

Supporting Student Access to Career Preparation and Apprenticeships Q+A

Question	Answer
What level of math is recommended/required for most apprenticeships? Many students want to take business math or other alternatives instead of Algebra 3/4.	Basic math including multiplications, division, addition and subtraction and some trig to calculate counts, linear feet, area, weight or volumes, angles.
Are there any programs that let students who are 18 years old apply before they graduate? I know many programs don't let students apply before they have a diploma, but some students are anxious to get the process started before graduation.	It really depends on the apprenticeship program on whether they can apply before they graduate. The challenge is if you get selected you are expected to begin working which can be challenging while employed. It would be a matter of coordinating the high school completion requirements with the apprenticeship.
Lots of questions... sorry! Can you talk about how the number of apprentices are determined each year? Are there analyses that happen year to year by employer or job sector? Are numbers based on projected job openings?	Hard to project but is dependent on the ebb and flow of the economy. Specifically for building trades - when construction is booming, the need for apprentice grows. In non-trade occupations, as more employers find apprenticeship attractive the need for apprentices will grow.
Would you please comment on Pre-Apprenticeship programs? Are those a good way for new high school graduates to enter the industries? Are people who go through pre-apprenticeships regarded as more prepared than those who try to enter an apprenticeship directly?	Pre-apprenticeship programs are a great way in getting students prepared for an apprenticeship. And yes, graduates fare better when applying for a registered apprenticeship.
Can I get more information on the Medical Assistant apprenticeship. Thank you!	CHAS Medical Assistant Apprenticeship, Health Care Consortium, WA Assoc. of Community Health. Here's the link: https://secure.lni.wa.gov/arts-public/#/program-search



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What work is being doing to increase the amount of apprenticeship sites eligible for financial aid? Currently there are only 2 in the state of WA.	Great Question. We are partnering with WSAC (Remy Plate's Organization) and other agencies including SBCTC & OSPI to make in more available.
What is the completion rate in WA for apprenticeships?	I'd have to get back on this.
Do all the jobs that might hire our apprenticeship student require high school graduation?	Most do.
Are the CorePlus curricula considered preparatory? How can educators access these CorePlus industry materials that have already been developed? Specifically I'm looking at maritime and construction.	Core plus programs could be considered Preparatory. It's a matter of meeting L&I's Recognition Policy which requires a partnership with an existing Apprenticeship Program. See link: https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/apprenticeship-preparation
I'm glad the slides will be available. This is A LOT of helpful info	We appreciate the positive feedback and it's clear we need to revisit this topic and have more time for questions!
Where to see the list of the 38 active prep programs, please	Here's the L&I webpage that has the list you're seeking: https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/apprenticeship-preparation
What is the best way to see all of the pre-apprenticeship options/opportunities? Is there a website that gives an overview of each pre-apprenticeship pathway?	I believe the L&I webpage that shows all the approved pre-apprenticeship programs is at https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/apprenticeship-preparation
Is there a complete list or directory of apprenticeship programs in our state?	Here's the L&I webpage that shows all the preparation programs, in case that's helpful: https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/apprenticeship-preparation

	<p>This webpage links to a search function that gets to the registered apprenticeships: https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/apprenticeship-registration-and-tracking-system</p> <p>I've not seen just a static list of registered apprenticeships, but I'll ask Peter to double check all the related questions in the Q&A for anything else he can add before we send out next week....</p>
<p>What is the high end of "middle-income"?</p>	<p>Since award amounts vary based on family size here is our webpage that gives a clear picture on how income and family size interact to determine possible award amount: https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg-awards#:~:text=WA%20Grant%20award%20amounts%20vary%20based%20on%20income%2C,and%20a%20single%20parent%20making%20%2428%20per%20hour</p>
<p>Who can come talk to our school about these opportunities?</p>	<p>Please visit our 12th year campaign page: https://wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign through this campaign we offer in-person and virtual webinars for students across the state to learn more about state aid.</p>
<p>Differences/similarities between College Grant and College bound?</p>	<p>Thanks for your question! If you want a direct response from WSAC, email collegebound@wsac.wa.gov or PabloRO@wsac.wa.gov as he offered to take questions. We'll also send out a completed Q&A later next week with links to the slides and recording....</p>
<p>How can schools support students to access the WCG? What process do staff need to know about?</p>	<p>The best support that you can give to students is to provide information to them about WCG if they are exploring in state institutions for their post high school education or career training (https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg) and to encourage them to complete a FAFSA or WASFA so they can be considered for WA Grant.</p>

<p>Is there anything for younger students (8th/9th/10th grades) that are clearly headed for a hands-on career rather than college?</p>	<p>Thanks for your question, although I'm not sure I fully understand what you're asking...? First-year high-school students and sophomores, depending on where they go to school, can certainly access Career and Technical Education classes. It could also be possible for 8th-10th grade students to access a Skill Center's summer program and complete CTE courses via that option, assuming they can get there.</p> <p>Outside of those thoughts, were there other specific wonderings or concerns that prompted your question?</p>
<p>How could you get the Washington College Grant without filing a FAFSA or WASFA?</p>	<p>In order for students to get the most financial aid available to them (both Federal and State aid) the student should complete the FAFSA. If they are not eligible to complete the FAFSA, they should complete the WASFA (State aid only). The Washington College Grant for Apprenticeships does not require a FAFSA or WASFA, but have a separate application they must complete.</p>
<p>I am unclear on how to tell if students need the FAFSA/ WASFA for non-college options. That was mentioned very briefly with not enough detail to help us help students.</p>	<p>Most students who are seeking apprenticeship or career training at a CTC will still need to complete a FAFSA or WASFA as they will be benefiting from WCG: https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg. Our other program WCG-A, does not require a FAFSA but since this program is still growing very few students will benefit at this time. For more information about WCG-A please visit: https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg-apprentices</p>
<p>Who can our school contact to learn more about Passport to Careers? What can our staff do to help students access Passport to Careers?</p>	<p>Here is our link to our Passport to Careers website: https://wsac.wa.gov/passport-to-careers, for contact I recommend emailing: passport@wsac.wa.gov or calling: 888.535.0747, option 3</p>
<p>Can students qualify for both College Grant and College Bound Scholarships?</p>	<p>Thanks for the question. If you want an answer quickly, email collegebound@wsac.wa.gov or PabloRO@wsac.wa.gov ~ he's on this webinar and invited questions specific to the CBS.</p>

<p>To clarify, a student shouldn't apply for financial aid until they are accepted into the apprenticeship. They should apply for financial aid as early as possible, but they can't apply for apprenticeships until they are 18 and have a high school diploma? This makes it challenging to support students while we are with them!</p>	<p>For students who are exploring apprenticeship that is affiliated with a community or technical college, they will be receiving WCG so yes, they will absolutely want to complete a financial aid application ASAP. The program in which students will not need a FAFSA/WASFA is WCG-A, most students will not be receiving WCG-A; this program is still small and growing and so most students will be WCG recipients not WCG-A receipts.</p>
<p>Is there somewhere I can find a list of my students who experienced Foster Care at 13-18 years old? Many of my students don't remember ages when they might have been in care. And is the verification process for the Passport program similar to colleges for unaccompanied youth (i.e. counselor/M-V coordinator writes a letter)?</p>	<p>We don't have a list available, but since there is a data sharing agreement between OSPI and DCYF, the counselor should be able to see whether or not the student is in foster care in their CEDARS system. You might be able to request something from Stacey Klim, Foster Care Supervisor at OSPI. She can be reached at 360-725-6505 or stacey.klim@k12.wa.us. For Passport, financial aid administrators at the college or apprenticeship program they are attending will make the determination of eligibility.</p>
<p>How do we access the educational video series on financial aid in multiple languages?</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/@WSACouncil/playlists</p>
<p>Is there a list of apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs where WA Grant can be used for outside of the CTCs?</p>	<p>WA Grant cannot be used for pre-apprenticeship programs and is only available for apprenticeships that are hosted by a CTC. Our other program WCG-A is available to apprentices completing their apprenticeship at programs hosted by approved sponsors. Approved sponsors can be found on this webpage: https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg-apprentices. We currently have two approved sponsors: Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship (AJAC) and Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWOW). As we approve additional sponsors they will be added to our website.</p>
<p>Apprenticeships should complete a FAFSA or WASFA?</p>	<p>Students who are seeking apprenticeship or career training at a CTC will still need to complete a FAFSA or WASFA as they will be benefiting from WCG: https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg</p>

Are you automatically entered into the WA Grant if you have filled out the FAFSA/WAFSA or is it a separate application?	Students who complete a FAFSA or WASFA will be automatically considered for WA Grant.
What is SBCTC?	Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. Find college listings, resources for paying for college, legislation information and more: https://www.sbctc.edu/
Can students apply for the WGRANT to cover summer expenses?	Students will need to have completed a FAFSA or a WASFA to be considered for the WCG/CBS for summer term. Students should check with the college they will be attending to confirm which application year they need to complete if enrolling in summer sessions.
Are you able to use those ESSER funds for childcare?	The funds are very specific to the three areas of access Jamie covered—credit recovery, prof/tech courses and the "Student Success" class that Running Start students must take.
Could ESSER funds cover below 100 level courses?	Unfortunately, no.
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Can students access their free/reduced lunch while in their summer courses?	Regarding FRPL waivers at our ctcs-they continue to stay coded throughout the summer
Are these funding opportunities only available to students who are graduating high school in the current year, or can students who have graduated a year or two ago still access them if qualified?	If the students need complete their high school diploma over the summer or will complete a professional technical degree and/or certificate, then summer 2023 funding is available to them
Can dual credit students live on campus at a community or technical college?	They can but very few CTC's have on-campus housing. Most are "commuter" campuses and students come to campus (or attend virtually)

<p>Can students receive a HS diploma equivalency for programs that are certificates (not AA degree) also receive their HS diploma from the community college?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, certificates do not qualify for the HS diploma.</p>
<p>What would cause a family of four making less than \$107K not receive the Washington College Grant?</p>	<p>Each family situation is unique, so there may be times when students don't qualify for the WCG. Financial aid offices use the information provided on the FAFSA/WASFA to determine what the student will be eligible for. Financial aid is based on the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and the cost of attendance (COA). The basic formula is $COA - EFC = \text{Financial Need}$.</p>
<p>CTE classes are only a relatively few of the 6 required classes per year to graduate - most are hard core traditional math, English, history, etc. These students need more time in hands-on CTE and less in the hard-core traditional classes. Are there programs that integrate the required math, science, English, social studies curriculum into a hands-on CTE environment?</p>	<p>Yes—many of our programs have college level math specific to the career cluster they are going into (manufacturing, healthcare...). We are also moving to self-placement for math and English and offering co-req math classes for those students who need a little help</p>
<p>Is there any way to have the Check out a college website to pull the specific program being searched and not just the college? It's frustrating for students to have to search again once on the general college website.</p>	<p>Yes, on this website you can search for a specific program and it will list all colleges that offer it https://bigfuturesmallpricetag.org/find-your-program/</p>
<p>Hi there. I'm wondering if you all are planning to offer an apprenticeships 101 training for those of us who still need help understanding the pathways students would take to apply for apprenticeships. I know it varies greatly from apprenticeship to apprenticeship, but it would be really helpful to see 3-5 examples or stories of how students accessed and completed an apprenticeship.</p>	<p>Thanks for your question/suggestion! It's clear from today's event that we need to revisit this topic!!! Please reach out to Kathie and Maria with your ideas as they are the planners/facilitators of this webinar series.</p>
<p>I second Shannon Moe's comment about Apprenticeship 101 training for secondary school staff.</p>	<p>It's clear from today's event that Maria was right, and this is a topic that staff and partners need/want more support with!</p>
<p>How are all these options similar or different than CEO programs?</p>	<p>Can you please help us know what "CEO programs" are? Not sure I'm aware of that acronym....</p>

<p>Could I get more clarification on the math requirements for the programs discussed today? Specifically, is Algebra 3/4 recommended or required? I have a lot of students for whom that is a barrier.</p>	<p>Not necessarily. We have moved to a self-assessment for math and have developed co-req math classes for those students who might need some extra help. We also have industry specific math classes (manufacturing, healthcare) that are sufficient for graduation in many of our programs.</p>
<p>The information on the WCG-A to help provide funding for qualified apprenticeships</p>	<p>WCG-A is available to apprentices completing their apprenticeship at programs hosted by approved sponsors. Approved sponsors can be found on this webpage: https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg-apprentices. We currently have two approved sponsors: Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship (AJAC) and Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWOW). As we approve additional sponsors they will be added to our website.</p>

If your question has not been answered, please email the appropriate contact below

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