

# Online Education and Regional Campuses

## CENTER FOR DISTANCE AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

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The Center for Distance and Professional Education (CDPE) provides leadership for academic outreach activities at Washington State University through online degree programs and continuing education for professionals. Most programs are delivered entirely online, while others are conducted face-to-face in locations around Washington and nationwide. All reflect the WSU commitment to excellence in both content and support services.

CDPE includes two programming units that have separate responsibilities but shared support services. Distance Degree Programs (DDP) offers degree programs delivered in online formats. Conference Management provides professional development non-credit programs in both face-to-face and online formats. Certificate programs are available through both units.

### Program Strengths—

- The research and academic expertise of Washington State University stand behind the institution's online programs.
- WSU's distance and professional programs, faculty, and students have received national awards for innovation and excellence.
- Academic programs and degrees offered through online learning carry credit that is identical to that offered on all WSU campuses.
- The institution's renowned faculty develop and teach these courses, and significant interaction among students and faculty are built into all online programs.

Opportunities for students and alumni to connect to the WSU community are an integral part of the online programs. These include online student government, events at sites around Washington, the Alumni Association, and mentoring programs. In addition, on-campus experiences are offered several times each year for students to visit the WSU Pullman campus and interact with faculty, support staff, and fellow students.

Non-credit continuing Education programs also offer students a connection with real world audiences and issues of importance to society. Professional education programs delivered through CDPE showcase the strengths of WSU research and instruction and raise awareness of important societal issues for professional audiences beyond the campus. For all CDPE programs, support services assure that students and professional clients receive the help they need to succeed in their programs.

**Distance Degree Programs—**Working in partnership with WSU academic departments and colleges, DDP delivers undergraduate online degree completion programs that are an ideal choice for working adults who are seeking a program that offers both flexibility and high quality. Distance degree programs are provided in nine academic areas: social sciences, criminal justice, entrepreneurship, humanities, management and operations, management information systems, accounting, human development, and women's studies. Online graduate programs are available in agriculture and in engineering and technology management; an online MBA is also offered. A combination of online and on-site delivery options are used to provide graduate and undergraduate education programs related to teaching. Additional programs are currently under development.

Staff provide course delivery, admissions and registration, and advising services. Call 800-222-4978 or visit our Web site at [online.wsu.edu](http://online.wsu.edu) for more information.

**Conference Management—**CDPE provides educational programs for professionals in the workplace throughout the state, region, and nation through its Conference Management unit. Programs are offered through a variety of delivery methods such as seminars, conferences, and hands-on

workshops. An experienced and creative staff provides a full range of conference support services, including marketing and publicity, registration and financial management, and vendor contract negotiation and coordination. Customized programs are created by WSU faculty and outside content experts, in partnership with Conference Management staff, to provide up-to-date knowledge and skills to professionals in business, industry, education, government, non-profit organizations, and trade associations. WSU students are frequently offered opportunities to attend and participate in these educational programs for working professionals, providing connections to real world experiences to enhance the students' learning environment at WSU. Call 800-942-4978 or visit our Web site at [conferences.wsu.edu](http://conferences.wsu.edu) for information about available programs.

**Certificate Programs—**Certificate programs provide a series of related courses leading to the development of new professional skills. CDPE offers a number of these programs through online and other formats:

- The online Professional Writing Certificate allows students to develop a base of skills and knowledge for effective communication in the professional worlds they want to enter or have already entered.
- The online Early Childhood Development and Care Certificate focuses on the impacts of educational approaches, social policies, and prevention/intervention strategies on children, youth, and families.
- The online Organic Agriculture Certificate supports the development of knowledge and skills applicable to all industries and agencies involved in the food chain.
- Other customized, non-credit, certificate programs in both online and face-to-face formats are available, and new programs are under development.

## SPOKANE CAMPUS

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WSU Spokane provides graduate and upper-division undergraduate programs in a number of specialty fields, including health sciences, design, education, management, and criminal justice. It combines the resources of a nationally ranked public research university with the opportunities provided by its urban setting to create an ideal learning atmosphere. WSU Spokane's 50-acre Riverpoint Campus in the University District is immediately adjacent to the vibrant downtown area and bordered by the Spokane River and Centennial Trail. The developing campus features modern buildings that house state-of-the-art classrooms, design studios, labs, and clinics. Nationally and internationally recognized faculty enrich the student learning experience.

There is a growing focus on the health sciences at WSU Spokane. The campus is the site of the final stages of professional education for all WSU students enrolled in pharmacy, and since the completion of the new Nursing Building in late 2008, has been home to more than 600 undergraduate and graduate nursing students. Since fall 2008, WSU Spokane houses a cohort of 20 first-year medical students who are part of the WWAMI program, a partnership between universities and governments of the five participating states (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho) to make medical education accessible to Northwest students. Other health sciences programs offered by WSU at the Spokane Campus include baccalaureate completion degree programs in exercise physiology and metabolism and speech and hearing sciences, as well as graduate programs

in exercise science and speech and hearing sciences.

Health sciences students enjoy opportunities to participate in the world-class research being conducted at WSU Spokane in the areas of sleep and neuroscience, chromosome biology, and substance abuse, among others. Through campus partnerships with the medical community in the Spokane area—considered to be the Inland Northwest's premier health care center—they also have a wide choice of sites for clinical placements and internships.

Created to foster collaborative learning among the design disciplines, the Interdisciplinary Design Institute at WSU Spokane brings together undergraduate students in interior design and graduate students in architecture, interior design, and landscape architecture to advance knowledge that enhances the quality of people's lives in the built and natural environment. As part of their experience, students tackle real-life design challenges that build their professional skills while serving the community.

Education offerings at WSU Spokane focus on educational leadership and include master's and doctoral programs and certificate programs for aspiring principals, program administrators, and superintendents. Spokane program options also include a Master of Teaching. The College of Education is a key player in the Riverpoint Partnership for Math and Science, a collaboration between Spokane area high schools and colleges to help all students become proficient in math and science.

Managers and other business professionals can build on their skills through one of three graduate programs offered on the Spokane Campus: an 18-month executive MBA program, a master of health policy and administration program, and a master of engineering and technology management program. Master's and doctoral degrees in criminal justice are also available.

Students at WSU Spokane range from full-time, traditional students to working adults balancing family responsibilities and community involvement with their studies. More than 1,500 students from across the nation and around the world choose WSU Spokane as their destination. An active student government and a number of student clubs provide leadership and service opportunities.

## TRI-CITIES CAMPUS

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Situated on 300 acres along the banks of the Columbia River in Richland, Washington State University Tri-Cities delivers undergraduate and graduate education to approximately 1200 students in the Mid-Columbia Basin and surrounding region. Undergraduate degrees may be earned in business administration, computer science, digital technology and culture, elementary education, English, environmental science, humanities, general science, general physical science, history, horticulture (viticulture and enology), mechanical engineering, nursing, and psychology. The campus works very closely with the region's community colleges to ensure that students can easily transfer to WSU Tri-Cities and has a number of collaborative degree programs wherein students simultaneously take courses at both WSU Tri-Cities and a community college.

Students may earn graduate degrees in biology, business administration, chemistry, computer science, education (principal & administration, counseling, educational leadership, elementary, secondary, and literacy), electrical engineering, environmental engineering, environmental science, mechanical engineering, and nursing. Doctoral degrees are offered in computer science, electrical engineering, environmental science, and mechanical engineering.

Much of the research conducted at Washington State University Tri-Cities responds to the unique needs of the region. The Bioproducts, Sciences and Engineering Laboratory, operated jointly with the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, conducts world class research in bioproducts, bioenergy and the development of technologies to convert biomass to products and fuels. The WSU Center for Bioproducts and Bioenergy on the Tri-Cities campus provides a joint partnership with the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, statewide, national and international industry in bioproducts and bioenergy research and education. The Food and Environmental Quality Laboratory and the Washington State Pest Management Resource Service are also located on the campus. This laboratory conducts research to assist farmers, orchardists, and other pesticide users with residue analyses and risk-benefit assessments. The University's Southeast Regional Extension offices provide a variety of service-

based expertise to the citizens of the region. The administrative offices for the United States Transuranium and Uranium Registries are housed on the campus. Cooperative research and internship opportunities are available with the U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and other Hanford Site contractors. The site contractors provide valuable expertise, facilities, and equipment not available at most universities. The WSU Tri-Cities' library and the Hanford Technical Library are co-located on campus in the Consolidated Information Center, providing greater access to library material for WSU students and faculty and Hanford Site personnel.

Public radio and television programs serve the Mid-Columbia Basin region via KFAE-FM and KTNW-TV. The Yakima Valley/Tri-Cities Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program prepares youth in underrepresented groups to pursue education and careers in math, engineering, and science. The Harvest of Hope Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) and the One Vision GEAR UP Program help youths and their families understand the importance of higher education and how to prepare for college. Business LINKS provides counseling, training, and mentoring to emerging and expanding businesses. It also coordinates the Business Information Center.

## VANCOUVER CAMPUS

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Located on 351 scenic acres about 10 miles north of Portland, Oregon, Washington State University Vancouver provides quality education to residents of local Southwest Washington and Oregon communities. With a student population of more than 2,500, WSU Vancouver offers a small college atmosphere with public university access. Since its establishment in 1989, WSU Vancouver has graduated more than 6,000 alumni, many of whom currently live and work in the region.

**Degree Programs**—Sixteen bachelor's, 10 master's degrees, and one doctorate degree are attainable through freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, and graduate-level courses in more than 36 fields of study. Bachelor's degrees include anthropology, biology, business administration, computer science, digital technology and culture, education, electrical engineering, English, environmental science, human development, humanities, mechanical engineering, nursing, psychology, public affairs, and social sciences. Within these degree programs, students may concentrate their studies in a variety of areas, from anthropology to women's studies.

Master's degrees include accounting (MACC), business administration (MBA), computer science (MS), education (EdM), environmental science (MS), history (MA), mechanical engineering (MS), nursing (MN), public affairs (MPA), and teaching (MIT).

WSU Vancouver also offers a doctorate degree in education (Ed.D.).

The WSU Vancouver University Scholars Program offers alternative coursework to meet General Education Requirements (GERs) through seminars, lecture series, and a senior project. It offers highly motivated and high-achieving students the opportunity for small classes and personalized attention to research projects on campus and in the community.

**Campus and Student Life**—The campus features eight academic buildings as well as a bookstore, cafeteria, student commons and student services center, study hall areas, sports court, fitness center, art galleries, and a system of biking and pedestrian trails, all framed in a beautiful campus setting between scenic views of Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens. Facilities also include computer, engineering, multimedia, nursing, psychology, and science laboratories, as well as a library carrying more than 25,000 books, access to more than 100 databases, 9,000 full-text online journals, and extensive Web connections that make the library a personal gateway to worldwide research materials.

Student life centers around a variety of activities, including an active student government and more than 40 recognized student organizations. In addition, a child development program on campus provides onsite childcare opportunities for students, faculty, and community members with children.

**Faculty and Research**—More than 130 Ph.D. faculty provide WSU Vancouver with academic expertise spanning a variety of subjects. Faculty are actively involved in research in such areas as global climate change, domestic violence, criminal justice, child psychology, education, public affairs, and

genetics, among others. Diverse topics such as artificial intelligence, marine ecology, environmental regulation, workplace behaviors, and computer-aided engineering are taught by professors with expertise in their respective fields. Quality instruction and an emphasis on individual attention also characterize the WSU Vancouver student experience, with a faculty student ratio of approximately 14 to 1.

**Community Partnerships**—WSU Vancouver's involvement in the many communities it serves ranges from the extension of its academic programs to the WSU Learning Center in Longview to partnerships with other universities and community colleges.

**Some of WSU Vancouver's community activities include:**

**The Co-Admission Program:** The Co-admission program provides an early bridge for students from Clark College in Vancouver and Lower Columbia College in Longview who plan to complete their bachelor's degree at WSU Vancouver. Co-admission students fill out a single application, have their transcripts automatically transferred from one school to the other at no charge, and take advantage of services at both the community college and WSU Vancouver.

**Partnerships for Elementary Science Education:** Grants from the National Science Foundation have been instrumental in advancing science education in the region's elementary schools. WSU faculty serve as science resources for classroom teachers, working to strengthen their understanding of science principles and processes.

**The Center for Columbia River History:** A cooperative effort between WSU Vancouver, Portland State University, and the Washington State Historical Society, the center focuses on research and public education on the history of the Columbia River Basin.

Solid partnerships with the local business community, health and human services and other public agencies, local school districts, and community foundations enable WSU Vancouver to maintain a vital link to the community and the public it is serving.