

Transfer Success at Washington's Community and Technical Colleges

Community and technical colleges play a critical role in Washington State's baccalaureate production

- 38 percent of bachelor's degree graduates from Washington's public universities were transfer students from a Washington community or technical college.
- In 2009-10, nearly 19,000 Washington community and technical college students transferred to public and private four-year institutions.

Community and technical college (CTC) transfer students do as well as those who started as freshman at our state's public universities

- CTC transfer students match the GPA of University of Washington freshman-entry students and after the first year at the university, CTC transfer students have an average GPA of 3.20, while those who started at the university directly after high school also had an average GPA of 3.20.
- Community and technical college transfer students exceed the bachelor's degree graduation rates of freshman-entry students:

<i>Freshman Entry Students</i>	<i>CTC Transfer Students</i>
70% graduation rate from public universities after 6 years.	72% graduation rate from public universities after 3 years.
77% graduation rate from UW after 6 years	80% graduation rate from UW after 3 years

- 62 percent of the CTC transfer students started at pre-college level and progressed to earn their bachelor's degree. Many of these students would not have been eligible for freshman admission to a selective university, but successfully improved their academic skills and transferred to a university.

Community and technical college transfer students graduate with bachelor's degrees in high demand fields

- 37% of Health graduates
- 50% of Education graduates
- 43% of Business graduates
- 32% of STEM graduates

Community and technical colleges are a rich source of student diversity for universities and equity among bachelor degree earners

- 39% of Native American graduates were CTC transfer students
- 42 % of Hispanic graduates were CTC transfer students
- 39% of African American graduates were CTC transfer students
- 34% of Asian graduates were CTC transfer students
- 58% of graduates 30 years of age or older were transfer students

Sources: 2009 HECB Role of Transfer Report, 2009 HECB Accountability Report, 2009-2010 Transfer Student Academic Summary Report from University of Washington

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