

# National Leaders in TRANSFER

## National Leaders in the Completion of Bachelor's Degrees for Transfer Students

Washington's public four-year sector ranks **2nd in the nation** for the proportion of transfer students who begin at a community or technical college and earn a bachelor's degree. In fact, time to degree is not significantly different for transfer students than for students enrolled directly from high school.<sup>1</sup>

## Destinations for Community and Technical College Transfer Students

Of the Washington community and technical college students who transfer to a Washington public four-year institution, 72% transfer with an Associates' degree. In fact, nearly **40%** of the graduates of the Class of 2016 from Washington's public four-year institutions were community and technical college transfer students.<sup>2</sup>

## Workforce Preparation for Career Success

Demand for a postsecondary credential continues to grow. While the COVID-19 pandemic has created uncertainties for new and returning students, the value of a college education remains steadfast. Compared to workers with no more than a high school diploma, workers with at least some college increase their lifetime earnings, on average, by 14%; these earnings increase to 23% with an associate's degree, **66% with a bachelor's degree**, and 123% with graduate education.<sup>3</sup> Further, college degree holders experienced **lower unemployment rates** during the pandemic compared to those without.<sup>4</sup>

### Professional Technical Pathways



A variety of professional technical credit pathways exist in both statewide transfer agreements and through institution-to-institution agreements.

### Committed to Collaboration



Several cross-sector, statewide groups focus on increasing efficiency and improving transfer, including the Joint Transfer Council and the Intercollege Relations Commission.

### College Credit Earned in High School



Washington's public four-year college and universities continue to recognize college credit earned in high school. This provides a multitude of benefits to students.

#### Sources:

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4. [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' August 2020 Report.](#)