

High School Programs

WVC offers several program options for high school students.

Running Start

Running Start is an educational partnership between WVC and the high schools. Running Start was created by the Washington State Legislature to expand educational options for high school students. **Running Start students may have to pay for some credits depending on their course load. See the Running Start website for details, wvc.edu/runningstart.**

Note: WVC recommends that those students entering the Running Start program use the application form designed for this program. The online application process does not have a way to designate you as a Running Start student and applying online could cause a delay in processing your application.

College in the High School

High school sophomores, juniors and seniors who qualify for college-level writing, reading or math on the placement test may be eligible to participate in the WVC College in the High School program (CHS). Qualified faculty members at local high schools teach CHS classes (the availability of classes varies by location). To be eligible and enrolled in the CHS program, you must follow all regular WVC policies and regulations regarding student performance, behavior and course prerequisites. Students who complete CHS classes earn WVC college credit and those courses also count toward the student's high school diploma. If you are a high school student, ask your school counselor about these courses.

Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a nationwide dual enrollment program that allows high school students to begin preparation for a specific professional/technical field while in high school and then continue with the program at WVC without losing credit or duplicating courses. WVC and high schools within the WVC district have examined their career and technical education programs and established Programs of Study joining the high school programs to the college programs. They determined that certain high school classes in those programs meet the requirements of comparable college courses. Through the Tech Prep program, articulation has been arranged between those classes so that students can receive both high school credit and WVC credit at the same time. Ask your high school teachers or counselors about Tech Prep courses. For more information, visit wvc.edu/techprep.

The following guidelines apply:

- Tech Prep credit is first transcribed at the high school, then later entered on the college transcript.
- The number of credits awarded is dependent upon the high school Tech Prep articulation program.
- A one-time \$15 fee will be charged for Tech Prep

credits.

- Tech Prep credits are not intended to be transfer credits. It is the student's responsibility to check with the intended transfer school about the transferability of these credits.

College-Based High School Diploma - SHB 1758

SHB 1758 provides that individuals who enroll in a community or technical college and complete an associate degree at WVC can be awarded a high school diploma from the college, including students enrolled in Running Start.

The following guidelines apply:

- Students currently enrolled through Running Start who complete an associate degree.
- A student, 21 years or older, who completes an associate degree.
- Students under 21 years of age who have previously been enrolled as Running Start students and have completed an associate degree after July 26, 2009.

Any type of associate degree (academic, vocational or academic non-transfer) can be used when applying for this diploma. The associate degree must be posted on the student's WVC transcript before the high school diploma can be awarded. Certificates may not be used for this diploma.

This bill is not retroactive for all former Running Start students. If an associate degree is awarded after July 26, 2009, a former Running Start student may request the college-based high school diploma anytime in the future. If a former Running Start student received the degree before July 26, 2009, the student must wait until he/she is 21 years of age to request a diploma.

Diplomas awarded will be posted for the same year-quarter that the associate degree was earned.

High School 21+ Diploma program

The High School 21+ (HS21+) program enables adults 21 years and older to earn the credit needed to obtain a high school diploma. Even if you already have a GED®, you can still work to obtain your high school diploma.

The WVC High School 21+ Diploma is a bona fide high school diploma issued from the State of Washington through WVC. Our diploma meets the Washington State high school graduation requirements. High School 21+ courses do not count toward a future college degree or certificate.

To enter the program, contact the WVC Transitional Studies program at 509.682.6790. If you previously attended high school, obtain an official, sealed copy of your high school transcript(s) for evaluation. The program staff will make a determination regarding the number of credits required for a diploma. If an evaluation of your transcript(s) indicates

that you already have enough high school credits for a diploma, you will still be required to complete WVC's residency requirements (minimum of 10 ABE credits) before a diploma will be issued. Prior learning experiences and professional certifications may also be submitted for consideration for high school credit under this program.

Once your credit requirements are determined, you will register for adult basic education classes. The total cost per quarter for High School 21+ is \$35 (\$25 tuition, \$10 fees).

Prior Learning Assessment

Prior learning is the knowledge and skill gained through work and life experience, military training and experience, and formal and informal education and training at in-and out-of-state institutions.

WVC acknowledges opportunities for mastering specific skills and competencies that can be gained outside of a formal classroom experience. Prior learning can be achieved through education, work or life experiences.

As a currently enrolled student, you may earn college credit when you demonstrate by examination or evaluation that your professional experience or substantial prior learning meets the specific outcomes of a WVC course. Not all courses at WVC are designated appropriate for credit by examination or evaluation and each department determines the evaluation method required for you to demonstrate mastery of the course content. Prior learning credits can be awarded through any of the following options:

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- Course Challenge
- DANTES Subject Test (DSST)
- Industry Certification or Licensures
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Military Education and Experience

The following restrictions apply to awarding prior learning credits:

- For Course Challenges or (non-crosswalked) Industry Certifications and Licensures, you must be currently enrolled at WVC and have 15 transcribed credits with a 2.0 or better GPA to be eligible for prior learning assessment (PLA) consideration. For AP, CLEP, DSST, IB, (crosswalked) Industry Certifications and Licensures or military credit there are no credit or GPA requirements.
- There is no assurance that any PLA credit will be granted.
- Prior learning credits cannot duplicate credits that have already been awarded.
- PLA credit is limited to a maximum of 30 credits (AP/CLEP/crosswalks/challenge exams) required for

WVC degrees or certificates. Workforce programs, specifically, are limited to 25% of total credits for degree.

- Prior learning credits do not count towards the minimum residency requirement of 33% of degree or certificate credits that must be taken at WVC.
- Credits for all prior learning receives a "P" grade and will not affect the GPA.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$25 plus \$10 per credit attempted must be prepaid for Course Challenge and (non-crosswalked) Industry Certification or Licensure assessment.
- For PLA application form, visit wvc.edu/pla. For the Course Challenge list, visit wvc.edu/directory/departments/registration/course_challenge.asp.

For further information about the process or fees for prior learning credits, contact the PLA coordinator, 509.682.6632.

Advanced Placement (AP)

The College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement Program allows high school students to earn college credit for high school work. Students usually take a high school honors course to prepare for the national AP exams each May. Advanced placement exams are offered in a number of academic disciplines. Credit for these exams is granted under the following conditions:

- WVC is not a testing site for AP and official scores must be submitted for evaluation.
- Credits awarded are based on the type of test taken and the score received. For English composition tests, WVC only accepts scores of a four or five.
- Click on WVC AP Exam Scores at wvc.edu/ap for a complete breakdown on how credit is awarded.
- There is no credit or GPA requirements before any credit can be awarded.
- A maximum of 10 AP credits can be earned in a distribution area (maximum of five credits in world languages). No more than five AP credits can be used to meet the writing skills requirement for a degree. AP credit will not fulfill the writing requirement for advanced English composition.
- For an AP test that does not appear on the AP Exam Score chart, WVC will grant a maximum of five elective credits for a score of three or higher.
- PLA credit is limited to a maximum of 30 credits required for WVC degrees or certificates.
- AP credit receives a "P" grade, will not affect the GPA and will not apply to WVC residency requirements.
- There is no fee for this evaluation.

For more information, visit wvc.edu/ap.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

You may earn credit by demonstrating competency in a broad subject area or a specific course through the College

Board for College-Level Subject Exams (CLEP). Credit is awarded according to the following guidelines:

- WVC is not a testing site for CLEP and official scores must be submitted for evaluation.
- There is no credit or GPA requirements before any credit can be awarded.
- You must achieve a score in the 50th percentile or higher to receive “P” credit.
- A maximum award of 10 CLEP credits can be earned in a distribution area (maximum of five credits in world languages). No more than five CLEP credits can be used to meet the writing skills requirement for a degree. CLEP credit will not fulfill the writing requirement for advanced English composition.
- CLEP credit is not allowed if credit has been received for a more advanced class.
- CLEP credit receives a “P” grade, will not affect the GPA and will not apply to WVC residency requirements.
- PLA credit is limited to a maximum of 30 credits required for WVC degrees or certificates.
- Additional credit may be considered for the technical degrees.
- There is no fee for this evaluation.

For more information, visit wvc.edu/clep.

Course Challenge

Challenge credit is earned by demonstrating achievement of course outcomes. The appropriate department determines the method of demonstrating proficiency, usually an instructor-designed comprehensive exam. A list of courses that may be challenged is available in the admissions/registration office or you can download the Course Challenge List at wvc.edu/coursechallenge. The following guidelines apply:

- You must be currently enrolled at WVC and have transcribed 15 WVC credits with a 2.0 or better GPA before credits may be awarded and only if the learning experiences fall within the regular curriculum of the college. You are not allowed to take an examination for a course you have previously enrolled in or audited at WVC. If you have already taken and failed an examination for credit, you may not repeat the examination. Challenge exams may not be repeated for additional credit.
- Not all courses are available for challenge and not all departments offer challenge exams.
- Credit is allowed only for examination in which you have received a grade of “C” or better. Successful course challenge receives a “P” grade and it will not affect the GPA.
- Individual departments or programs may require that you successfully complete the next highest sequential course before receiving credit. However,

you cannot receive credit by examination for any course if you have already completed a more advanced course in that subject area.

- A maximum of 10 challenge credits can be earned in a distribution area. No more than five challenge credits can be used to meet the writing skills requirement for a WVC degree. Challenge credits will not fulfill the writing requirement for advanced English composition.
- Course challenge credit from other institutions will be accepted by WVC in accordance with policy guidelines.
- PLA credit is limited to a maximum of 30 credits required for WVC degrees or certificates.
- There is a non-refundable application fee of \$25 plus a \$10 fee for each credit attempted and must be paid prior to challenge exam.

DANTES Subject Test (DSST)

Credits from Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support Subjects Standardized Test (DANTES SST) examination program offered by Educational Testing Services are accepted as crosswalked. There are 50 subject-standardized tests covering a wide range of college level academic, business and technical subjects.

- WVC is not a testing site for DSST and official scores must be submitted for evaluation.
- There are no credit or GPA requirements before any credit can be awarded.
- A maximum award of 10 DSST credits can be earned in a distribution area (maximum of five credits in world languages). A maximum of five DSST credits can be used to meet the writing skills requirement for a degree. Credit will not fulfill the writing requirement for advanced English composition.
- DSST credit is not allowed if credit has been received for a more advanced class.
- DSST credit receives a “P” grade, will not affect the GPA and will not apply to WVC residency requirements.
- PLA credit is limited to a maximum of 30 credits required for WVC degrees or certificates.
- There is no fee for this evaluation.

For more information, visit wvc.edu/dantes.

Industry Certification and Licensures

If you have completed training comparable to college-level programs through non-degree awarding agencies or institutions, you may apply for evaluation of credit as crosswalked. Examples include recognized nursing, fire service, law enforcement/corrections or fire science academies, and other certifications or licenses.

- For non-crosswalked Industry Certifications and Licensures, at least 15 credits with a 2.0 or better GPA must be completed at WVC before any credit

is awarded. For crosswalked Industry Certifications and Licensures there are no credit or GPA requirements.

- Submission of official records and supporting documentation must be submitted that include the following: content, level, time period, hours, location, method of instruction, instructors, method of evaluation and achievement.
- All certifications or licenses must be current and valid and training must be documented with ACE National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training. (If training is not documented with ACE, you should apply for credit using the PLA Course Challenge method.)
- Training documentation will be evaluated by instructional faculty in the appropriate department to determine the comparability.
- Approved credits are identified on your transcript as credit for professional certification of training.
- Credits earned though documented college-level learning must be related to the theories, practices and content of the relevant academic field and must fall within the regular curricular offerings of an appropriate course or program, but for transfer degrees they may be used only up to a maximum of 15 credits as restricted electives.
- PLA credit is limited to a maximum of 30 credits required for WVC degrees or certificates.
- Credit is posted with a "P" grade and will not affect the GPA.
- There is no fee for crosswalked Industry Certifications and Licensures. If not crosswalked, there is a non-refundable application fee of \$25 plus a \$10 fee for each credit (same as Course Challenge).

For more information, visit wvc.edu/industry-cert.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

WVC will award credit for the Higher Level International Baccalaureate exam which consists of college-level courses and exams for high school students as crosswalked.

- WVC is not a testing site for IB and official scores must be submitted for evaluation.
- There are no credit or GPA requirements before any credit can be awarded.
- You may receive credit for the International Baccalaureate higher-level subjects when a score of four or higher is earned in selected subjects.
- When no specific course number is listed, the most appropriate course equivalent is determined on a case-by-case by the appropriate department faculty.
- PLA credit is limited to a maximum of 30 credits required for WVC degrees or certificates.
- IB credit receives a "P" grade, will not affect

the GPA and will not apply to WVC residency requirements.

- There is no fee for this evaluation.

For more information, visit wvc.edu/ib.

Military Education and Experience

As required by RCW 28B.10.057, Wenatchee Valley College will award academic credit for military training. The academic credit awarded for prior military training must be granted only for training that is applicable to your certificate or degree requirements.

You must be enrolled in a public institution of higher education and have successfully completed any military training course or program as part of the military service that is:

- Recommended for credit by a national higher education association that provides credit recommendations for military training programs;
- Included in your military transcript issued by any branch of the armed services;
- Documented military training or experience that is substantially equivalent to any course or program offered by the institution of higher education.

NOTE:

1. Per the Veteran's Administration, all veteran student transfer credit must be evaluated within two quarters of program start. After the third quarter, if you do not submit all transcripts, you must be decertified for the use of VA education benefits.
2. Some military transfer credit will be subject to external evaluation criteria (e.g. Aviation Maintenance Technician and Professional Pilot.)
3. Veteran students using education benefits are not permitted to opt out of prior credit evaluation.

For more information, visit wvc.edu/military-ed.