

About Central



MISSION

Seattle Central Community College promotes educational excellence in a multicultural urban environment. We provide opportunities for academic achievement, workplace preparation, and service to the community.

VALUES

Seattle Central is committed to creating a learning environment that is **accessible, diverse, responsive,** and **innovative.**

Location

Our campus on Broadway in Capitol Hill is the only community college located in the urban core of Seattle.

History

We are Seattle's first community college, serving more than 500,000 students since opening in 1966.

Enrollment

Each quarter we instruct more than 11,000 students.

Access

Anyone may attend Seattle Central. Tuition is approximately half the price of a public four-year college.

Diversity

Our student population is among the most diverse in the state; more than 50 percent of our students are persons of color.

Distinction

We are a member of the National League for Innovation, a prestigious group of community colleges selected for membership based on academic excellence.

Degrees and certificates

- High School Completion/GED
- One-quarter certificates and two-year professional degrees
- Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate of Science (A.S.) transfer degrees
- Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) degree

Specialized training centers

- Seattle Maritime Academy
- Seattle Vocational Institute
- Wood Construction Center

Letter from the president



The community college system is the best anti-poverty program in the nation. The more education a person has, the more life choices they can make. President Barack Obama called education "an issue, if not *the* issue of our time."

As a first-generation college graduate, my own journey proves the transformative power of education. I went from being a high school dropout in South Central Los Angeles to a Job Corps graduate and a college president. At the age of 17 I earned my GED and enrolled at Oregon State University. Years later, it is now my privilege to lead an institution that changes thousands of lives every year.

An investment in education is an investment in the future of our community, state and nation. Today's graduates will work in a global economy and most jobs of the future will require some postsecondary education. We're working closely with our industry partners to ensure our programs are relevant and our graduates are ready for the workforce or further education.

We are proud to be the city's first community college and the only community college in Seattle's downtown core. From our campus atop Capitol Hill, we enjoy being part of one of Seattle's most vibrant and diverse communities.

Please visit our campus in person or online. We're making magic here.

Paul T. Killpatrick, Ph.D.
President, Seattle Central Community College



Seattle Central
Community College

North Seattle
Community College

South Seattle
Community College

Seattle Vocational
Institute

The Seattle Community Colleges

serve students at three comprehensive colleges, a vocational training institute and four specialized training centers, as well as through a virtual campus that enrolls more than 10,000 distance learners—equivalent to a small college.

Seattle Central Community College is a part of the Seattle Community Colleges District VI. It is the largest community college district in the state. Graduates of the Seattle Community Colleges provide the workforce for the Puget Sound region and beyond.

The student body of the Seattle Community Colleges is the most diverse in the Northwest, representing more than 80 different first languages spoken in homes across Seattle.

Together, the three colleges educate more than 52,000 students per year. More students transfer to four-year colleges and universities from the Seattle Community Colleges District than from any other college district in the state.

Seattle Central is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.