You may submit written requests for credit evaluations to the transcript evaluator, who will summarize what requirements need to be completed. Evaluation request forms are available in the admissions/registration office.

## Transfer Degree Options

Wenatchee Valley College offers a wide variety of classes leading to the two-year associate of arts and sciences degree, the associate in business direct transfer degree, and the associate of science-transfer degree, which earn you junior standing at 18 baccalaureate institutions in Washington state. WVC also offers the associate in applied science-transfer degree, which is accepted by several four-year colleges and universities for specific bachelor's degree programs.

### *Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree-Direct Transfer Agreement*

With careful planning, you can transfer to most four-year institutions with your general education requirements and premajor course work completed. The associate of arts and sciences direct transfer agreement (AAS-DTA) degree is designed to transfer with junior standing to the participating colleges and universities in Washington state. This option fulfills most, if not all, general education requirements at any institution that recognizes the DTA developed by the Intercollege Relations Commission (ICRC). Whenever possible, you should include courses required for your major as you complete the AAS-DTA degree.

If you cannot attend during the day, WVC offers evening, online and hybrid courses leading to an AAS-DTA degree. The college also offers a variety of online and televised courses that apply to this degree. You should realize that neither the evening nor the distance degree offerings can accommodate all specific majors. Only on campus during the day can you specialize in most specific majors through WVC.

### *Associate in Business-Direct Transfer Degree*

The associate in business direct transfer degree (Business DTA) is designed for students transferring in business. This degree is not the same as the associate of arts and sciences direct transfer agreement (AAS-DTA) degree described above. The Business DTA is the best choice if you have not yet decided on your school of choice, but want to make sure you have met the entrance requirements for all four-year schools. If you know which four-year school you will attend, the AAS-DTA degree may be a better option.

### *Associate of Science-Transfer Degree*

The associate of science-transfer (AS-T) degree is designed for students who want to concentrate on courses required for acceptance into specific majors in science and engineering. This degree is not the same as the associate of arts and sciences direct transfer agreement (AAS-DTA) degree described above. It does not satisfy general education requirements nor does it guarantee admission to a specific major. This degree allows you to take more