

WASHINGTON STATE  
*Council of*  
**Presidents**

# Washington Council Fall Counselor Workshops

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# About the Council of Presidents

We represent and coordinate initiatives and advocacy, fostering collaboration among Washington's public four-year college and universities with partners at the state, regional, and national levels.

We offer high school counselors a central location to:

- Learn about Washington's public, four-year institutions.
- Advocate for our collective institutions on policies, practices and processes related to the transition from K-12 to college.
- Engage with the student-centered mission and education of our institutions and get to know the impact of our sector on the communities and economics of Washingtonians.

## Our Member Institutions

Central Washington University	Eastern Washington University	The Evergreen State College
University of Washington	Washington State University	Western Washington University

# Our Message to Your Students

## **You are College Material!**

Whether you're planning for college, considering it, or haven't thought about it yet, there's a place for you at a Washington public, four-year college or university where you can pursue your dreams, obtain career credentials, and follow your passion.

## **Recommendations for a Successful Transition to College**

- Communicate with high school counselors and college admissions advisors early and often.
- **Apply early!**
- Institutions will provide guidance on the next steps and are committed to reaching out and welcoming students.
- Ask about special programs and student support services while in high school.
- Ask questions and seek clarity.
- **Remember, Yes You Can!**

# Removing Barriers to Admissions

Guaranteed  
Admissions

Single  
Admissions  
Application

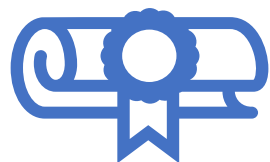
No Standardized  
Tests for  
Admissions

Holistic  
Admissions

Basic Needs

# Minimum Admission Standards

We start  
from a  
place of  
**Yes.**



## First-Year Student Admission

- **2.0 or higher** cumulative, unweighted GPA
- **Completion of coursework** for college (CADRs)
- Meeting minimum admission requirements above **does not** guaranteed admissions.
- **Multiple** Paths
  - Path 1: General Admissions
  - Path 2: Guaranteed Admissions



## Tips for Success

- Math and English coursework **critical to admissions**
- Encouraged to take math all **four-years of high school**
- Finish the senior year **academically strong**



## Alternative Admissions

- Student that do not meet First-Year Student Admission Standards **may** be admitted through alternative admissions.
- **Students are strongly encouraged** to complete English and Math coursework.
- Do not qualify for **WAGAP**

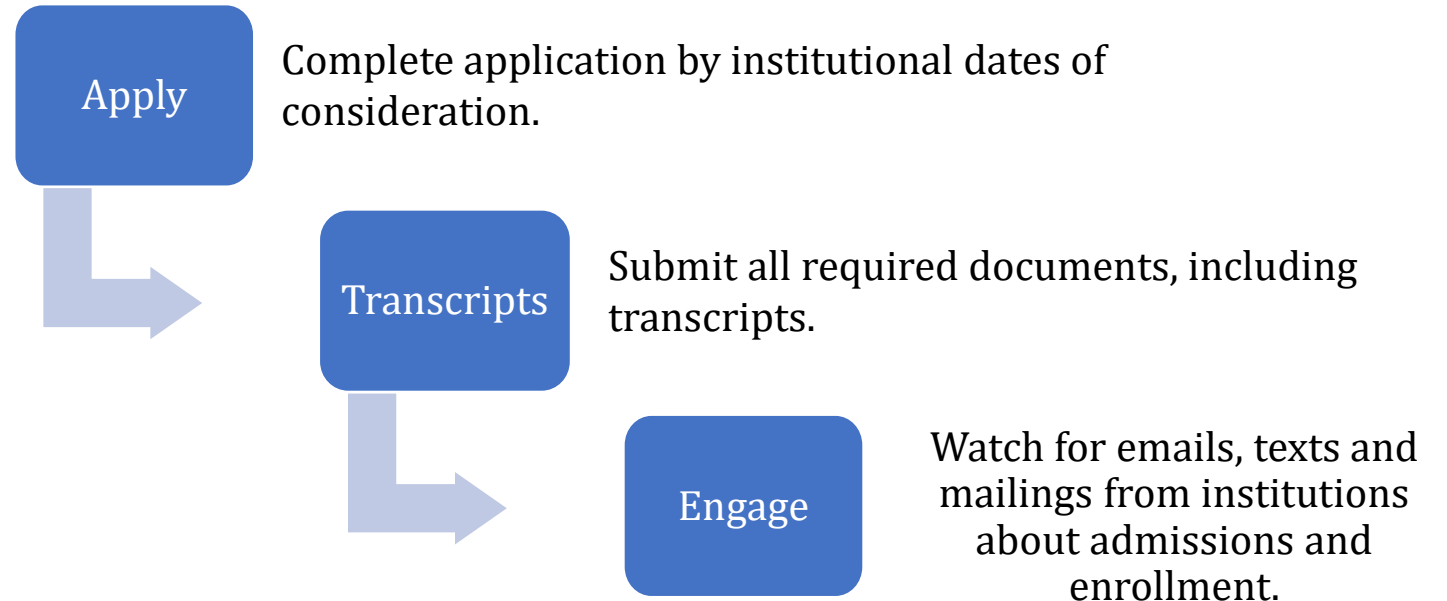


# Two Equal Paths to Admissions

General Admissions	Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WAGAP)
Complete application and send transcripts	Cumulative high school <b>GPA of 3.0 or higher</b> on a 4.0 scale
Admissions Offices review high school and college grades, coursework, senior year courses, personal achievements and characteristics.	<b>Complete a series of</b> <a href="#">required high school classes</a>
<b>All</b> Washington public baccalaureate institutions	Meet above criteria guaranteed admissions to <b>WAGAP participating institutions</b> : Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University and Western Washington University.
	Complete application and final transcripts

# How to Get In

- Total applications are increasing.
- Though admissions have become more competitive **generally the odds are in student's favor.**
- Washington's public universities **are more accessible compared to peer institutions.**





# Key Takeaways: Admissions Experience

- **Admissions ≠ Identity:** A student's worth is not defined by college admissions.
- **Explore Options:** Encourage consideration of a range of institutions.
- **Balance Expectations:** Aim high, but stay realistic.
- **Authenticity Matters:** Use the application to showcase true passions and experiences.
- **Focus on Fit:** The college experience is more important than the name—find the right fit!

# Washington Public University Updates

Central Washington University	The Evergreen State College	Eastern Washington University	Western Washington University
<b>New Majors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BS Food &amp; Agribusiness Innovation Management</li> <li>• BS Pre-Respiratory Therapy</li> </ul>	<b>Majors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students choose own major</li> </ul>	<b>New Majors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interdisciplinary Studies: Behavioral Health</li> </ul>	<b>New Majors/Minors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BA English-Film and Media Studies Concentration</li> <li>• BA Ethnic Studies,</li> <li>• BA Latin American Studies-Spanish Concentration</li> <li>• BA Latin American Studies-History Concentration</li> <li>• BA Multilingual Education</li> <li>• BA Education</li> </ul>
<b>Apply Early</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turnaround time for applications approx. 1 week. Interested in Aviation and Music applying early is critical</li> </ul>	<b>Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interdisciplinary approach to education</li> </ul>	<b>Application is Open</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority deadline for FAFSA/WASFA, applications and hard deadline for general scholarship applications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate Social Science-Data Analysis</li> <li>• Minor African Studies</li> </ul>
<b>Guaranteed Admissions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To seniors with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA and CADR complete</li> </ul>	<b>Priority Deadline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 1</li> </ul>	<b>Priority Deadline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 1</li> </ul>	
		<b>Schedule Group Visits Early</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EWU.EDU/VISIT</li> </ul>	

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Washington State University	University of Washington Bothell	University of Washington Seattle	University of Washington Tacoma
<p><b>HS PowerSchool Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please make sure that your unofficial transcripts include the freshman year in the cumulative GPA block and calculation</li> </ul>	<p><b>New Majors/Minors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major Developmental &amp; Youth Studies</li> <li>• Major Data Visualization</li> <li>• Minor Developmental &amp; Youth Studies</li> <li>• Minor Education Advocacy &amp; Community Engagement</li> <li>• Minor Cybersecurity</li> </ul>	<p><b>New Majors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Literary Studies</li> </ul>	<p><b>Direct Admissions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration to the School of Engineering and Technology.</li> <li>• Students should select “SET” major in their admissions application to be considered.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Regents Scholarship Nominations Open</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open October 1</li> <li>• Due by October 31</li> </ul>	<p><b>Direct Admission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To School of Business and</li> <li>• All Open Admissions programs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Direct to Major</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics (Note: not primary pathway into major)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Instant Decision Day (IDD)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect with your Admissions Counselor to schedule an Instant Decision Day (IDD) for your school.</li> </ul>	<p><b>STARS Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional support for students applying to Computer Science and other STEM majors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Deadlines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freshman application deadline November 15</li> <li>• Freshman application platforms: Common App and ApplyWeb (no preference on platform)</li> <li>• Financial Aid priority deadline February 28</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Priority Deadline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application for admission priority date is March 31</li> </ul>	<p><b>New Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,000+ beds available between three buildings on campus now with traditional rooms, and suites, and apartments as options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tribal Documentation</b> Students who have tribal documents will now be able to upload their documents at the time of applying</li> </ul>	

# Resources and Contact

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## WEBINAR SERIES FOR K-12 PRACTITIONERS



Informative webinars created for K-12 practitioners by Washington's public, four-year institutions and hosted by Council of Presidents.


### REGISTER TODAY!

<b>Understanding Success from the College Admissions Perspective</b> Gain insights into how universities define student success. Explore the holistic review process and how high school performance leads to successful admissions applications.	<b>OCT 9</b> 1:00-2:15 PM	
<b>Diving Deep into Admissions</b> This session builds on the October webinar, providing detailed insights into the Common App and institutional applications. Understand "test optional" policies and CADR for admissions.	<b>NOV 4</b> 11:00-12:15 PM	
<b>The Final Stretch: From High School Graduation to College</b> Receive guidance for helping students transition from high school to college. Learn tips for supporting undecided students.	<b>APR 9</b> 10:30-11:30 AM	


- Recordings and materials will be available for those unable to attend live sessions.
- Feedback or questions? Email Julie Garver at [jgarver@councilofpresidents.org](mailto:jgarver@councilofpresidents.org).



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**WAGAP**  
Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program



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