Hey Seniors! No matter how the 2020 school year wraps up, WCC is here with open arms for you to pursue your college education this coming Fall. Our Outreach team is here to support you every step of the way.
Outreach | Outreach@whatcom.edu
Carmen | cgreen@whatcom.edu
Lizbeth | lgonzalezvasquez@whatcom.edu

Outreach, but Make it Zoom | Zoom ID
3603833002 | Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 3:00pm |
Zoom in to talk with Carmen and Lizbeth, and ask any and all of your WCC questions!

Follow @OutreachWCC on Instagram for helpful guidance, updates, and tips

360.383.3002
If you're unsure where you are in the process, or have any questions at all, contact outreach@whatcom.edu

Find your person*

Apply to WCC

Apply for Financial Aid

English Placement

Math Placement

Attend Wave Orientation to register for your first quarter

*Navigating all of these steps can be challenging. Reach out. Respond to emails. Connect with Outreach. Even in this virtual world, there is always a person at WCC who cares on the other side of the screen.❤️
Throughout the virtual enrollment process, our **Student Technology Helpdesk** is here for you!

studenthelpdesk@whatcom.edu | 360.383.3410

- Student network accounts
- MyWCC
- Student email
- Use of online resources/software

If you are having difficulty with Wifi, please connect with **Outreach** over the **phone**, and we will support you through the enrollment process!
Apply to WCC

- Apply online
  - Application is free
  - Make sure you select Fall 2020
  - Allow 'pop-ups' on your web browser
- You will receive an Admissions Email with your SID from WCC within 2-3 business days from registration@whatcom.edu
- You will receive an email with instructions to set up your Student Network Account from studenthelpdesk@whatcom.edu soon after
  - Set up your MyWCC student portal
  - Your PIN number is your 6 digit birthday (MMDDYY).
    - If your PIN is not working, it may not be generated yet since Fall 2020 is a ways off in the future! Please let Outreach know, and we can generate it for you
Apply for Financial Aid

- Apply for financial aid by submitting either a FAFSA or a WASFA
  - FAFSA | Free Application for Federal Student Aid | fafsa.gov
  - WASFA | Washington Application for State Financial Aid | readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa | For students and families who are eligible for State Aid rather than Federal Aid
- Make sure you apply for 2020 - 2021 financial aid!
- Most questions can be directed to outreach@whatcom.edu
  - For more specific questions, contact the WCC Financial Aid office at finaid@whatcom.edu
- Already applied for Financial Aid? Check the status of your application through the Financial Aid Portal
- Need support breaking down your financial aid award letter? Outreach can help with that!
English Placement

- You can do your English Placement **independently**, from home
- **English Placement** is done through a questionnaire called **Informed Self Placement for English**. Follow the link, or, you can access it within your MyWCC > Advising > English Placement
- You get to **choose** your English Placement based off of the information provided about each class
  - Your choice will be linked to your student account, and inform which courses you register for
- Having trouble accessing your MyWCC? Need guidance on which class would be the best fit? Contact outreach@whatcom.edu
Since shifting to virtual services, Math Placement looks a little different!

Email outreach@whatcom.edu to make an appointment with Carmen or Lizbeth

- We'll have a conversation about what course will be your best fit, and send your choice to registration
- No test, no stress, just a conversation 🤓

There are various tools we will use to make a smart Math Placement choice

- **Prior credit** - If you've taken a college level math course, or have achieved a certain grade in your high school class
- **WCC Math Course Descriptions** to see how your math skills align with each class
- If you're feeling uncertain about where your math skills are, you can take a **practice ALEKS Math Placement test** and use the results as a gauge for your math preparedness
  - ALEKS be found within your **MyWCC > Advising > ALEKS Placement Test**
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- New student registration for Fall Quarter will open **Mid-July. Stay tuned, dates may shift!**
  - *Your first day of Fall Quarter will be in late September*
    - *don't stress, you have plenty of time!*

- **Wave Orientation**
  - Look out this summer for your invitation to Wave
    - You can always register for Wave online
  - At Wave, you will connect with an Academic Advisor and Register for classes
  - It is important to complete Placement in preparation for Wave. Reference the Orientation Checklist
  - *We are hopeful that we will be back on campus by August! If not, we'll shift to online Orientation & Registration*
1. I did a few classes through Running Start. Do I have to reapply for Fall 2020?
   a. Yes
2. I took a Bridge to College Math Class and I don't see it on the guide. Can I use this class for placement?
   a. Yes. Please connect with Outreach to discuss your grade, and placement
3. I think I applied to WCC, but I can't find any of the emails from your school.
   a. That's okay! Please connect with Outreach, and we can get you a new Admissions Email, and Student Network Account instructions
4. I had an IEP or 504 Plan in high school. Can I get accommodations at WCC?
   a. Yes. In college, it's important you reach out to advocate for yourself. To get accommodations, contact Access & Disability Support Services at ADS@whatcom.edu. As always, you can contact Outreach first, and we'll support that connection
5. I already took a college level English/math course. Do I still have to do Placement?
   a. No, but you still need to communicate. Please email outreach@whatcom.edu to look over your transcript and get your placement entered into our system to prepare you for registration
6. Do I need to dress up for ZOOM calls? Do I have to have my video on?
   a. No! We know that video meetings are new and strange. 'Show up' in however you are comfortable, and feel free to even have your video turned off.
Hi Scholars! I'm Carmen :) Nine years ago I was getting ready to graduate from Mount Baker High School...Since then, I've been a student at WCC, and a graduate from WWU. Some of my favorite things are my huge Filipino family, Theo, the family goldendoodle, and sneakers...I love working at Whatcom because my time here as a student changed the trajectory of my personal & professional life, and the staff and teachers who supported me were a huge part of that journey. I want you to share in that experience too.

I admire each and every one of you for getting through this spring. I am so looking forward to connecting with you, and making sure we make freshman year Fall 2020 at WCC a reality for you.

Hi Scholars, I'm Lizbeth! I am pumped to get to meet every one of you in the near future (virtually, for now). My high school journey started at Bellingham High School and I graduated from Squalicum High School in 2015. Then, I completed my transfer degree from Whatcom, and graduated from WWU with my bachelor's in Human Services this last spring. I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family, friends and dog (Panther). I found a supportive group of people at WCC that made me feel like I had a community to go to for anything. This is why I gravitated toward WCC for my career now, to be a resource for others as well.

Since I haven't been out of school for long, I feel proud of the hard work students are putting into their work during these complicated times and I can't wait to connect with you soon.