

Community and Technical College System Mission Study

Draft Work Plan
November 3, 2008

Goal

The purpose of this study is to:

- Understand how well the community and technical college system is serving the people of Washington State in all three mission areas: academic transfer, workforce education and basic skills
- Understand future needs based on demographic, economic and cultural trends over the next 20 years
- Draw conclusions about current and future unmet needs for adult basic education, workforce education and academic transfer education and across regions of the state
- Draw conclusions about the role of community and technical colleges in bachelor's degree access, including expansion of community and technical college applied bachelor's degrees
- Examine emerging, effective means of delivering education to adults including the use of technology
- Make recommendations about meeting identified needs

Elements of analysis

Current and projected need:

- College attainment by region and county, age, race, income and mission area for Washington state adults
- Community and technical college participation by region and county, age, race, income and mission area
- Projected demand based on population forecasts to 2028
- Characteristics and learning styles of new, 21st century college students

Mission area needs:

- Longer term economic and labor force trends in Washington State
- Implications of current and projected needs for growth in academic transfer, workforce education and basic skills
- Need for upper division capacity and applied bachelor's degrees by region

Access issues:

- Transportation and location analysis
- Projected access zones for current college locations
- Technology trends, impact on teaching and learning, role of eLearning in providing access to community and technical college education

Process

Create system task force that includes State Board members, trustees, presidents, faculty and State Board staff

Coordinate efforts with the Higher Education Coordinating Board, Council of Presidents and Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board

Timeline

<i>September 2008</i>	<i>Review study proposal with State Board, college system representatives</i>
October <i>October 22-23</i>	Organize system task force, undertake demographic analysis <i>State Board meeting</i>
November 3	Convene task force: discuss study design, discuss context for future demand
November 6-7	WACTC meeting
November 14	TACTC Board of Directors meeting
<i>December 3-4</i>	<i>State Board meeting</i>
December 11-12	WACTC meeting
January 2009	Task force meeting: discuss mission needs analysis
January 27-28	WACTC meeting
January 25-27	TACTC conference
<i>February 4-5</i>	<i>State Board meeting</i>
February 25-27	WACTC meeting
March	Task force meeting: discuss transportation and location analysis
March 25-27	WACTC meeting
<i>April 1-2</i>	<i>State Board meeting</i>
April	Task force meeting: discuss findings, conclusions and options
April 30-May 1	WACTC meeting
<i>May 6-7</i>	<i>State Board meeting</i>
May	Task force meeting: discuss recommendations
May 14-16	TACTC conference
May 28-29	WACTC meeting
<i>June 10-11</i>	<i>State Board meeting</i>