

**WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT
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It is the purpose of Walla Walla Community College (WWCC) to remove barriers to access, to provide high quality educational experiences, and to facilitate equitable learning and success in support of thriving rural communities. WWCC is committed to creating a learning and working environment that promotes the success of a broad and diverse range of learners and community members. Furthermore, WWCC is committed to life-long learning, to fostering local and regional economic development, and to supporting the healthy and robust civil society that can only result from a well-educated, representative, and engaged populace.

PURPOSES

College Transfer and Workforce Education

Walla Walla Community College offers both workforce and transfer associate degrees, applied associate degrees, and baccalaureate of applied science (four-year) degrees, as well as numerous short-term and professional certificates. These offerings serve students intent on advanced study, as well as those seeking immediate employment post-graduation. The College endeavors to remain responsive to learners and the needs of the community as they change over time, through developing new courses and/or programs to meet the evolving needs of the local economy/employers, as well as the community at large.

High School Completion and Adult Education

In collaboration with local and state-wide educational organizations, including K-12 school districts, and through outreach to the broader community, Walla Walla Community College provides credit-recovery, high school completion (diplomas or General Equivalency Diplomas) and various types of Basic Education for Adults, including English Language Acquisition.

Community Education, Continuing Education and Contract Training

The College seeks to serve as a community cultural center and cooperates with other community and educational agencies to provide community services including life-long learning and enrichment opportunities. Classes, forums, lectures, performances, competitions, conferences, and other programs are available to the public. The College supports the workforce development needs of local industry and businesses. Through contract training, we can quickly respond and deliver customized training on particular topics to suit specific needs.

Civic Engagement

The College maintains an active presence in the communities it serves, seeking to promote the value and virtues of education, acting when appropriate as a catalyst of community conversation, connection, and enhancement.

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