

Community and Technical College Faculty Career Path Information

Community and Technical College faculty in the state of Washington can be divided into three distinct categories:

<p style="text-align: center;">ABE-ESL-ELL Faculty</p>  <p>Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) / English Language Learners (ELL)</p> <p>Tenure track ABE-ESL-ELL faculty typically have earned a master's degree in TESOL or Adult Education. Non-tenure track instructors may have a bachelor's degree and a TESOL certificate or equivalent teaching experience.</p> <p>If you're interested in teaching ABE-ESL-ELL and would like to learn more, explore TESOL programs or get some hands-on experience by volunteering in a classroom. More information regarding TESOL programs can be found at the following link: http://www.tesol.org/.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Professional-Technical (Vocational) Faculty</p>  <p>Professional-Technical (Vocational) faculty teach short-term degree and certificate programs. Courses are often more kinesthetic and focus on preparing students for direct entry to the workforce. Tenured faculty members in the professional-technical area typically have earned a bachelor's or master's degree and also have completed significant work experience in their area of expertise.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Transfer Faculty</p>  <p>Transfer faculty teach courses (e.g. English 101, Math 115, History 104) intended to give community college students the opportunity to earn a degree that will directly transfer to a four-year university of their choosing, where they can complete their final two years of study. Tenured transfer faculty usually possess a master's degree in their area of expertise.</p>
<p>Below are some links to additional information you may find helpful as you explore the possibility of becoming a Community or Technical College faculty member in the state of Washington:</p> <p>Washington Career Bridge This online resource allows the user to explore various careers as well as find public higher education institutions within the state of Washington that offer training for your career of interest.</p> <p>Assessment, Teaching, and Learning This statewide community provides ongoing campus leadership opportunities to improve teaching and learning through assessment and faculty development.</p>		
<p>Below are links to some of the Washington State based programs available at the collegiate level that provide training for those who aim to teach at the Post-Secondary Level:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seattle University: Post-Master's Certificate in Community College Teaching Adult Education and Training (MAEd, MEd)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">South Seattle College: Professional Technical Teacher Education (BAS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Western Washington University: Master of Education in Adult and Higher Education (MEd)</p>		
<p>If you're interested in learning more about this career pathway, contact a local college. See if you can schedule an informational interview with a faculty member teaching in your particular area of interest. It's an excellent opportunity to learn about the nature of teaching at a community or technical college, the positives and the challenges, in addition to general hiring practices. You can also review job announcements to get a sense of overall demand and the types of skills, knowledge, and abilities requested by employers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Click here for current Community and Technical College job openings in Washington</p>		