



SECTION A:  
ENROLLMENT, AID AND COLLEGE LIFE

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## Welcome Center

360-699-NEXT

Our Welcome Center is your first step whether you are a new, transfer or returning student. We provide information on how to become a student at Clark College. Our services include assistance with admissions procedures, residency information, campus tours, new student orientation and referral to other services and programs. The Welcome Center is located in the lower level of the Penguin Union Building, PUB 002. New students seeking Adult Basic Education, GED preparation classes or English as a Second Language classes should visit the Pathways Learning Center at our Town Plaza Center location or call 360-992-2741.

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## Admissions

360-992-2107

All students intending to enroll at Clark College are required to submit an application for admission and pay a non-refundable application fee. Applications received by the priority application date are guaranteed an earlier access date for registration. You may apply in one of the following ways:

- Submit a Clark College admissions application in-person or by standard mail, available at [www.clark.edu/admissions](http://www.clark.edu/admissions), OR
- Submit an online admission application, available on the Clark College website at [www.clark.edu/quickstep](http://www.clark.edu/quickstep).

Clark College has an open-door admissions policy and admits anyone who is eighteen (18) years of age or a graduate of an accredited high school or the equivalent. Applicants who are under the age of eighteen (18) and without a high school diploma or equivalent may be considered for admissions. Refer to the Exception to Admissions Policy section on page A4 for further details. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to a specific area of study. Some programs require additional applications and are limited or competitive-entry programs. See additional information on page A4, under Special Admissions Programs.

The Running Start program has its own set of admission policies and procedures. Please refer to page A4 or [www.clark.edu/runningstart](http://www.clark.edu/runningstart) for more information.

Residency classifications for the purpose of tuition rates are determined by length of time a student has been permanently living in the state of Washington. Please refer to the Residency Classifications section on page A5 for detailed information.

## New Student Admission

Students with no previous college experience need to submit an admissions application, provide a non-refundable application fee, and attend and complete the COMPASS placement test. The placement test is available on a walk-in basis and is a non-timed, computer-based test. For further information, see the Placement Testing section on page A19. New students are also required to attend New Student Orientation before they are allowed to register for classes. For more information on orientation, refer to the New Student Orientation section on page A9.

## Transfer Student Admission

Students transferring from other colleges are required to submit an admissions application, provide a non-refundable application fee and complete the COMPASS placement exam if math and English was not completed at a previous college or university. Transfer students are required to meet with an advisor before they can register for classes.

If a student intends to use previous credits earned towards a program at Clark College, an official transcript of their college records needs to be sent to the Admissions Office. Transfer students should have an unofficial copy of their transcripts mailed to their homes to use during their advising session. The Admissions Office cannot make unofficial copies of transcripts for students. All admission materials become the property of the college and will not be returned to the student or forwarded to another institution.

Transfer credits are usually accepted by Clark College if such credits were earned at an institution accredited by a regional association recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. Students should refer to section B of this catalog for information about non-traditional credits and the process for transcript evaluation.

Withholding information regarding previous attendance at any other school or college is a serious breach of student conduct and may result in disciplinary action.

## Former Student Admission

Former Clark College students who are returning to school after an absence of six (6) or more quarters must submit a new admissions application by the priority application date to receive priority registration access. Former students are required to meet with an advisor before they are allowed to register for classes.

If a student has attended another college since their last enrollment at Clark College and wants to apply those credits to a Clark College program, an official transcript needs to be sent to the Admissions Office. Students should have an unofficial copy of their transcripts mailed to their homes to use during their advising session. The Admissions Office cannot make unofficial copies of transcripts for students. All admission materials become the property of the college and will not be returned to the student or forwarded to another institution.

## Re-entry Student Admission

Students who have attended Clark College within the past five (5) quarters are considered continuing students for purposes of registration and advising. If any contact information has changed since the last enrollment date, students need to submit an Update Form to the Registration Office. Information on registration access dates and times can be obtained online using the student ID number and global PIN. If assistance is needed, contact the Registration Office in Gaiser Hall or call 360-992-2183.

## Special Admission Programs

The following programs are limited and/or competitive entry and require completion of specific entrance requirements as well as submission of separate applications and application fees:

Dental Hygiene	Medical Assistant
Medical Radiography	Nursing
Pharmacy Technician	Phlebotomy

Refer to the Clark College website at [www.clark.edu](http://www.clark.edu) or section C of this catalog for further information. Because selection criteria are subject to change, the Clark College website is the most current source of information.

## Exception to Admission Policy

Students who are 14 to 17 years of age, have not completed high school (excluding Running Start students), and would like to enroll in college classes need to apply for Exception to General Admissions. To be considered for Exception to General Admissions the following is needed:

- Completed Clark College Admissions Application;
- A non-refundable admissions application fee;
- Completed Exception to General Admissions Form;
- Read and sign the Campus Environment Statement;
- Submit two (2) high school counselor recommendation forms completed by your high school counselor and another school official;
- Submit a copy of your high school transcript; and
- Take and complete all sections of the COMPASS assessment test.

Completed applications need to be turned into the Office of Admissions by the stated deadlines. In some cases an interview with an Admissions official may be required. Students will be contacted with approval and registration access information after their file has been reviewed.

Application packets can be obtained from high school counseling offices or from the Clark College Welcome Center in Penguin Union Building room 002. Students must apply for Exception to Admissions each quarter until they meet full Clark College admissions requirements. For more information please contact the Admissions Office at 360-992-2107.

Homeschooled students can use an informed and involved contact other than a family member to complete the high school counselor recommendation forms. Recommendation forms from family members will not be accepted. For more information regarding applying for Exception to General Admissions as a homeschooled student please contact the Admissions Office.

## Deadlines

Exception to General Admission applications need to meet the following deadlines. Those students who meet the deadline will receive priority review.

<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Summer	May 1
Fall	May 1
Spring	March 1
Winter	December 1

## International Student Admission

360-992-2390

Clark College accepts qualified international students from around the world who wish to study in the U.S. using a student visa.

To be eligible for admission, applicants must complete a college preparatory program in their home country, and submit the international student application form found on the International Programs Web page at: [www.clark.edu/international](http://www.clark.edu/international).

The completed application includes:

- official transcripts from previous high school and college or university,
- a non-refundable application fee
- a courier fee (if outside the U.S.)
- either the TOEFL, IELTS, SLEP, STEP-Eiken test scores, or complete the required level ESL course from an English language school
- a 300-500 word essay.

Applicants must also submit a bank statement with their application to prove that sufficient funds are available for their first year of study. Resources must cover cost of tuition, fees, books, medical insurance, living expenses and transportation.

Medical insurance while in the U.S. is mandatory and will be added to the student's bill each quarter.

International students must enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours each quarter and are not allowed to work off campus.

## Residency Classifications

To qualify for any of the residency classifications listed below, students must be U.S. citizens, resident aliens, refugees or non-immigrant aliens with visa classifications of A, E, G, H, I, K or L.

## Residency Classification Definitions

**Washington In-State Resident:** a person who meets the qualifications of citizenship listed above, has been domiciled in the state of Washington for a minimum of 12 months prior to the beginning of the quarter and has taken actions to declare Washington as their state of permanent residence.

**Washington Non-Resident Waiver:** a person who meets the qualifications of citizenship as listed above and who has been domiciled in the state of Washington for less than 12 months prior to the beginning of the quarter.

**Non-Resident:** a person who resides outside of the state of Washington and does not qualify for the Oregon Border Waiver; a person who does not submit the required documents for the Washington Non-Resident Waiver, Oregon Border Waiver or Oregon Border Opportunity Waiver.

**Non-Resident Refugee:** a person who holds Refugee-Parolee status and has established a domicile in Washington before the first day of the quarter.

**Non-Citizen:** a person who does not meet the qualifications of citizenship as listed above, regardless of their length of time domiciled in the state of Washington.

**Oregon Border Waiver:** a person who meets the qualifications of citizenship as listed above and who has been domiciled in one of the 13 qualifying Oregon border counties for a minimum of 90 days prior to the beginning of the quarter.

**Oregon Border Opportunity Waiver (HB1474):** a person who meets the qualifications of citizenship as listed above, was domiciled in a qualifying Oregon border county for at least 90 days immediately prior to moving to Washington state, has been domiciled in Washington for less than 12 months and has taken all steps to declare Washington as their state of permanent residence.

**Qualifying Oregon Border Counties:** Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco or Washington.

## Applying for Residency Reclassification

Students are granted residency classification based on the information provided on the initial admissions application. The student is responsible for submitting the appropriate application and supporting documentation to have residency reviewed for a reclassification to a new category. Applicants who are not U.S. citizens are required to submit a copy of their permanent resident card or I-94 for reclassification consideration. All residency reclassification requests and documentation are accepted until the 30th calendar day of the quarter. The college has ten (10) business days to review a completed application before making a decision on the reclassification request. If the application is approved, adjustments to the tuition will be applied to the quarter for which the reclassification was submitted. If the application materials are incomplete or received after the 30th calendar date, the request will be reviewed for the following quarter.

Supporting documentation is defined in two categories: proof of physical presence and proof of intent to remain in the state of Washington. Students applying for reclassification will be asked to provide these documents as part of their application materials. Acceptable types of documents are listed below.

- Proof of Physical Presence (one document required, showing at least 12 months)
- Copy of mortgage closing statement for the home in which the student resides;
- Copy of a rental/lease agreement for the home in which the student resides; or
- Copy of rental receipts or mortgage payment receipts for the home in which the student resides.
- Proof of Intent to Remain (three documents required, each showing at least 12 months)
- Valid Washington driver's license;

- Valid Washington voter registration;
- Valid Washington vehicle registration (not title);
- Proof of permanent full-time employment; or
- Verification of checking, savings or safe deposit box accounts located at a bank in Washington

\* Note that the Oregon Border Opportunity Waiver also requires proof of Oregon Border county domicile in addition to the documents listed above. The Washington Non-Resident Waiver requires one piece of documentation from the list above, while the Oregon Border Waiver requires one piece of documentation from the list above from Oregon rather than from Washington. For additional details, refer to the directions on the application forms.

The forms are available online at [www.clark.edu/admissions](http://www.clark.edu/admissions) or by visiting the Welcome Center in Penguin Union Building room 002.

- **Washington Residency Reclassification Form:** used to apply for in-state status by those who did not reside in Washington state for at least 12 months prior to enrolling at Clark College.
- **Border County Opportunity Application HB1474:** used to apply for in-state status by those who qualify under the Oregon Border Opportunity Waiver guidelines.
- **Washington Non-Resident Waiver:** used to apply for the waiver by those who originally applied for admissions with a non-Washington state address and who have since moved to Washington and established a domicile.
- **Oregon Border Waiver:** use to apply for the waiver by those who are domiciled in a qualifying Oregon border county.

Washington residency is governed by RCW.28B-15, RCW 46.16.028, RCW 46.20.021, WAC 250-18 and WAC 208-104-006. Contact the Admissions Office at 360-992-2107 with any questions you have regarding your residency status or how to apply for a reclassification. You can also visit our office in the Welcome Center, located in room 002 of the Penguin Union Building.

## HB 1079 (Undocumented Person) Waiver

Effective July 1, 2003, Washington state law (HB1079) was changed to make certain students, who are not permanent residents or citizens of the United States, eligible to pay resident tuition rates. To qualify, students must complete an affidavit declaring they have:

- Resided in Washington state for the three (3) years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma, and completed the full senior year at a Washington high school, OR completed the equivalent of a high school diploma and resided in Washington state for the three (3) years immediately before receiving the equivalent of the diploma, AND
- Continuously resided in the state since earning the high school diploma or its equivalent AND
- Certify that they will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States as soon as they are eligible to apply.

## Active Duty Military

Active duty military stationed in the state of Washington, as well as their spouses and dependents, qualify as residents for tuition purposes. At the time spouses or dependent family members apply for admission, documentation such as a copy of the military ID card or other appropriate documents must be presented.

## Washington National Guard

Washington National Guard members, as well as their spouses and dependents, qualify for resident tuition as long as they are domiciled in Washington.

## Veterans Tuition Exemption

Contact the Veterans Affairs Office at 360-992-2112 for information regarding eligibility criteria for the Veterans Tuition Waiver. You must provide the original or certified copy of form DD214.

## Tuition Waivers

Most tuition waiver guidelines and charges are set by the Washington state legislature and may change on an annual basis. Those eligible for waiver are listed below, under the departments that serve them.

- Registration Office
- Clark College employee
- Classified state employee or Washington Public Higher Education employee
- Senior Citizen Gold Card
- Admissions Office
- Children of Deceased Law Enforcement Officer or Firefighter
- Native American Waiver
- Washington Non-Resident Waiver
- Oregon Border County Waiver
- Non-Resident Refugee Waiver
- High School Completion Office
- High school completion
- Veterans Affairs Office
- Military personnel
- Running Start Office
- Running Start

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## New Student Orientation

Starting in fall 2010, all new incoming Clark College students who have never attended college before are required to attend a New Student Orientation session before they are granted access to registration services. Students will gain valuable information about support resources, critical dates and policies, online tools and academic advising at the orientation. They will also register for classes and have the option of participating in a campus tour. To attend, students need to visit the online registration page to sign up for a session. For current information on upcoming dates for specific quarters, visit our website at [www.clark.edu/orientationcalendar](http://www.clark.edu/orientationcalendar).

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## Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office helps eligible degree- and certificate-seeking students obtain funds to help meet their educational expenses at Clark College. During 2009-2010, more than 10,800 students benefited from over \$ 45 million in federal, state, institutional, and private financial aid.











































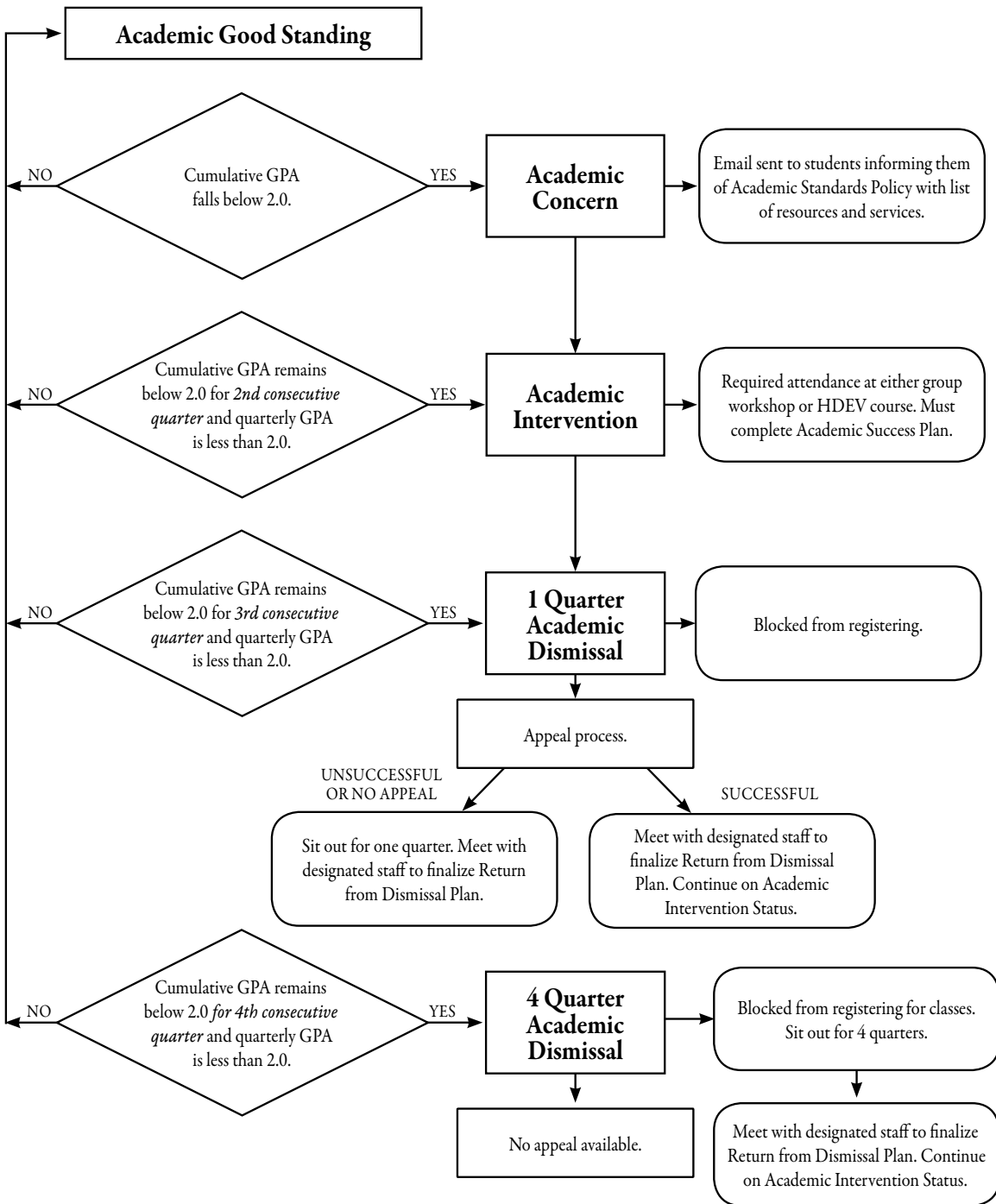








# Academic Standards Procedure Chart







## Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs

360-992-2441

The Office of Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs (SLMSA) coordinates programs, support services and activities that enhance the educational experience of a diverse student population and foster the intellectual and personal development of students on campus.

Student Life services include student activities, student clubs, student-funded programs and student government. The Office of Student Life and the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) plan and present more than 50 events each year. Some activities include: Welcome Week, O.S.W.A.L.D. Awards (Outstanding Students With Academic Leadership and Development), Earth Week, and Spring Thing.

Services available through Multicultural Student Affairs include information and referral to campus resources, support services, counseling and advising; programs and services; outreach and education within community organizations; and student activities and cultural awareness programs designed to promote cultural understanding.

In addition to these services, SLMSA oversees the ASCC offices, open-use student computers, the club room, the game room and a student-use lunchroom featuring a refrigerator, a microwave, and free coffee Monday through Thursday mornings. For more information on any of these services, contact the Office of Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs, located in the Penguin Union Building room 160.

### Peer Mentors

Peer Mentors are current Clark students who help students navigate the college system and who connect them with campus resources.

### Student Clubs and Programs

Student clubs and programs provide students with an opportunity to combine various aspects of academic, vocational and/or personal learning and allow students to apply the skills and responsibilities of leadership by becoming involved in the campus and community. With more than 45 student clubs being chartered each year, student organizations may have an instructional, national, cultural, political, activity and/or religious focus.

Among the most active student organizations at Clark College are the Swing Club, Engineering Club, Photography Club, German Klub and Clark Manga and Anime Club, to name a few. With more than 30 student-funded co-curricular programs on campus, almost all students can find a program to develop personally and educationally as well as earn college credit for participation. Student programs include Athletics, The Independent, Model United Nations, Phoenix, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Theatre, Health Services, Intramurals, Orchestra, Vocal Music, and many more.

### Student Government

Recognized by the Board of Trustees as the representative body of Clark College students, the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) consists of a seven-member Executive Council and a four-member Activities Programming Board (APB). APB conceptualizes, plans and coordinates events offering social, cultural, educational and entertainment opportunities for students. As a whole, student government keeps students informed about administrative or legislative policies that directly affect the student body.

All enrolled students are members of ASCC and are thus eligible to participate in events, serve as student government officers, or participate in campus governance through representation on Clark College committees. Student government leaders gain valuable leadership experience through leadership training, decision making, fiscal organization and conflict management.

## Student Publications

### *The Independent*

Working at *The Independent* offers students hands-on journalism experience. Working with one or more aspects of the newspaper (writing, editing, photography, layout, advertising, and business management) provides an introduction to the journalism profession as well as a means of earning credit. Some staff positions are paid. *The Independent* serves as a major communication link between students, student government, the faculty, staff and administration.

### *Phoenix*

*Phoenix*, Clark College's literary and arts magazine, is funded by ASCC to encourage the creative efforts of Clark College students. All Clark College students registered in the immediate spring, summer, fall or winter quarters prior to publication may submit fiction, poetry, flat artwork and photographs of three-dimensional work. Under the direction of the faculty advisors from English and from Art, staff members practice budgeting, marketing, writing, editing, judging and layout skills. Volunteer student staff members are welcome; some paid student staff positions exist.

## Student Services

Bookstore

fax: 360-992-2862

[www.clarkbookstore.com](http://www.clarkbookstore.com)

360-992-2149

e-mail: [bookstore@clark.edu](mailto:bookstore@clark.edu)

The Clark College Bookstore, owned and operated by the college, is located in Gaiser Hall and stocks required textbooks and supplies as requested by classroom instructors. The staff vigorously supports student interests by maintaining the lowest possible price for textbooks of any college in this region; by diligently stocking as many used textbooks as possible; and by providing e-book and rental options whenever feasible. The store also sponsors a book buyback each quarter during finals week, allowing students to recover cash for textbooks that may be utilized in future quarter(s).

The Bookstore strives to support the interests of the entire community by selling computer accessories, software (special student pricing on many items), logo items, apparel, gifts, cards, convenience food items, various reading (both for class and for relaxation) and reference materials including many test preparation items, and an extensive health reference and supply section. Reloadable Bookstore gift cards are available for purchase for student shopping convenience. Services provided include personal faxing, personal package shipment, notary public, special orders, sale of Clark College theatre tickets, USPS stamps, C-Tran bus passes, payment for parking and student ID tags, an e-commerce site to place Web orders and holds, supply support for college departments, and computer access for college community use.

Payment options at the store include Bookstore gift cards, cash, check with appropriate identification, and Visa, MasterCard or Discover charge cards. Refunds are granted with the required documentation and within a specified time frame. Returns require a receipt and the length of time allowed for a return is determined by the type of item being returned (specifics available in the Bookstore).

### Child and Family Services

360-992-2179 Toddler and School-Age

360-992-2393 Preschool

The Child and Family Studies program is located at the north end of the Clark College main campus. Child care and early education services with family support options are available to Clark College students, faculty, staff and the local community. Child care services are available for children twelve (12) months and walking through ten (10) years of age. Contact the program for more information or to arrange a tour. Services are available from 7:30 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Fridays. Evening hours vary due to sufficient enrollment between 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Quarterly waiting lists are maintained to determine the evening schedule.

## Computer Services

### Computer Labs

Students enrolled in credit classes may use the open computer lab facilities at Clark College. Students are required to use their college-supplied network account to access computer resources in the labs.

Open computer labs are available at the following locations:

- Anna Pechanec Hall, Rm. 102
- Cannell Library, Rm. 203
- Scarpelli Hall, Rm. 135 and Rm. 023
- Clark College at WSUV, Rm. 202
- Clark College at Columbia Tech Center, Rm. 203 and Rm. 219

### Wireless Network Access

Students may use personal computers to access the Internet and online services available through the Clark College website using the college wireless network. Wireless access is available in most college facilities. A network account is required to use the wireless network.

### Computer Proficiency: A Statement to Students

Students at Clark College, in order to succeed here and in the communities outside the college, need to be familiar with and capable of using computers and computer software. Both upper division college work and the requirements of the workplace demand such skills. Many Clark College faculty will require students to access class materials on the Internet, use a word processor, e-mail and databases as part of regular course activities.

Students need to determine which computer skills are appropriate to their areas of study and take positive steps to acquire and use them early. In order to facilitate appropriate student access to computers and computer software, the college provides classrooms, labs, course work and library access where students can learn about and use these tools.

Students should contact their instructors, the college library, the Office of Student Affairs, the Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC), or the Advising and Counseling offices to find out what computer resources are available and when they can be accessed. Advisors, counselors, and faculty can assist students in choosing appropriate courses to help them achieve computer proficiency.

### Dental Hygiene Clinic

360-992-2158

High-quality dental care is provided at a reduced fee by students under the direct supervision of licensed dental hygienists and dentists. Adults or children, five (5) years of age or older, are selected for care based on the educational needs of the students. Services provided may include exams, x-rays, scaling and polishing, sealants, fillings, tooth whitening, diet analysis, and personalized preventive education. Free screenings are available by appointment.

### Disability Support Services

360-992-2314—Voice

[www.clark.edu/DSS](http://www.clark.edu/DSS)

360-991-0901—Video Phone

Clark College and Disability Support Services (DSS) staff assist those with disabilities in pursuing their educational goals. DSS staff is committed to ensuring that Clark College, its services, programs, and activities are accessible to individuals with disabilities. The institution takes seriously its responsibility to follow both the spirit and the letter of all pertinent federal and state mandates.

Clark College recognizes that traditional methods, programs, and services may need to be altered to assure full accessibility to qualified persons with disabilities. DSS is the primary focus of efforts by Clark College to assure nondiscrimination on the basis of disability. Through DSS, qualified persons with disabilities can address their concerns regarding attitudinal or procedural barriers encountered, as well as any need for academic adjustments and/or













ent information sessions and workshops as well as meet with individuals. Computers are available for educational use to increase basic computer skills, basic academic skills and to gather career and educational information.

## **Department of Corporate and Continuing Education**

360-992-2939

The Department of Corporate and Continuing Education is the region's premier provider of classes, seminars, certificate programs and training opportunities, serving both the business community and the residents of Southwest Washington. The department is dedicated to lifelong learning, personal enrichment and professional development for individuals moving up the corporate ladder or simply interested in acquiring a new skill.

The Department of Corporate and Continuing Education is comprised of the following program areas:

### **Continuing Education**

360-992-2939

Continuing Education courses offer an array of personal enrichment and self-improvement courses designed to enhance your life and offer an opportunity to explore new interests. Taught by talented instructors, our courses make the most of the wide resources offered by Clark College. Continuing Education has something for everyone, with classes that cover such topics as computers, finance, world language and culture, dance, fitness and gardening. Many classes are appropriate for the whole family, and new classes are offered quarterly.

### **Cooking and Wine School**

360-992-2163

The Cooking and Wine School, located at Clark College at Columbia Tech Center, offers fun and educational classes designed for the home cook, with a variety of demonstration and hands-on opportunities. In the well-appointed kitchen classroom, credentialed instructors educate about nutrition and world culture while building students' skills. Classes contain a "green" emphasis to reflect the commitment to environmental sustainability found throughout the LEED-certified building. Additionally, skill-building courses for the burgeoning local wine and hospitality industry are offered. The space is also available for private rentals.

### **Customized Training**

877-473-1600

Customized Training is the college's primary means of providing high-quality, effective learning solutions to both public and private sectors in the business community. By using a large pool of talented Clark College faculty, adjunct instructors and pre-qualified service providers, the department offers flexible, competitively priced training and consultation services to any type of business, association or institution.

Customized Training staff work one-on-one with clients to identify specific needs and tailor programs accordingly. Most classes take place on-site at the workplace, which increases convenience and cost-effectiveness. If space or equipment is an issue, the department can provide classrooms and training venues to suit the client's particular needs. Customized Training also coordinates industry-wide workshops, seminars, certificate programs and grant-funded training.

### **Mature Learning**

360-992-2213

Mature Learning is an educational and cultural enrichment program for persons fifty-five (55) years of age and older. The program provides an opportunity to learn in a relaxed atmosphere with no tests, grades or homework. A wide variety of courses are offered including fitness, art, writing, computers, sciences, history, creative writing, health, humanities and others. Most classes meet two hours a week, either on the main Clark campus, at Town Plaza or at other locations in the community. Students also travel by coach to Portland/Vancouver opera, theater, symphonies, art galleries, ballet and lectures.

### **Professional Development**

877-473-1600

The department offers business-focused classes, workshops and seminars that are specially designed to help individuals succeed in today's rapidly changing world. A wide range of topics and disciplines are offered, from computers to

information technology to customer service and leadership development. These classes are open to everyone and range from efficient one-time learning sessions to seminars and certificate programs. Courses and workshops help businesses and business professionals increase their knowledge, productivity, job satisfaction and career success.

## **Workforce Education**

360-992-2483

Workforce Education provides a variety of training and education services that assist individuals pursuing a career pathway starting from Basic Education through certificate- and degree-completion. Integrated learning for Basic Skills students (IBEST) are available to help students gain basic skills while also learning the specific skills necessary for a professional career. Customized training opportunities sponsored under WorkFirst programming are available for individuals who are currently receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) from the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. Career and technical education, as well as customized training, is available in several career-focused areas, and new program options, based on strong employability factors, are introduced each year. Partnerships with the public and private sectors such as the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council, WorkSource Center-Vancouver, and advisory committees composed of representatives from local businesses, provide updated information that allow the college to offer training that is in demand and has wage and career growth potential. The Apprenticeship program provides tuition waivers for trainees participating in state-approved apprenticeship agreements.