

Partnering for Student Transfer Success



Independent Colleges of Washington

For nearly 50 years, Washington's public and private, not-for-profit four-year colleges and universities and community and technical colleges have worked to make transferring easier for students.

Washington students transfer with an associate's degree and earn bachelor's degrees at much higher rates than students nationally.¹

- ◆ Washington ranks **1st in the nation** for the percentage of CTC transfer students who finish a bachelor's degree within six years of entering higher education.
- ◆ Washington ranks **5th in the nation** for the average rate at which a community college transfer student earns a credential before transferring to a four-year institution.

Washington's colleges and universities create clear transfer pathways for students.

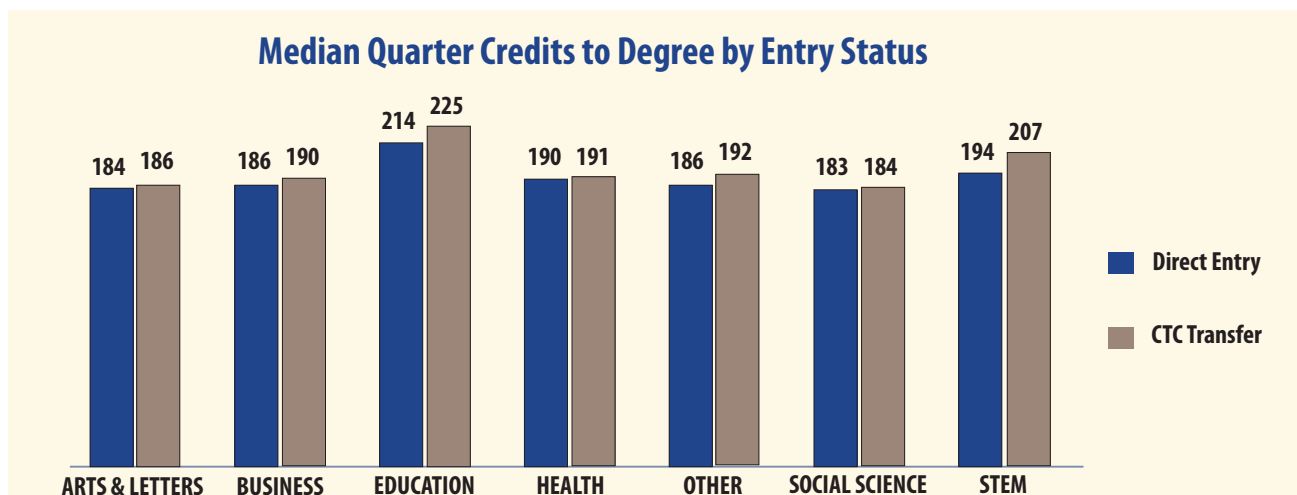
Statewide transfer agreements allow students to transfer two-year's worth of college-level credit to universities with general education requirements, already completed (for DTA).

- ◆ **Direct Transfer Agreement associate's degree (DTA)** with Major Related Programs in Biology, Business, Computer Science, Construction Management, Math Education, Music, Nursing and Pre-Nursing.
- ◆ **Associate of Science-Transfer (AS-T)** with clear pathways biological sciences, environmental/resource sciences, chemistry, geology, earth science, engineering, computer science, physics and atmospheric sciences.

Washington works to make sure students' academic credits transfer.²

- ◆ In Washington, transfer students graduate with a bachelor's degree with approximately the same total credits as those who start at four-year universities as freshmen. This is not true nationally, where "lost" credits result in far more total credits for the average transfer student.
- ◆ With few exceptions, completion of a bachelor's degree is equally efficient across degree programs for those entering through the CTC transfer pathway in Washington or through direct entry.
- ◆ Graduates who completed associate degrees aligned with specific majors were very likely to complete a bachelor's degree in a related field:

- ✓ 83% of CTC transfers completing the Business DTA/MRP earned a bachelor's degree in business.
- ✓ 93% of CTC transfers completing an AS-T degree earned a bachelor's degree in a STEM or health related major.



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Washington's nationally recognized transfer work is led by multi-sector groups to solve emerging issues.

- ◆ The **JOINT TRANSFER COUNCIL (JTC)** is a collaborative multi-sector standing committee that includes the community and technical colleges and public and private baccalaureate institutions. The Council is involved in the development of new transfer pathways and new multi-institution agreements and guides college-transfer policy across the state. Its members continually look at emerging issues and opportunities to reduce barriers for all students.
- ◆ The **INTERCOLLEGE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (ICRC)** is a collaboration that includes community and technical colleges and public and private baccalaureate institutions to facilitate transfer between institutions for all students pursuing a bachelor's degree in Washington.

Key Facts³

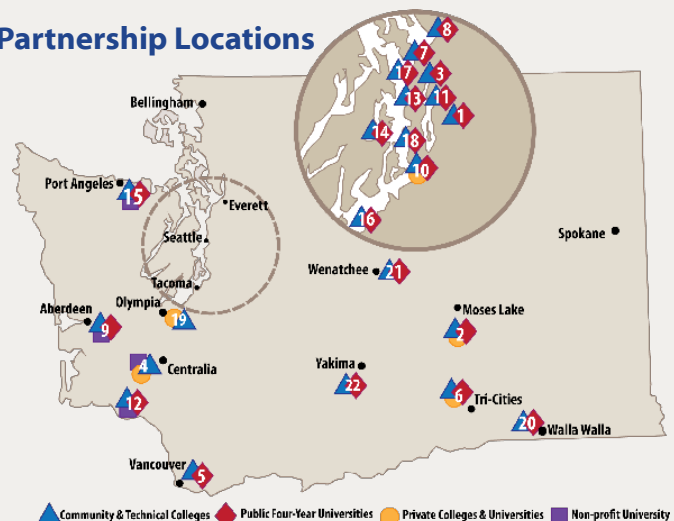
- ◆ **15,528** Washington students transferred from community and technical colleges to Washington public and private, not-for-profit four-year institutions in 2015-2016.
- ◆ **Nearly 40%** of those who earned a bachelor's degree from Washington's public college and universities transferred from a community or technical college, including:
 - ✓ 45% of education graduates
 - ✓ 44% of health field graduates
 - ✓ 42% of social science graduates
 - ✓ 39% of business graduates
 - ✓ 37% of STEM majors graduates
 - ✓ 36% of humanities graduates

University bachelor's degrees are also available at most of Washington's 34 community and technical colleges.

Campus-based partnerships (degrees vary by location)

1. Bellevue College – EWU
2. Big Bend Community College – CWU
3. Cascadia College – UW
4. Centralia College – City U/Saint Martin's
5. Clark College – EWU
6. Columbia Basin College – WSU/Heritage
7. Edmonds Community College – CWU
8. Everett Community College – CWU/EWU/WWU/ Evergreen/UW/WSU/Hope International Univ.
9. Grays Harbor College –Evergreen
10. Highline College – CWU
11. Lake Washington Institute of Technology – CWU
12. Lower Columbia College – EWU /WSU /City U/ Warner Pacific Univ.
13. North Seattle College – CWU/EWU/WWU
14. Olympic College – Brandman Univ./Old Dominion Univ./WSU/WWU
15. Peninsula College – CWU/WWU/Evergreen/ City U
16. Pierce College Ft. Steilacoom – CWU
17. Shoreline Community College – UW
18. South Seattle College – EWU
19. Tacoma Community College – Saint Martin's
20. Walla Walla Community College – WSU
21. Wenatchee Valley College – CWU
22. Yakima Valley Community College – CWU/WSU

Partnership Locations



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