

High School Programs

Career Education Options

If you're 16–21, live in Cowlitz or Wahkiakum Counties, are behind in credits and won't be able to graduate from high school on time, and have conditions that interfere with the traditional high school structure, Career Education Options (CEO) may be for you. Self-paced courses cover all of the necessary credits to earn a diploma and there is also an opportunity to take college level courses. You'll work toward your regular high school diploma and may get help earning a college certificate or degree as well. See below for contact and other important information.

Phone number: **(360) 442-2691**

Webpage: lowercolumbia.edu/ceo

Located in International Center (INC)

Career Pathways

You may have already earned college credit by completing Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses at your high school. Career Pathways Credits provide a seamless pathway between articulated high school CTE classes and LCC professional/technical programs. See below for contact and other important information.

Phone number: **(360) 442-2610**

Webpage: lowercolumbia.edu/career-pathways

Located in Admissions Center (ADC)

General Education Development (GED)

Lower Columbia College is an official GED testing center. Adults who did not finish high school may earn high school credentials by taking this series of four tests. Practice and instruction is also available to help pass the GED test. Students review and receive help with writing skills, social studies, science, reading, literature and arts, mathematics and test taking. Students work individually or in small groups with the assistance of an instructor. Classes are available at LCC and at community locations. See below for contact and other important information.

Phone number: **(360) 442-2353**

Webpage: lowercolumbia.edu/ged

Located in Admissions Center (ADC)

High School 21+

Students, 21 years or older, who want to finish, or earn, a Washington State High School Diploma and prepare for college or career conveniently and affordably, enroll in the High School 21+ program (HS21+).

Tailored for adults with busy schedules, HS21+ high school credit bearing classes are available morning,

afternoon, and evening at several locations including LCC, Goodwill, and Woodland and in a variety of formats including face-to-face, hybrid, and online.

Different than traditional high school completion programs, High School 21+:

- awards credit for prior learning achieved through work, life, and military experience
- awards credit for previous high school and college transcripts
- offers a diploma that is more accepted by the military than other equivalency options
- opens the door to federal financial aid for college
- helps to develop or refresh the knowledge and skills required for college-level classes
- helps students prepare for college entrance exams

Students must demonstrate competency in English and math in the context of required subjects including science, history, government, occupational education, health and fine arts. Tuition is just \$25 per quarter. Financial assistance is available for those who need it. See below for contact and other important information.

Phone number: **(360) 442-2580**

Webpage: lowercolumbia.edu/transitional/hs-21

Located in Vocational 159 (VOC 159)

Running Start

Running Start allows qualifying Washington State high school juniors and seniors to enroll into college level courses and earn college and high school credits at the same time. The program covers tuition costs for those who meet minimum academic requirements. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch may also receive assistance with fees and books. Visit LCC's Running Start webpages or call the Running Start Office to learn more. See below for contact and other important information.

Phone number: **(360) 442-2442**

Webpage: lowercolumbia.edu/running-start

Located in Student Center, second floor (STC)