



## **Clark College Mission Statement**

Clark College provides opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds to pursue their educational goals. The college offers accessible, comprehensive education; provides services to support student success; and fosters community partnerships that enhance student learning. The college focuses on professional/technical training, academic transfer, pre-college and basic skills, personal development, and cultural enrichment.



## **Clark College Vision Statement**

Clark College, a respected leader in southwest Washington, will be nationally recognized for our commitment to student success and excellence in teaching, empowering learners to enrich the social, cultural, and economic vitality of our region and the global community.



## Mission Imperatives

### Focus on Learning

The college will focus on learning as the foundation for decision making with respect to planning, technology, location, instructional methods and successful outcomes. Learners will receive a high-quality, innovative education and services that foster student success in achievement of their stated goals. Members of all employee groups will be provided with opportunities for professional development.

### Access to Education

The college will offer programs and services that are affordable and accessible to residents of the community. Students will be provided flexible options for learning in locations that are easily accessible and resources that help make their education affordable.

### Respect for Differences

The college will demonstrate a respect for differences and an appreciation of multiple perspectives. The campus environment will be governed by open communication and shared decision making and programs and services that support the needs of diverse populations.

### Workforce Development

The college will provide educational programs and services that facilitate gainful and meaningful employment for students seeking training, retraining or continuing education. College programs and services will meet the economic needs of the community.

### Broad-based Partnerships

The college will establish and maintain internal and external partnerships that support student learning, shared community resources, increased educational opportunities and shared governance. Partnerships will be fostered externally with education, business and industry and other community groups, and internally as cross-collaborations among students, faculty, disciplines and organizational units.

### Management Excellence

The college will make strategic decisions in the distribution of limited resources and implement processes that enhance quality, demonstrate effectiveness and ensure public accountability. The college will provide high-quality facilities and equipment, a healthy technology infrastructure and well-designed support services.

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## Clark College *The Next Step*

### Take the next step toward your future at Clark College.

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*The next step:* If you're not already a Clark College student, call or visit our Welcome Center. We'll guide you through the admission process, tell you how to apply for financial aid, and make it easy to register for classes.

2

*The next step:* Select your classes. Our programs – taught by our outstanding faculty – are designed to prepare you for your chosen career or educational path. Clark College offers transfer degrees, career and technical education programs, and basic skills classes.

3

*The next step:* Get involved with the great activities that Clark College has to offer. Join a club. Compete in Penguin Athletics. Run for student government. Write for the college newspaper. Study, talk or just hang out with friends in the Penguin Union Building.

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*The next step:* Attend classes at one of our three locations: our main campus, located on an 80-acre arboretum in Vancouver's historic Central Park; Clark College at WSU Vancouver's Salmon Creek campus; or at Town Plaza Center, just east of the main campus on Mill Plain Boulevard.

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*The next step:* Complete your certificate, degree or program of study. And remember: Clark College is also the next step for continuing education, additional certificates or degrees, or professional development opportunities.

**Welcome to the Penguin Nation!**

