



# Western Nevada College

## ABOUT WNC

- Since 1971, Western Nevada College has helped students prepare for a variety of careers through associate and bachelor degrees, industry certifications and workforce training.
- WNC's main campus is located in the foothills of the state's capital, Carson City, with additional campuses in Douglas County and Fallon. Our campuses also serve students in Storey and Lyon counties, which include Dayton, Fernley, Yerington, Silver Stage and Virginia City. Through online degrees and courses, we are positioned to serve students throughout the entire state.
- Our campus has been voted more than once to be among the most beautiful campuses in the country. The nearby Sierra mountains and Lake Tahoe offer a playground for hikers, skiers, mountain bikers and anyone who enjoys the outdoors.
- Students thrive at WNC in small class sizes, and our cost is a fraction of what it costs to attend a university. Students stand to save upward of \$5000 per year in tuition and fees.
- In 2017, WNC graduated more than 550 students, which is one of the largest classes to graduate. Eighty-nine (89) of those graduating were Jump Start students, which are high school students who earned a degree before receiving their high school diplomas.
- There are more than 3,700 (3728) students attending WNC this semester, which is an increase compared to last fall.

## WNC DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- WNC offers pathways to bachelor's degrees through associate of arts, science and business degrees that enable students to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree for a fraction of the cost of a university.
- WNC has a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Construction Management, as well as a partnership with Nevada State College, which allows students to study elementary education at WNC.
- WNC has Associate of Applied Science degrees and industry certifications in more than 15 fields, including advancement manufacturing, machining, welding, automotive, criminal justice, nursing, computer technology, deaf studies, graphic design, business and accounting.
- There are new choices for individuals in the New Nevada that our governor has directed his focus to. Through WNC, students can earn an industry-recognized credential in as little as 8-16 weeks and enter the workforce at above-entry level pay. Many are then able to continue their education at WNC while they work.

## NURSING

- WNC's nursing program fuels Northern Nevada hospitals and medical fields with more than 40 registered nurses each year.



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## **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING**

- WNC's advanced manufacturing program aims to meet the growing demands of manufacturers in our area, including Tesla, Panasonic, Click Bond, GE and many others.
- WNC is the only college in the western U.S. that provides Siemens Mechatronic Systems Certification, which trains individuals on the operation of complex production systems.
- We have just completed construction of a new industrial technology lab, which was funded by the NV Energy Foundation. This state-of-the-art facility gives students the ability to learn on equipment that is similar to what they would see on a modern-day manufacturing floor.

## **ONLINE DEGREES**

- WNC offers a number of degrees completely online, enabling individuals to maintain commitments to work and family.
- Offerings include Associate of Arts and Associate of Business transfer degrees, as well as Associate of Applied Science degrees in business, accounting, graphic design, criminal justice and management. Additionally, we provide bookkeeping and networking technician certificates of achievement entirely online.

## **JUMP START COLLEGE**

- Jump Start College is a dual-enrollment opportunity for students in selected Nevada high schools. Students enroll in college courses through Western Nevada College while simultaneously earning high school credits. Jump Start College participants are able to complete up to 60 college credits through WNC.
- WNC graduated 89 high school students with an associate degree in 2017.
- We currently have nearly 500 Jump Start students attending WNC. This represents about 13% of the student population.
- The Jump Start program was recognized as a national exemplar finalist for the ACT College & Career Readiness Campaign.
- WNC's student pass rates for the program were 94% for spring. This rate is considerably higher than high school AP pass rates.
- We are proud of the success of this program, and it is through much work from our faculty, mentors and staff.



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## NEVADA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

- In the past legislative session, Senate Bill 391 was passed, which puts into place the new Nevada Promise Scholarship. The scholarship will cover the cost of tuition and fees at WNC (and other Nevada community colleges) for students graduating high school in 2017.
- Anyone planning to attend WNC next fall must apply for the scholarship no later than Oct. 31 at [www.wnc.edu/promise/](http://www.wnc.edu/promise/)
- The scholarship requires applicants to complete 20 hours of community service no later than April 30 and work with a WNC mentor to ensure that they meet the requirements of the scholarship.
- At WNC, we are excited about the opportunity that this provides to young people in Nevada, and we are committed to helping students through the scholarship process.

## JACK C. DAVIS OBSERVATORY

- A gem on our campus is the observatory. It is named after the late Jack C. Davis, who was WNC's first president.
- The observatory hosts telescope viewing every Saturday, and is a hub for our community during celestial events, including the recent solar eclipse.

## SERVING LATINO STUDENTS

- WNC has served our growing Latino community for many years. We have a Latino outreach coordinator on campus who leads an annual cohort of first-generation Latino students in efforts to help them attain their college and career goals.
- WNC maintains a strong commitment for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and our DACA students. We join our colleagues within the Nevada System of Higher Education, as well as institutions throughout the United States, in urging Congress to find a permanent solution to maintain the residency status of DACA students.

## VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

- The Veterans Resource Center opened on campus in 2013 in order to assist veterans and their families with the transition from military to higher education.
- The center is comprised of a team of veterans who are dedicated to helping their fellow veterans understand VA educational benefits and find a pathway to success after the military.



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## **WNC FOUNDATION**

- The WNC Foundation supports the college by raising funds for special projects, initiatives and scholarships.
- The Foundation will award more than \$200,000 in scholarships next year due to generous contributions from donors and local businesses.
- Projects such the new Industrial Technology Lab and our current Science Lab renovation are possible because of community donations.

## **LIFE ON CAMPUS**

- WNC's student government group, known as the Associated Students of Western Nevada (ASWN), are an elected group of student who represent the voice of our student body. They coordinate college student activities and help assess student need.
- Clubs provide our students an avenue to get involved on campus. Current clubs include Soccer (men's and women's), Photography, Student Veterans, Association for Latino Students, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, to name a few.

## **THE FUTURE OF WNC**

- We are in the process of updating our master plan. We are currently collecting feedback from students and members of community to find out what they desire our campus to look like in the coming years.
- We are looking for funding support to transform our library into a Learning Resource Center, with more study space and computers, as well as a vibrant tutoring center to help students be successful in their classes.
- We have been working on a partnership to building a residence hall on campus. Because we serve a large region in western Nevada, many of our students would benefit from living on campus. It opens the doors for students in other parts of Nevada to attend WNC as well.
- Due to a gift from the Pennington Foundation, we are renovating one of our science labs, which will result in modernized lab facilities with a cadaver lab capable of serving more nursing and science students than ever before.