Enology & Viticulture Program Admission Guidelines

Note: Students must apply separately to the Enology & Viticulture program in addition to applying to WWCC. Students must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED to enroll in Enology and Viticulture.

Students must be physically able to safely perform the tasks required in the vineyard and winery, which will include pruning, lifting, climbing, bending, stretching, twisting, crawling and moving, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling items weighing up to 50 lbs. Ability to taste, smell, and check for optical clarity of wine. Ability to visually inspect and sort wine grapes – checking for diseases and insects during the growing season through harvest.

Step 1: Apply to Walla Walla Community College. This can be done by visiting the website: www.wwcc.edu. Apply online or download an application and mail it to the Office of Admissions and Records, 500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla, WA 99362. If you have attended WWCC in the prior 5 years it is not necessary to reapply.

Step 2: Request official transcripts from all colleges you have attended be sent to the Office of Admissions. (A high school transcript also may be required.)

Step 3: Take placement test offered by WWCC’s Student Development Center to determine eligibility to enroll in Math & English Courses. For more information about scheduling placement testing visit http://www.wwcc.edu/testing/

Note: Placement test is not required if college transcripts on file with the Office of Admissions show completion of college level Math and English courses.

Step 4: Apply for financial aid as soon as possible after January 1, 2017. Visit WWCC’s financial aid website: http://www.wwcc.edu/financial-aid/ for specific instructions. Students accepted into the Enology & Viticulture Program will be eligible to apply for a separate set of department scholarships. More information regarding the EV scholarships will be sent upon acceptance into the program.

Step 5: Submit the following documents to the EV Program Coordinator, Danielle Swan-Froese, via e-mail to Danielle.swan-froese@wwcc.edu.

1. A current résumé -- typed
2. A typed essay, 500 words or less, covering the following topics: Why are you interested in studying enology & viticulture and what do you see as your role in the future of the wine industry.

Step 6: Schedule an interview with the Enology & Viticulture faculty. The interview can take place in-person at the Center for Enology & Viticulture or over the phone.

To qualify for priority acceptance for Fall 2017, submit your application before the deadline of April 1, 2017. Applications will be accepted after that date and admission granted on a space available basis for qualified applicants. Applicants will be notified of their admission status by May 8, 2017.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate applicants:

1. Resume and essay submitted to the Enology & Viticulture program
2. Wine industry related work experience
3. Prior academic success
4. Completion of placement tests offered by WWCC’s Student Development Center that determine eligibility to enroll:
   a. English – ENG 101 – English Composition I
   b. Math – OCSUP 105 – Introduction to Quantitative Problem Solving for the Trades

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