Agriculture Center of Excellence

The Agriculture Center of Excellence responds to workforce training needs of educational institutions and the agricultural industry across Washington. This includes the expansion of existing programs and creation of new program options within the community and technical college system in order to address industry demand in rural, urban, and related agriculture services. The Agriculture Center of Excellence is one of ten Centers of Excellence in the state designed to build and sustain Washington's competitive advantage, www.agcenterofexcellence.com.

Business and Professional Development

Programs for Business and Professional Development are offered in the Department of Extended Learning. Education and training opportunities are provided in areas of management and personnel development to businesses, agencies, organizations, and individuals in the Walla Walla Community College District. Training is provided in the form of seminars, workshops, and online courses.

AVISTA Corporation Entrepreneurship Program

A WWCC partnership with Avista Corporation, The Avista Entrepreneurship Center provides short term training that prepares students to engage in a self-owned private enterprise. The integrated training is intended to initiate small business development through providing necessary skills required for sustaining a privately owned business. Students receive instruction in many areas including Accounting, Marketing, and Strategic Planning. Students receive an endorsement upon successful completion of the program and have the option of pursuing a Business degree from the college.

Lifelong Learning via QUEST: Adventures in Learning for 50+

Quest is a membership driven institute that encourages learning, socializing, and active participation in classes and activities. Through Quest you will find learning opportunities designed the way you like them - no tests, no grades and no credits. Join Quest and build friendships, develop new skills, increase your knowledge and share the journey with like-minded peers- all 50+.

Foundation

Since 1982, the Walla Walla Community College Foundation has supported the programs, facilities and targeted needs of students and faculty. The Foundation has nurtured relationships with individuals and businesses in creating numerous scholarship and support funds for students; and has served as an important conduit for facility and equipment needs. The Foundation also works with various organizations in securing grant and gift funds for the college.

The Center for Enology and Viticulture

The Center was established in January 2000 to provide students with hands-on experience in premium wine making and viticulture as well as wine sales and marketing. It is home to one of the first full-production teaching wineries in the United States and also houses a certified wine laboratory (ETS) and culinary arts/commercial kitchen. Located near the Center are five acres of teaching vineyards with a demonstration block of various trellising systems.

The Center for Enology and Viticulture offers courses that allow students to earn a Viticulture or Fermentation Certificate and/ or Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences degree in Enology and Viticulture. Students may also choose to earn an Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences Degree in Wine Marketing and Management through the Agri-Business program. Courses are tailored to meet the specific needs of the wine industry with special emphasis given to Washington grape varieties and wines. The Center also offers many industry-focused short courses and seminars throughout the year to meet the educational needs of the Pacific Northwest wine industry. In partnership with the International Wine Guild, the Center offers sommelier certificate training. For current information, interested students should contact: 509.524.5170; fax 509.525.2249.

William A. Grant Water & Environmental Center (WEC)

The William A. Grant Water & Environmental Center (WEC) at WWCC focuses on collaboration and education for environmental and economic sustainability. The WEC facilitates regional and local partnership programs, provides community and K-12 education opportunities, and coordinates the WWCC Watershed Ecology Water Resources Technology, and Irrigation Technology degree programs, and “Go Green Club” activities.

Community Events and Programs

- Free community workshops and events in collaboration with WEC partners, which focus on natural resource management and conservation.
- K-12 Hands-On Learning experiences in environmental education at the annual Make A Splash event.

The WEC cooperates with all interested parties to create an academic and community-based learning environment. The WEC provides resources and links to other organizations both on and off campus, with spaces leased by local and state governmental agencies, local non-profit organizations, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

For the most current information see: www.wwcc.edu