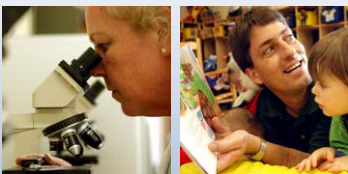


Welcome to the Workforce Excellence Newsletter!

Our focus is to bring you updates and changes taking place through Workforce Development that impact you and the local community. We look forward to hearing your feedback.

... You have a gift when it comes to organizing and defining what needs to be done.

Kitsap Intern Employer



Welcome, WFD Dean Amy Hatfield !

Olympic College welcomes Amy Hatfield as the new Dean of Workforce Development and Basic Studies. Hatfield returns to Olympic College after working two years with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, where she served as a Program Administrator for the WorkFirst program. Through her efforts at the State Board, she improved education opportunities for WorkFirst students.

Here at Olympic College, Amy served as the Director of WorkFirst and Special Projects. She contributed to OC's selection as an I-Best pilot site and to the proposal for a Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree. She also served as interim director of Tech Prep.

Hatfield holds an MBA and MA from Boston University. She enjoys being a lifelong learner and has taken classes from universities around the nation. Her experiences make her well-suited to respond to the needs of our college and the community.

Upcoming: Internship and Community Volunteer Service Fair Set for Thursday, November 6, 2008

Olympic College's Career Services Staff hosts their 9th annual Internship and Community Volunteer Service Fair. This event is designed to acquaint students with the tremendous career development and civic opportunities that exist with organizations and agencies within our community.

We partner with Western Washington University, Old Dominion University and Saint Martin's University. The Fair is a great example of our combined efforts to provide events and activities that connect students with employers and career development opportunities. Through these activities, internships, and community volunteer service positions, students are able to bridge their classroom theory with the world of work. In addition to enhanced skill development, students learn the value of networking, team building, and acquiring strong resume material.

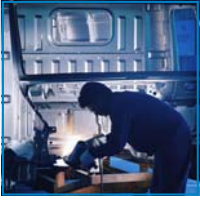
Employers recruiting our students and graduates continue to stress the importance of relevant work integrated learning experiences. Employers have also stated that students who match their field of study with direct workplace experience tend to be stronger employee candidates.

Our mutual efforts aide in providing students with real work experience that contributes to our community. The Internship and Community Volunteer Service Fair is a win-win for students, service organizations, agencies, and community members. For information, contact Lori Fagan at (360) 475-7480.

Internship and Community Volunteer Service Fair

WHEN:	Thursday November 6, 2008
WHERE:	Bremer Student Center, Main Campus
TIME:	1:00-5:30pm
REGISTER:	Employers may register to attend by calling for (360) 475-7480

Two New Programs to Begin Winter Quarter: Manufacturing Technology



Olympic College's new Manufacturing Technology Program was developed in response to local manufacturing companies' request for help in finding qualified entry-level workers for their industry. Employers asked for a program that would include soft skills, safety, basic knowledge of manufacturing terms and processes, familiarity with manufacturing drawings and some experience working with tools and equipment. This will be an entry-level program divided into two modules. Students successfully completing both modules will earn a Certificate of Completion. The OC program courses will be offered winter quarter at West Sound Technical Skills Center, where we will share space with the WST Precision Machining Program. OC teamed with Bellingham Technical College, Grays Harbor College and Peninsula College to apply for a Department of Labor Grant to advance Manufacturing programs at all of these schools. We will use our share of the grant money to fund the start-up and operation of this new program.

Environmental Studies



The State Board of Community and Technical Colleges has endorsed Olympic College's proposal to start an Environmental Studies Program. The new program will begin with a Certificate of Proficiency that will include courses on Environmental Careers, Introduction to Natural Resources, Wetland Ecology and Conservation, Introduction to Sustainable Practices and other courses such as Environmental Issues, Math, English, Human Relations in the Workplace, Geography and Co-op Work Experience or Community Volunteer Service. Students will have the opportunity to work in the field each quarter. OC has worked with South Kitsap School District, North Kitsap School District, WSU, local businesses and others in developing the program. We hope to have approval of the Certificate in time to offer the program winter quarter. We will continue working towards the development of a two-year degree in Natural Resources. OC also is providing training this year for Veterans through the Veteran's Environmental Academy Program, which will use courses from this new program.

OUR MISSION:

Strengthening our community by linking education and employment to create a skilled workforce.

**Olympic College
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Internet Resources for Employers



- **O*NET**
- **Workforce Explorer**
- **Career InfoNet**

Did you know that several quality sites on the internet serve employers who are trying to accurately post, hire and pay for positions within their companies?

Try these sites if you need a clear job description or if you need to compare pay scales from around the state. Workforce Explorer offers median wages throughout the state, and also breaks them down by region.

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