

Workforce Development Newsletter

Fall Quarter 2021

Workforce Development is Here to Help

Judith Miller was a student in the HR Management program at LWTech. During the COVID outbreak, her job was deemed as non-essential causing her and many others in her industry to be laid off. Judith ended up finding out about Workforce Development through her professors, information on CANVAS, and in-person conversations with classmates and instructors. She reached out to Workforce for help, and with the help of Jayne Heyde, she was able to receive book vouchers and tuition assistance. Judith stated, "I was so close to finishing my degree, and after losing my job I was worried about my ability to still attend classes. I am very thankful for the help I received. It relieved my anxiety, and I was able to finish strong with no worries. I had constant reassurance from Jayne that everything would be figured out, and it was." Judith now has her degree and has a message for anyone who is struggling to reach out for help. "At some point in your life you may need help, everyone may need help, and it's okay to take that help."
— *Workforce Program Student - Judith Miller 2021*

Workforce Development Programs

BFET

The Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET) program provides aid to LWTech students receiving federal Basic Food Assistance (food stamps) from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Opportunity Grant

The Opportunity Grant Scholarship supports educational training for low-income students pursuing careers in high-wage, high-demand positions.

Worker Retraining

The Worker Retraining program at LWTech provides funding and support for eligible dislocated and unemployed workers in training or retraining that will assist them in regaining employment.

Workfirst

The WorkFirst program provides aid to LWTech students receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) from DSHS.

Questions?

If you have any questions about Workforce Development or want more information about any of our programs. Visit our website LWTech.edu/WFD

Start Next Quarter

If you are not a WFD student yet, take the "Start Next Quarter" survey to see if you may qualify for any of our other Workforce Development Programs!

If you are a current WFD student, please encourage friends and classmates to take the "[Start Next Quarter](#)" survey and get access to funding and support!

The RISE Center

Resources for Inclusion, Support, and Empowerment Center (RISE Center) aims to build an equitable and inclusive campus environment for all students. Additionally, the center is a support service for students from traditionally underrepresented and underserved backgrounds.

Programs and Services

- On-Campus Student Lounge
- Social Justice Library
- Scholarship Information
- Guidance and Referral Services
- And more!

Contacts

- Email: RiseCenter@LWTech.edu
- Phone: (425) 739-8692

Student Lingo

StudentLingo is a series of online, interactive workshops focused on helping LWTech students achieve their academic and career goals. Choose from different categories. Sign in [HERE](#) and check out this quarters recommended videos.

Recommended Videos

- Communicating Online
- Wellbeing and Success
- Stress Management
- Setting Goals

Scholarships and Funding

- [FAFSA](#) and [WAFSA](#) now open for 2022 – 2023.
- Check out [Washboard.org](#) for scholarship opportunities.
- Look at our [RISE center page](#) for LWTech scholarships.

Community Resources

Check out our [Community Resources](#) to assist with basic needs like food, housing, transportation, counseling, and other expenses and support.

- [Washington Connection](#)
- [Orca](#)
- [YWCA](#)

Basic Food Assistance

Basic Food Assistance - If you or your family needs support buying groceries, Basic Food is for you. What is Basic Food? Also known as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Basic Food helps Washingtonians by providing monthly benefits to buy food. A family of four may receive over \$600/month. As a student, it also might make you eligible for the LWTech BFET program, which may include assistance with tuition, books, and supplies. Go to wafoodhelp.org or check out the Applying for Food Benefits video.

Applying for Food Benefits

- Check out our “Applying for Food Benefits” Video to see how you might be able to get support! Go to our [LWTech YouTube](#) channel to watch a video.

Learn more about Workforce Programs

- Learn about Workforce Development programs and eligibility guidelines to qualify for tuition, book, and supply assistance. Go to our [LWTech YouTube](#) channel to watch a video.

Have any Questions? Contact Us.

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