

Washington State Community and Technical Colleges Budget Fact Sheet

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What Washington State Community and Technical Colleges do:

- 34 community and technical colleges serve nearly half a million Washingtonians each year, focusing on:
 - Economic demand – strengthening state and local economies by meeting the demands for a well-educated and skilled work force.
 - Student success – achieving increased educational attainment for residents across the state.
 - Innovation – using technology, collaboration and innovation to meet the demands of the economy and improve student success.

2007-09 Operating Budget	\$ 2.5 billion
2009-11 Maintenance Level	\$ 2.6 billion
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Reductions and actions we are taking:

- Cutting our budget an average of 7.6 percent. Were tuition not increased to make up part of the difference, the cut would have averaged 10.7 percent for 2009-11.
- Offering early retirement packages to selected employees at 15 colleges. These colleges have frozen unfilled positions, reduced the number of positions and reorganized departments and functions.
- Reducing college marketing, support and planned IT upgrades.
- Reducing maintenance and custodial staff.
- Closing closed off-site facilities at four colleges in 2009 and with plans to close facilities at 10 more colleges in 2010. Colleges intend to relocate some programs back to the main campus site, close sites with low enrollments and discontinue some programs.
- Laying off staff. Some colleges have avoided layoffs because they didn't fill vacant positions or didn't rehire after retirements.

Programs and services we will continue to deliver:

- Tough economic times are when people need us most. Our doors are open and colleges will continue to serve as many students as can be well-served without jeopardizing quality.
- In the area of instruction, we will continue to offer work force education, academic and transfer, and applied baccalaureate options.
- We will leverage the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act to increase access and achievement for students.
- Innovative programs such as Opportunity Grants, I-BEST and Student Achievement Initiative will continue, even if their growth rate needs to be moderated or scaled back.

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