



Walla Walla Community College...

Our Commitments to You!

Institutional Commitment

Walla Walla Community College will continue to embrace its Mission, Vision, Core Themes, and Institutional Values, which include generosity and kindness to others. WWCC plays an important role in both furthering the principles and values of an educated citizenry and in being a catalyst that transforms our students' lives and the communities we serve by impacting their economic prosperity.

Vision Statement for Equity and Inclusion

Walla Walla Community College will create an equitable and inclusive learning environment.

Mission Statement for Equity and Inclusion

Transform Walla Walla Community College's culture and practices by embedding equity and inclusion competencies that support the success of all students, faculty, and staff.

Institutional Policies and Practices Protecting WWCC Constituents

- **Confidentiality of Student Records Policy** – In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), WWCC enforces guidelines concerning information about the student's permanent educational record and governs the conditions of its disclosure. The College will not provide information contained in student records in response to inquiries unless the student has given consent to the College in writing. While the college may provide directory information, exceptions will be made if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals or disclosure is required by law and court mandated. Any law enforcement agent in search of an individual or seeking institutional information should be directed to the Vice President of Student Affairs Office.
- **Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Policy** – WWCC supports its non-discrimination policy that protects individuals from discrimination and harassment regardless of their age, color, creed, religion, disability, marital status, veteran status, national origin, immigration status, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression not because it is required by law, but because it's the right thing to do. We support and affirm our entire College community, especially those whose identities and communities are marginalized. WWCC celebrates diversity, inclusion and equity, and holds these values at the heart of our College. WWCC also affirms its commitment to rigorous academic debate and inquiry, and never should discrimination and harassment be confused for the former. We call on our College community to engage in civil, respectful conversation with one another and to model for our society what compassion should look like.
- **Student Code of Conduct** – WWCC inspires all students to discover their potential and achieve their goals by providing relevant, equitable, and innovative learning opportunities and services. WWCC students are both citizens and members of the College community. As citizens, students shall enjoy the same freedoms that other citizens enjoy. As members of the College community, they are subject to those responsibilities which accrue to them by virtue of this membership. Admission to WWCC carries with it the expectation that students will conduct themselves as responsible members of the college community, that they will comply with established rules and regulations of the College, maintain high standards of honesty and integrity, and respect the rights, privileges and property of other members of the College community.

For any questions related to this document, please contact the Vice President of Student Affairs Office at (509) 527-4300 or via email at Jose.daSilva@wwcc.edu

Federal and State Regulations Impacting Students

Federal Laws

- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) - This federal law protects the privacy of student records at educational institutions, including elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities.
- Plyler v. Doe - In 1982, this Supreme Court ruling determined that a K-12 education is a fundamental and protected right and will be provided to all children in the United States, regardless of citizenship or residency status.
- Brown v. Board of Education - A federal law where the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that "separate but equal" public schools for African Americans and Caucasians were unconstitutional. The Brown case served as a catalyst for the modern civil rights movement, inspiring education reform everywhere and forming the legal means of challenging segregation in all areas of society.

Federal Policies

- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) - A program established in 2012 by the Obama Administration that directed the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to no longer deport certain undocumented youth who arrived in the United States as children. It is important to note that DACA is temporary and does not provide a path to permanent resident status or U.S. citizenship. Those who are accepted into DACA are issued a two-year permit, and at the end of the two years, may apply to renew their permit if he or she wishes to extend his or her stay in the country.

WA State Regulations

- REAL Hope Act (WA DREAM Act) - The approval of SB 6523, which gave the right for undocumented students in the state of Washington to attend colleges and universities, and to qualify for state-funded financial aid.
- Washington State Law Against Discrimination (RCW 49.60) - A Washington state regulation that protects individuals from any form of discrimination based on any protected class, including discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Institutional Resources

- * Admissions and Registrar (Student Records)
 - ◆ Phone: (509) 527 - 4283 (Walla Walla)
 - ◆ Phone: (509) 758 - 3339 (Clarkston)
 - ◆ Email: www.wbcc.edu/admissions
- * Counseling Services
 - ◆ Phone: (509) 527 - 4262 (Walla Walla)
 - ◆ Phone: (509) 758 - 1713 (Clarkston)
 - ◆ Email: Counseling@wbcc.edu
- * Equity Specialist (Interim)
 - ◆ Daryl Miller - (509) 527 - 4320
 - ◆ Email: daryl.miller@wbcc.edu
- * Student Government and Student Clubs
 - ◆ Phone: (509) 527 - 4307 (Walla Walla)
 - ◆ Phone: (509) 758 - 3339 (Clarkston)
 - ◆ Website: www.wbcc.edu/asb
- * Financial Services (Aid)
 - ◆ Phone: (509) 527 - 4301 (Walla Walla)
 - ◆ Phone: (509) 758 - 1700 (Clarkston)
 - ◆ Website: www.wbcc.edu/financial-aid

Local Resources

- * Trevor Project Lifeline (LGBTQ Support) - www.thetrevorproject.org/
- * Blue Mountain Action Council Volunteer Attorney Program - www.probono.net/
- * Up-to-Date Regulations about Immigration Services - www.mydocumentedlife.org/
- * National Suicide Prevention Hotline - (800) 273 - 8255
- * HELPLINE Walla Walla - www.helplineww.org/

National Resources

- * Dream Act Portal - www.dreamact.info
- * DreamActivist - www.dreamactivist.org
- * National Immigration Law Center - www.nilc.org
- * Pew Hispanic Center - www.pewhispanic.org
- * Citizenship and Immigration Services - www.USCIS.gov

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