RUNNING START
@LWTECH
Personalized Support
Less expensive
Transfer and
Vocational Programs
ABOUT LWTECH

Washington State’s ONLY Public Institute of Technology

Demographics

- 6,500+ Students Annually
- 3,300+ Full-time Students
- 60% Female to Male
- 35% People of Color
- Average age of an LWTech student is 30
- 40% of Students Work while Attending
- Students from 24 Countries
- 27% Enrolled with a Degree (associate or higher)
- 83.3% of Students are employed within 9 months of graduating
Running Start students can take both Academic and Vocational Courses

For example:

- Arts
- Business
- Communication
- English
- History, Political Science
- Mathematics
- Nutrition
- Psychology
- Science: Biology, Chemistry, Env. Science, Physics
- Spanish, American Sign Language
- Accounting
- Auto Repair, Auto Body

- Business Technology
- Computing
- Culinary or Baking Arts
- Electrical Technologies
- Horticulture
- Mechanical Design Technology
- Sewing
- Welding

And more!
What Makes LWTech Unique?

• Personal attention
• Hands-on, applied learning
• Small class sizes
• Industry-driven credentials
• Diverse student body
• Certificates, Associates, Bachelor, and Transfer degrees
What is Running Start?

• A Dual Enrollment program open to high school students with Junior or Senior status in high school. Students can also choose to take classes both at their home High School and at LWTech.

• Students earn both high school and college credit for college level courses.

• Students are admitted during Fall, Winter and Spring quarters. Registration begins about two months prior to the start of the quarter (except for Fall enrollment which opens in May).
What is Running Start?

- Free College Tuition (100+ level course)
- Students pay course and lab fees. Note: these fees are waived for qualified low-income students.
- Maximum enrollment is 15 credits (about 3 classes)
- Eligibility:
  - Place in English 101
  - No minimum GPA required
What is Running Start?

• 5 college credits = 1 high school credit

• RS students must meet all high school requirements to earn diploma from home high school

• All typical grade 11 and 12 high school requirements can be met at LWTech

• LWTech offers college prerequisites and general education courses, in addition to vocational and technical programs
WHO IS A GOOD FIT?

- Jumpstart on college while in high school
- Stay connected to high school
- Prefer smaller class sizes, smaller college/university
- Pursue technical certificates or degree program
- Want hands on training for a job
- Want to transfer to a university
- Want to explore career options
CONSIDER THIS

Differences between High School and Running Start

• Transportation not provided
• High school graduation requirements are tracked by high school counselor, NOT by LWTech academic advisor
• FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act): Instructors are not allowed to provide student information to parents without student’s consent
• Disability services: to request special accommodation, students with disability must apply with LWTech Disability Student Services (DSS).
Steps to Enroll

1) Check Eligibility
   • Student needs to provide proof of placement into English 101 by one of the methods listed below:
     • Placement test at LWTech (FREE) or at other colleges
     • English Smarter Balanced Assessment scores of either L3 or L4
     • Provide transcript showing college English grade, 2.0 or higher

2) Fill out Running Start Application
   • Link to application forms sent to parent email once eligibility is determined.

3) Registration for Class
   • Make an appointment with the Running Start advisor to register for class. Call (425) 739-8107!
   • Running Start Enrollment Verification Form must be signed High school counselor before registration
   • Deadline to register for classes is 1 business day prior to the start date of each quarter.
Placement Process

- **English Placement (must place into English 101)**
  - Placement test at LWTech (FREE) or at other colleges
  - English Smarter Balanced Assessment scores of either L3 or L4
  - Provide transcript showing college English grade, 2.0 or higher

- **Math Placement**
  - Not required for RS Eligibility
  - May need Math Placement before registering for classes
  - Math placement test at LWTech: WAMAP

- **LWTech Assessment Center**
  - Call High School Programs to arrange placement exam: (425)739-8107!
  - On the day of test, visit HS programs office first with photo ID
  - Student can take each exam ONCE
UPCOMING INFO SESSIONS

Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. W404B on Kirkland Campus or Virtual via Zoom

Visit lwtech.edu/runningstart to register online

1:1 Information meeting is available per appointment.

Register online or email:
- Running.Start@LWTech.edu
- (425) 739-8107
Running Start at LWTech is less expensive!

• No Enrollment Fees
  • No Application Fees
  • No Running Start Admission Fees
  • No Placement Testing Fees

• Textbook Loan Program
  • Available to ALL Running Start students

• Qualified Low-income Family
  • ORCA card
  • Course & Lab fees waived

• FREE PARKING!
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