



College Guide 2014–2015

Welcome to CWI

Welcome to the College of Western Idaho (CWI), a place where every student—regardless of their past—can find a program to further his or her education. Whether you are looking to sharpen your talent for a new position or seeking a degree to launch a lifelong career plan, at CWI you can achieve more.

Affordable—At least half the cost of most four-year colleges and universities

Flexible—Small classes offered at a variety of locations and times, and online

Transferable—Credits transfer easily to most colleges and universities

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Becoming a Student

Checklist for Getting Started—Credit Programs

☐ APPLY FOR COLLEGE

1. Complete Application for Admission

- » Online—cwidaho.cc/apply
- » In person—at any One Stop Student Services location
- » Attend—a Future Student Exploration Session. Visit cwidaho.cc/events for schedule.

2. Pay \$25 Application Fee

- » Online with Visa, MasterCard, or Discover
- » In person with cash, check, or credit card

3. Submit Additional Documents

- » Official high school transcript, GED transcript, or home school transcript, and college transcript (if applicable)
- » Mail to One Stop Student Services, MS 3000, P.O. Box 3010, Nampa, ID 83653 or fax to 888.562.3216

4. Receive Acceptance Letter (Once Everything is Submitted)

- » CWI email is activated
- » Student ID #
- » mycwi.cc login is created

☐ APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- » **SEE PAGE 7**
- » Visit cwidaho.cc/financialaid.

☐ TAKE THE CWI PLACEMENT TEST (COMPASS) OR SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR ACT OR SAT SCORES

- » COMPASS test may be taken at a CWI Assessment site. See cwidaho.cc/assessment for more information.

☐ EXPLORE PROGRAMS & CAREERS

- » Free career assessments—**SEE PAGE 5**
- » Visit cwidaho.cc/courses.

☐ APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- » **SEE PAGE 7**
- » Visit cwidaho.cc/scholarships.

☐ ATTEND AN ORIENTATION, ADVISING, AND REGISTRATION (OAR) SESSION

- » Reserve your spot: <http://oar.youcanbook.me/>
- » Register for classes at the OAR session.
- » Visit mycwi.cc toolkit and check your CWI email regularly.
- » Visit One Stop Student Services to obtain a student ID card and bus sticker.

☐ CLASSES START! CHECK IMPORTANT DATES AND ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- » **SEE PAGE 4**
- » Visit cwidaho.cc/events.

☐ PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

- » Free parking at each campus
- » ValleyRide bus service—free with valid CWI student ID and bus sticker
- » Free shuttle service for Nampa Campus locations
- » Visit cwidaho.cc/transportation.

*See Steps to Applying
for Financial Aid
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Getting Started

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Important Dates

	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015	Special Admission Deadlines
Financial Aid Priority Date	July 14	December 8	May 11	- AS in Nursing: January–March 1 - Surgical Technology: January–March 15 - Physical Therapy Assistant: August–October
Registration Open	April 14	November 10	April 13	
Tuition and Fees Due	August 18	January 12	May 27	
Classes Begin	August 25	January 20	June 1*	
Last Day to Register/Add (Census Date)	September 8	February 2	June 5	

BP/WD (Noncredit) programs are offered at various locations and dates throughout the year. Applications are not required for Business Partnerships/Workforce Development classes. Visit CWI's website for more information on class schedules and to register for classes.

*Some classes begin before this date. See class schedule online.

Student Resources

Navigating your way through college can be confusing, especially if you try to go it alone. At CWI, we are committed to helping make sense of your journey with a variety of resources.

One Stop Student Services

If you are thinking about attending CWI or are undecided about what path you should take, the One Stop Student Services staff can help guide you. Visit a One Stop location for assistance processing your application, registration, and financial aid. At any One Stop location, you may also obtain a student identification card, receive advising, get assistance with special services, or help answering general questions.

Ada County Campus	Canyon County Center (Limited Services)	Nampa Campus Micron Center for Professional Technical Education
Black Eagle Business Park 1360 S. Eagle Flight Way, Boise	2407 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa	5725 E. Franklin Rd., Nampa

Assessment and Testing Center Services

CWI's Assessment and Testing Centers offer a variety of services including COMPASS and GED testing. COMPASS testing is a basic skills assessment used for placement in appropriate math and English courses at CWI as well as for advising purposes. CWI offers free COMPASS testing to students who have applied to CWI. For GED tests, students must register, schedule, and pay in advance. Visit cwidaho.cc/ged for more information. CWI has testing centers in Boise and Nampa. Visit cwidaho.cc/assessment for hours and locations.

Undecided on a Career or Major?

Take a free career assessment or utilize a free online job search tool.

MyPlan

Take advantage of free assessments on personality, interests, skills, and values.

► cwidaho.myplan.com

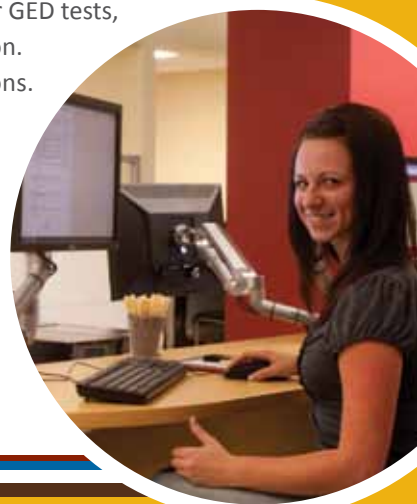
Create a free account. | Access code: SNXAFG5J

Career Information System (CIS)

Access information on occupations, post-secondary education, financial aid, and jobs.

► idcis.intocareers.org

Username: cwi4cis | Password: cis4careers



Tuition & Fees

CWI tuition for a full-time student averages nearly half the cost of a state university and offers even greater savings than the cost of a private college. Completing your first two years at CWI and then transferring credits to a four-year university is easy—and you will save money. Financial aid and scholarship opportunities are available to eligible students.

Estimated Cost per Credit

In-District Idaho Residents	Out-of-District Idaho Residents	Out-of-State and Foreign Students	Dual Credit High School Students	Tech Prep High School Students	Basic Skills Education and GED Preparation
\$136 per credit	\$136 per credit plus \$50 per credit up to \$500 per semester	\$300 per credit	\$65 per credit	\$19 per credit	FREE

Business Partnerships/Workforce Development: Class fees vary. Class offerings, dates, times, and fees can be found at cwidaho.cc/bp.

Estimated Cost per Semester

Type	Cost
In-District Idaho Resident Tuition	\$1,632*
Out-of-District Idaho Resident Tuition	\$2,132
Out-of-State & Foreign Tuition	\$3,600
Books & Supplies	\$444*
Special Course Fees	Fees Vary**

*Estimated costs for a full-time student (12 credits).

**Fees are subject to change without notice. Some courses have special course fees in addition to the above costs to pay for special equipment, labs, and materials.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Free \$ for college—Access more than \$150 billion available in federal student aid!

APPLY Early ► www.fafsa.gov

Fill out the
FAFSA



► Apply for a PIN
www.pin.ed.gov

Upload TAX
Returns



Supply parent information for
dependent students

042118

CWI's School Code

SUBMIT It!



Receive Student
Aid Report (SAR)

Types of Aid



Grants are awarded to students based on need and do not need to be repaid



Scholarship aid based on specific criteria and often do not need to be repaid



Student loans are borrowed funds that must be repaid



Work programs offer need-based students' employment opportunities

Tips

- » Complete FAFSA form and supporting documentation early—CWI **priority deadline is July 14**
- » Check your email for notifications
- » Go to mycwi.cc for updates
- » Visit cwidaho.cc/scholarships for important application dates for CWI scholarships, Idaho scholarships, and more
- » Fastweb.com—scholarship search



Student Life

With **30+** clubs and organizations at CWI, you have plenty of opportunities to get involved, meet fellow students, and have fun! Clubs participate in community service, travel to conferences, host industry speakers, special events, parties, and more!

Academic Focus

From Art to Physics, to Horticulture and Psychology—if you are passionate about your major, join a club and discover more.

Associated Students of the College of Western Idaho (ASCWI)

Join student government, become a leader, and make a difference. ASCWI serves as the voice for the student body and promotes student involvement through activities and events.

Competitive Teams

- » Business Professionals of America—National Gold Medal Winners
- » SkillsUSA—State Champions and National Medal Winners
- » Speech & Debate—Back-to-Back-to-Back National Champions

Presidential Ambassadors

The ambassador program promotes leadership and allows you the opportunity to become actively involved in campus and community events. You may even be eligible to receive a scholarship as part of this program.

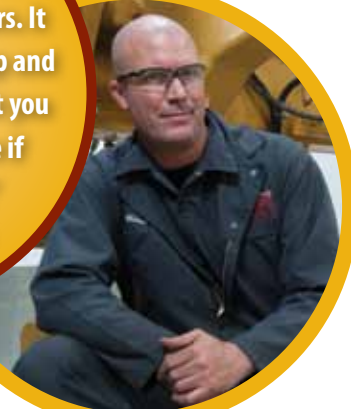
Special Interest Focus

Birdies and Bogies, Veteran's Association, and so many more! There is a club to fit you and it can be a great way to meet students with similar interests!

To learn more about Student Life:

Click: cwidaho.cc/student-clubs

"I would recommend joining any group CWI offers. It will really open your eyes up and give you opportunities that you would not normally have if you weren't involved."
— Michael Tamas





Support Services

Advising

Provides you with assistance each semester in deciding which courses you need to take to complete your educational goals.

► cwidaho.cc/advising

Career and College Transfer Center

Take advantage of education and employment readiness services to help you prepare for your next steps.

► cwidaho.cc/cctc

Tutoring

Free tutoring services are available to all CWI students. Services include drop-in visits for math, sciences, writing, foreign language, professional-technical programs, and more.

► cwidaho.cc/tutoring

Writing Center

You may receive help with academic and creative writing. Tutors are available to help at any stage of the writing process. Access the Writing Center in person or online.

► cwidaho.cc/writingcenter

Veteran Services

CWI is striving to be a destination of choice for our nation's veterans and their dependents. Our staff can assist you in accessing GI benefits, completing the admission process, and registering for courses.

► cwidaho.cc/veteran

» Did you know?

CWI's free tutoring services are being utilized by 30 percent of the student population. Tutors are available to help in all subjects: math, science, English, and more. Included with Tutoring Services is the Writing Center, which offers help for all stages of the writing process in person or online.



Programs & Classes

Program Name	Page #	AA	AS	AAS	ATC	TC	PTC	Certificate	Online	Area of Study
Administrative Specialist	31			✓	✓	✓	✓			
Advanced EMT	54							✓		
Agriculture Science	20		✓							
Anthropology	20	✓							✓	
Applied Accounting	31			✓	✓					
Assistance With Medications	55							✓		
Auto Body Technology	44			✓	✓	✓	✓			
AutoCAD	56							✓		
Automotive Technology	44			✓	✓	✓	✓			
Baking and Pastry Arts	34			✓	✓					
Basic EMT	54							✓		
Basic Skills in Reading, Writing, Math	16									
Biology	20		✓							
Biology—Healthcare Emphasis	22		✓						✓	
Biology—Natural Resources Emphasis	22		✓							
Business—General	22	✓								
Certified Nursing Assistant Preparation Classes	54							✓		
Certified Nursing Assistant Skills Review	54							✓		
CET Exam Prep	56								✓	
Cisco Networking and Security Technologies	40			✓	✓		✓			
Commercial Refrigeration for Air Conditioning Technician	53							✓		
Communication	22	✓							✓	
Computer Support Specialist	40			✓	✓	✓				
Construction Site Erosion Control—Plan Designer	53							✓		
Construction Site Erosion Control—Responsible Person	53							✓		
CPR: BLS Healthcare Provider	55							✓		
Criminal Justice	24	✓							✓	

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Culinary Arts	34			✓	✓	✓	✓			
Dental Assisting—Certified	36			✓		✓				
Dental Assisting	55							✓		
Dental Assisting Fundamentals	55							✓		
Dental Assisting—Expanded Functions	55							✓		
Drafting	56							✓		
Drafting Technology	43			✓	✓	✓				
Education, Early Childhood	32			✓	✓	✓	✓			
Education, Elementary	24	✓								
Education, Secondary, Biology	24	✓								
Education, Secondary, Chemistry	24	✓								
Education, Secondary, Earth Science	24	✓								
Education, Secondary, Mathematics	24	✓								
Education, Secondary, Physical Science	24	✓								
Education, Secondary, Social Science	24	✓								
Electrical Apprenticeship	53							✓	✓	
Electrical Journeyman Upgrade Classes	53							✓		
Electrical Test Prep and State Required Upgrade	53							✓		
Electronics Technology	43			✓			✓			
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	54							✓		
English	25	✓							✓	
English as a Second Language	17									
Excel® Essentials	57							✓		
Fire Service Technology	35			✓						
Flagging for Traffic Control	53							✓		

 BSE (Basic Skills Education),  AT (Academic Transfer),  PTE (Professional Technical Education),

 BP/WD (Business Partnerships/Workforce Development). Course offerings are subject to change without notice.

Programs & Classes (Continued)

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Fuel Gas Piping and Venting	53							✓		
General Educational Development (GED)	17									
Geography	25	✓							✓	
Geology	25		✓						✓	
Heavy-Equipment Technician	45			✓	✓	✓	✓			
Heavy-Equipment Welding and Fabrication	33			✓	✓					
Heavy-Duty Truck Technician	45			✓	✓	✓	✓			
History	26	✓							✓	
Horticulture Technology	39			✓	✓					
HVAC Apprenticeship Program	53							✓	✓	
HVAC Specialty Classes	53							✓		
Information Security and Digital Forensics	40			✓	✓					
Instructor Development—Self-Study	55							✓		
Introduction to Supervision	57							✓		
Language Classes	57							✓		
Liberal Arts	26	✓							✓	
Machine Tool Technology	43			✓	✓	✓	✓*			
Marketing Management	31			✓	✓	✓				
Medical Administrative Support	36			✓		✓				
Medical Assistant	55							✓		
Medical Assistant	36			✓						
Medical Coding and Billing	55							✓		
Microsoft® Office Suite	57							✓		
Network Administration	42			✓	✓	✓				
Nursing—Associate of Science (Professional)	36		✓							
Outlook® Essentials	57							✓		

*This Professional Technical Certificate (PTC) is not eligible for federal financial aid due to program length.

Program Name	Page #	AA	AS	AAS	ATC	TC	PTC	Certificate	Online	Area of Study
Paramedic	54							✓		
Pharmacy Technician Program	54							✓		
Phlebotomy	55							✓		
Physical Education, Athletic Training	28	✓								
Physical Education, Exercise Science	28	✓								
Physical Therapist Assistant	38			✓						
Plumbing Apprenticeship Program	53							✓	✓	
Plumbing Specialty Classes	53							✓		
Political Science	26	✓							✓	
Powersports and Small Engine Repair Technology	46			✓	✓	✓	✓*			
Professional Truck Driving	46						✓			
Programmable Logic Controllers	56							✓		
Psychology	28	✓							✓	
QuickBooks Pro® and Focused Classes	57							✓		
Short-Term Business and Finance Classes	57							✓		
Short-Term Leadership, Management, and Supervision Classes	57							✓		
Sociology	28	✓							✓	
Solid Works	56							✓		
Surgical Technology	38			✓		✓				
Web Development	42			✓	✓					
Welding	56							✓		
Welding and Metals Fabrication	33			✓	✓		✓			
Western States CAT® Technician	45			✓	✓					
Wildland Fire Management	35			✓						
Word® Essentials	57							✓		

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CWI Online

CWI offers a variety of online courses and degrees that can help provide flexible learning options to accommodate your busy life. Trying to keep up with a challenging schedule of work, school, and family is difficult enough. Why add to your stress and lack of time with a daily commute? If you are self-directed, focused on your educational goals, manage your time well, and keep your schedule organized, online learning may be the perfect solution for you. Our online courses are delivered through an easy-to-use learning management system providing students a convenient solution for completing classes.

Online Associate Degrees We Offer:

Business—General

Criminal Justice

English

Geography

History

Liberal Arts

Political Science

Benefits of Online Learning:

» Study and complete homework at your convenience

» Interact with instructors and classmates online

» Access course materials 24/7

» Choose from hundreds of online courses

► Visit cwidaho.cc/online for more information.

» Did you know?

CWI offers numerous online courses that count toward the completion of a variety of Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Science degrees. In fact, nearly all of CWI's Academic Transfer degree programs can be taken at least 50 percent online.



Skill Classes and Career Training

CWI offers over 400 high-quality online training programs and classes to individuals and industry clients, thanks to our partnership with Ed2Go. These programs are a great option for those who want to train for a career but cannot attend a traditional class on campus and are not looking for a degree.

Skill classes generally conclude in six weeks or less while career training programs run three to six months. Upon completion of a course, you will also receive a certificate from CWI for your portfolio. No application is necessary for these courses. Fees for courses vary.

Skill Classes We Offer:

Accounting and Finance

Business

College Readiness

Computer Applications

Design and Composition

Healthcare and Medical

Language and Arts

Law and Legal

Personal Development

Teaching and Education

Technology

Writing and Publishing

► Visit www.ed2go.com/cwicwd/ for more information.

Career Training Programs We Offer:

Business and Professional

Career Online High School

Healthcare and Fitness Careers

Hospitality and Service Industry

IT and Software Development

Management and Corporate

Media and Design

Skilled Trades and Industrial

Sustainable Energy and
Going Green

► Visit www.careertraining.ed2go.com/cwicwd/ for more information.





Basic Skills Education

CWI Basic Skills Education (BSE) is a ***free program*** dedicated to providing you with the opportunities to prepare for your GED, brush up on skills for college, and learn English language skills to meet your goals in the workplace and the community.

BSE is here to help you improve your education level if you are an out-of-school individual 16 years and older wanting to learn.

Free Services We Offer:

College Preparation

- » Reading
- » Writing
- » Math

GED Preparation

English as a Second Language (ESL)

» Did you know?

In 2012-13, CWI assisted 1,801 students in completing the GED. In total, Basic Skills Education served 2,494 students through 15 different locations across the Treasure Valley. These students gained college readiness skills, prepared for the GED, and learned English as a Second Language.

An Inside Look: Community Learning Centers

CWI Community Learning Centers are a place where anyone can learn more about the free services from BSE. At a Community Learning Center, you'll have the ability to meet with a BSE teacher to discuss the next steps for enrollment. Other options that you can learn about are assisted

and self-study options, and distance learning.

No two people are the same, so our goal at the Community Learning Center is to help you determine the best place to get started so that you are in a position to succeed.

Locations

CWI has Community Learning Centers in Boise and Nampa.

Please visit cwidaho.cc/bse for locations, hours of operation, and contact information.

GED Preparation

Improve your skills to prepare for the GED in several areas, including reading, writing, math, and more! This is a free program dedicated to providing you opportunities to learn the information necessary to complete the GED tests. We will work with you to identify areas of focus for your learning and put together a plan to help you reach your goals.

Steps to Get Started

1. Attend an Orientation. Visit cwidaho.cc/bse for current schedules.
2. Meet with a BSE advisor.
3. Begin coursework.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

CWI offers English as a Second Language (ESL) programs in Boise and Nampa for those 16 years of age and older to help develop basic English skills. ESL classes are free.

Visit cwidaho.cc/esl for more information or call:

Boise: Fern Van Maren
208.562.2571

Nampa: Katya Gourley
208.562.2014

College Preparation

Has it been a while since you were in school? Need to brush up on your skills prior to enrolling in college? Get ready for college with BSE. Your success as a student is our goal, and we will help you prepare to be successful during your college career at CWI.

Steps to Get Started

1. Attend an Orientation. Visit cwidaho.cc/bse for current schedules.
2. Meet with a BSE advisor.
3. Begin coursework.

To learn more about BSE:

Call: 208.562.3000

Click: cwidaho.cc/bse

Visit: A One Stop Student Services location

"The ESL program has helped me tremendously to learn English. When my son goes to school, I will be able to help him with his homework and talk to his teachers."
—Juanita Coleman





Academic Transfer

If you are pursuing a four-year degree, CWI is a great place to start. Here, you can complete your first two years of college at the same quality level as other schools—but for a fraction of the cost. When you’re ready to complete your advanced coursework, our Academic Transfer credits easily carry over to a four-year college or university.

Academic Transfer Degrees We Offer:



Associate of Arts



Associate of Science

Agriculture Science

Anthropology

Biology

Biology—Healthcare

Biology—Natural

Resources

Business—General

Communication

Criminal Justice

Education—Elementary

Education—Secondary

English

Geography

Geology

History

Liberal Arts

Physical Education,
Athletic Training

Physical Education,
Exercise Science

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology

» Did you know?

By starting at CWI before transferring to a four-year college or university, you can save a significant amount of money. In fact, CWI’s tuition is nearly half the cost of a state university and a third the cost of a private college. Generally, up to 70 academic-transfer credits per student may be accepted from CWI to four-year institutions in Idaho, which makes it a cost-effective option for completing your bachelor’s degree.

Earn College Credit in High School–Dual Credit

The CWI Dual Credit program allows you to trim as much as one year off your college schedule by earning college credits that apply to both high school and college graduation. Dual Credit offers college-credit opportunities in a number of different general studies subjects, including English, history, art, math, communication, chemistry, psychology, political science, and biology.

Through CWI, you have the opportunity to earn college credit in qualified classes taken at your high school campus, a CWI campus, or a CWI online course.

Following high school graduation, you will then have the opportunity to seamlessly continue working toward your degree at CWI or transfer your credits to other colleges and universities.

Examples of Dual Credit Courses:

Art	Math
Biology	Physical Education
Chemistry	Psychology
Communication	Political Science
English	Spanish
Geology	Study Skills
History	Theater

Qualify and Apply:

Take these steps to start earning college credit through the CWI Dual Credit program:

1. Obtain a Dual Credit Registration packet from your high school teacher, counselor, or find it online at <http://cwidaho.cc/file/dual-credit-registration-form>.
2. Ask your high school teacher or counselor what classes

To learn more about Dual Credit:

Call: CWI Dual Credit Office
208.562.3371

Click: cwidaho.cc/hscredit

Visit: Your high school counselor

may be most appropriate for your academic situation.

3. Submit registration forms and necessary COMPASS scores.
4. Pay fees associated with the college courses you are enrolled in.
5. Study hard and earn college credit!





Academic Transfer

Agriculture Science



For thousands of years, agriculture has been at the cutting edge of innovation and technology. Today, agriculture science is a driving force in numerous industries that have a great impact on the global economy. Ag science is one of many applied fields of biology and is an excellent area of study for students interested in researching topics like resource optimization, animal health, and production of animals and plants for food or fiber. After completing the Associate of Science degree in Agriculture Science from CWI, you will have the opportunity to transition on to a four-year college or university and pursue a Bachelor of Science degree. The transfer is made easy with CWI's comprehensive agreements with bachelor-level agriculture programs such as the five Bachelor of Science programs in agriculture offered at University of Idaho. From here, you will be positioned to pursue a

rewarding career in agriculture education, civil service, production, or research.

Anthropology



The CWI Anthropology program offers introductory coursework in three of the four major subfields of anthropology: physical anthropology, cultural anthropology, and archaeology. Our program places particular emphasis on anthropology of the Great Basin area and prepares you to transfer to a four-year college or university for further studies toward a bachelor's or advanced degree.

As a graduate with an anthropology degree, you may find work in a variety of fields, including cultural resource management (federal, state, private), museums, foreign service, academic positions, and in research institutions in areas such as primatology, medical anthropology, and many more.

Biology



Pursuing a Biology degree from CWI will give you the opportunity to choose from a number of distinct focus areas that can prepare you for a variety of careers and advanced science degrees. With associate degrees offered in Biology, Biology–Healthcare, and Biology–Natural Resources, you can focus your studies on an area of the discipline that interests you the most. While being introduced to life sciences like cellular and molecular processes, organism physiology, biochemistry, botany, and genetics, you can also study more specialized subjects like medical terminology, nutrition, anthropology, ecology, chemistry, and geology. Whether it is biochemistry, zoology, premed, radiology, or another life science, start with a CWI Biology program and customize a degree to meet your goals.

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LOOK ON PAGE 21**

An Inside Look: Biology

Program Defined by Interaction and Engagement

By definition, biology is rather simple. It is the study of all things that are alive. By practice, however, biology is much more extensive and complex. A good indication of the discipline's complexity is the makeup of CWI's Biology program, which offers three distinctly different directions for students to study. Whether you are interested in general biology or prefer to focus on healthcare or natural resources, Biology at CWI can be defined by a common theme—engagement.

“What students get from our program is a hands-on experience with introductory biology,” says Life Sciences Department Chair Nicole Frank. “No matter which area of emphasis they are interested in, they will spend time learning in the lab or in the field. Graduates leave CWI with a valuable amount of practical experience.”

Frank says that every area of the CWI Biology department is introducing students to unique experiences. From field ecology class backpack trips in the Sawtooth Wilderness to plant gene sequencing projects and the summer McCall Outdoor Science School, faculty is continuously engaging students in creative and interactive learning methods.

“We make sure every class is immersive because science is all about experimenting and understanding how the world works. The best way to accomplish this is in the lab and out in the field.”

According to Frank, another unique asset to the science experience at CWI isn't just how labs are taught, but who is teaching them.

“Our labs are taught by faculty. At

four-year institutions, oftentimes, they are taught by teaching assistants or graduate students. That is one of the biggest differences in our program.”

That additional interaction has allowed faculty to immerse themselves in all aspects of the learning experience and better prepare students for transferring on to a university.

“Our goal as a department, as a whole, is to provide sound fundamentals in biology so that no matter where our students go from here, they have a firm basis to be successful beyond CWI. The chances of finding your true passion in a lecture class are very small. Biology majors need to get out in the field and learn in an engaging environment. That educational experience is really the ultimate goal of CWI's Biology program.”

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—Nicole Frank

LIFE SCIENCES DEPARTMENT CHAIR



Academic Transfer

Biology—Healthcare



Healthcare service encompasses some of the most rewarding professions available. As a healthcare professional, you can work in a variety of settings that will help make the community healthier and happier.

Our two-year degree in Biology—Healthcare will enable you to continue into a variety of professional programs or bachelor's degrees at a college or university. This program of study allows you to develop a strong foundation in biological science and is an entry point for a wide variety of careers in healthcare settings.

Whether your interest is chiropractic medicine, clinical laboratory science, dentistry, dietetics, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, speech pathology/audiology, or veterinary medicine—start with the CWI Biology—Healthcare program and customize a degree to meet your goals.

Biology—Natural Resources



The natural world is an integral part of our everyday lives. At CWI, this two-year degree in Biology—Natural Resources will prepare you to understand and tackle the ever-changing problems that challenge our natural resources.

This program will introduce you to a variety of foundational natural resource sciences as well as develop a strong foundation in the biological sciences, allowing degree holders to access a variety of professional programs or transfer to any four-year college or university to complete a Bachelor of Science degree.

Whether you are interested in environmental science, fish and wildlife resources, forestry, public/environmental health, range science, recreation management, or the broader natural sciences—start with the CWI Biology—Natural Resources program and customize a degree to meet your goals.

Business—General



If you are pursuing a career in business, the Business—

General degree at CWI is a great starting point. At CWI, you can earn an Associate of Arts degree and meet general-education requirements to transfer to any Idaho public university. The program is designed to introduce you to the core business courses and provide skills in accounting, business decision-making, software, and communication.

Communication



Communication is an ideal major for students with multiple interests and diverse talents. This program provides tools for analyzing, managing, and improving communication in personal, public, and professional interactions. Communication majors at CWI will learn to evaluate communicative problems and produce solutions that adapt to changing situations and audiences. As a result, this degree prepares students for future participation in any number of diverse fields, such as public relations, nonprofit work, media, political organizing and public affairs, management, marketing, and advertising.

An Inside Look: Education—Elementary

Early Opportunities Sets Program Apart

A career in elementary education can be incredibly rewarding. Ask anyone who has spent five minutes in a room full of children, and they will tell you it can also be very challenging. With an understanding of how vital, yet complex, the teaching profession is, the CWI Elementary Education program provides its students with real-world insight unlike any other educational program.

At CWI, Elementary Education students are placed in observation opportunities from the outset of their degree. This early engagement in the classroom environment helps ensure students are both knowledgeable in the theory and the practice of teaching children.

“The opportunity to dive into education coursework in the first two years is very unusual for most other schools,” says Education Department Chair Kae Jensen. “Our students are actually getting out into K-12 schools to begin to understand whether or not elementary education is right for

them and if so, what the specific direction is that they might want to take.”

Students receiving an Elementary Education associate degree from CWI are required to complete 55 hours of classroom observation, split among three courses. Observation opportunities are designed to supplement curriculum that includes an introduction to classroom experience, how community and family impact education, and special education.

“Education changes continuously so we look at the skills a new teacher needs to succeed and infuse that from the very beginning. We create curriculum to prepare students to be successful when they enter the profession upon completion of a bachelor’s degree.”

This emphasis on exposure to the classroom environment has been embraced in all aspects of the program. Take the Future Educators Club, for example. Jensen says the student club has strived to connect with local education partners,

providing both networking opportunities and valuable experiences like helping facilitate the Treasure Valley iSTEM Conference.

“Our ultimate goal with groups like the Future Educators Club is to introduce students to local educators. Those educators aren’t just K-12 schools. They are also agencies that provide instruction within those schools. Our students get to work very closely with various groups who are positively impacting education in Idaho.”

Jensen says this philosophy of collaboration all ties back to providing students a real perspective on their future career.

“Collaboration is a big part of what we are seeing teachers being asked to do today. Teachers have more opportunities to specialize and work within focus groups to enhance subject material. So we are really encouraging collaboration for our students.”

“Education changes continuously so we look at what a new teacher needs to succeed and infuse that from the very beginning.”

—Kae Jensen

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIR





Academic Transfer

Criminal Justice



The study of criminal behavior and law

enforcement is more sophisticated than ever before—and, at CWI, we are preparing students to start a career in this exciting field. In our Criminal Justice program, you will discover and appreciate complex issues in legal studies, sociology, political science, psychology, arrest, and search and seizure. Our goal is to prepare you to pursue a career in local, state, and federal law enforcement; court administration; victim services; and corrections.

Education—Elementary



The Education—Elementary program at CWI is helping

future elementary school instructors prepare for teacher certification in the state of Idaho by providing the first two years toward a bachelor's degree. We work closely with our local four-year partners and offer an associate degree that can be customized to match the requirements of the elementary education program that best meets your educational needs.

Coursework in our Education—Elementary program includes foundations in education, social systems and diversity, exceptionality in the schools, and educational technology. Throughout the program, students have the opportunity to observe teachers in local K-8 schools to see firsthand the skills, knowledge, and attitudes taught in the coursework. The program concludes with a capstone class that aids students in building an evidence-based electronic portfolio that highlights their work and helps prepare them for admission into a four-year college or university.

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Education—Secondary



The Education—Secondary degree at CWI is helping future secondary education instructors prepare for teacher certification in the state of Idaho by providing the first two years toward a bachelor's degree. We work closely with our local four-year partners and offer an associate degree that can be customized to

match the requirements of the Secondary Education Certification that best meets your educational needs.

Coursework in the Education—Secondary program includes foundations in education, social systems and diversity, exceptionality in the schools, and educational technology. Throughout the program, students have the opportunity to observe teachers in local middle, junior high, and high schools to see firsthand the skills, knowledge, and attitudes taught in the coursework. The program concludes with a capstone class that aids students in building an evidence-based electronic portfolio that highlights their work and helps prepare them for admission into a four-year college or university.

Students who are interested in teaching in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields can also participate in the IDoTeach program at CWI. This program, a partnership with Boise State University and a replication of the successful UTeach program in Texas, provides



students the opportunity to focus on their STEM major while exploring the possibility of using that degree to teach the subject in high schools. IDoTeach participants take one education course each semester and can complete their STEM degree and earn a secondary teacher certification in their field at the same time.

English

2 YEARS AA Do you have a passion for writing or enjoy studying literature? CWI can help develop your skills and allow you to follow your interests through our English program, which promotes critical awareness through the study of composition, diverse works, genres of literature, and creative writing. English majors may pursue bachelor's degrees and use their background in literature as well as creative and critical communication skills to enter virtually any profession. English majors often become lawyers, professional writers, teachers, administrators, managers, and business professionals. Completion of the program is designed to result in an Associate of Arts degree and

meets the general-education requirements at all Idaho public universities. Course selection should be coordinated to meet requirements for your intended transfer institution.

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Geography

2 YEARS AA Are you intrigued by the study of the earth, its people, and its many environments? CWI offers you an opportunity to explore geography with this associate degree program. Our curriculum will present you with a broad, place-centered perspective on the transformation of environments by society and nature on a variety of scales, from local to global. This degree will prepare you for a wide variety of careers, including becoming a teacher, urban planner, cartographer, global-positioning specialist, and many types of government jobs. Completion of the program is designed to result in an Associate of Arts degree in Geography and meet the general-education requirements for all Idaho public universities.

Geology

2 YEARS AA Geology is the study of the solid earth and how it changes

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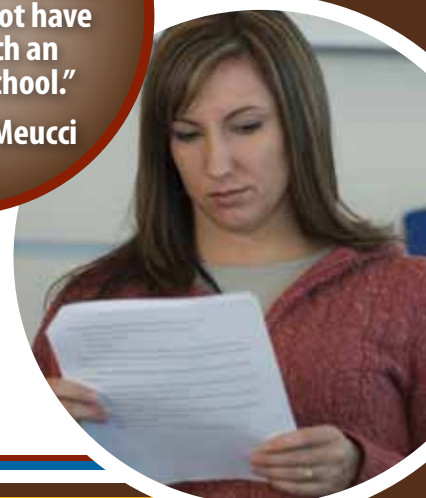
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—Brittany Meucci



Academic Transfer

over time with regard to its structure, composition, erosional and tectonic processes, and environments. If you have an interest in geology, our program will give you an opportunity to explore the various complexities of Earth. To excel in geology, you should enjoy working outdoors, be able to identify and solve complex problems, and be able to develop advanced spatial reasoning skills. It is a physical science and therefore requires a solid background in mathematics, chemistry, and physics. Additionally, geologists need to have good computer and communication skills. Geologists find employment in a wide array of fields in both the public and private sectors. Career opportunities include mineral exploration and extraction, oil and gas exploration and extraction, environmental consultation, evaluation of water resources, soil science, academic research, climatology, natural hazard mitigation, and civil engineering, among others.

History



The study of history provides the world with

an understanding of, and ability to interpret, the past. The goal of our History program is to give you a strong foundation to pursue further education in the discipline. By completing the requirements for this degree, you will earn an Associate of Arts degree in History and meet the general-education requirements for all Idaho public universities. As a History major, you can take your passion down a number of different career paths, including becoming a teacher. You may also choose to pursue a career as a professional editor, work in museums or archives, or take a position with state or federal government agencies. An academic focus on history can also provide excellent preparation for law school.

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Liberal Arts



Are you interested in having freedom to focus your courses to meet your personal educational goals? If so, a Liberal Arts degree from CWI

can give you flexibility in planning your academic future. Whether you are interested in an interdisciplinary degree or are planning to complete lower-division credits for a particular degree at a transfer institution, this program grants you the opportunity to build your degree plan. The Liberal Arts Associate of Arts degree calls for completion of the Idaho general-education requirements plus 26 credits from your chosen disciplines.

Political Science



When you choose Political Science as a major, you will be exposed to the dynamic origins and operations of government and political behavior. You will also gain the knowledge to analyze the political impacts of social issues, such as war, poverty, crime, education, race, gender, the environment, and globalization.

Courses in this program are intended to prepare you to transfer to a bachelor's degree program at a four-year college or university. A Political Science degree can be a big first step toward professional careers in public policy, law, nonprofit management, diplomacy, and numerous political professions.

An Inside Look: English

Students and Faculty Write Experience

The CWI English department may most appropriately be described as passionate. While the program is built to accommodate two different paths, literature and creative writing, it is pulled together by a culture of engagement that can be attributed in large part to the faculty.

“Our faculty are really passionate about what they do,” says English Department Chair Joy Palmer. “Both the creative writing and literature instructors are engaged in their profession, which translates to an outstanding experience for our students.”

This excitement for the discipline has proven to be beneficial in a number of ways. For some students, it has been an opportunity to work with faculty who are also active poets or creative writers. Other instructors have simply taken an out-of-the-box approach to education.

“One great example of this came in a Shakespeare class a couple years

ago. On the first day of class, the instructor dressed up as Elizabeth I to set the tone for what the semester was going to look like. In those introduction classes, I think you get exposure to some different classes that you wouldn’t get to take in a 200 level course at a university.”

Palmer says that passion for educating has translated to tremendous collaboration between faculty and students. Over the past couple of years, a number of new extracurricular initiatives have been forged, like Word Reading events and a Visiting Writer series. The dedication to providing opportunities also led to creation of a new annual literary magazine, which not only involves students in editing but is also comprised entirely of student works.

“The creation of the literary magazine has been tremendous for our students. These types of opportunities tend to happen for upper-division students or graduate students. So having the opportunity to be published in your first two years, and in some cases paid for

their work, is really significant. It is definitely one of the cool things that we offer.”

For Palmer, it is also a valuable supplement to what she describes as rigorous and directed curriculum.

“Our goal for students at the end of this program is for them to be well prepared to move on to a four-year degree. These experiences are very desirable, and I think they are going to help our students when they go to transfer.”

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“I would recommend CWI for the fact that it is a very-affordable way to get your first two years of school completed.”

—Tyler Scott

“Our faculty are really passionate about what they do. Both the creative writing and literature instructors are engaged in their profession, which translates to an outstanding experience for our students.”

—Joy Palmer

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHAIR





Academic Transfer

Psychology



Interested in gaining insight into the science of why people think, feel, and act the way they do? The CWI Psychology program will help you do just that. Consistent with the value psychology places on empirical evidence, students will explore human behavior with a psychological lens and gain an appreciation of scientific inquiry, ethics, interpersonal skills, and critical thinking. Additionally, opportunities exist for students to apply these skills in the community through service learning, internships, and the Psychology Club.

Our associate degree will provide insight into the human condition and is an excellent first step toward a bachelor's degree. Students with a bachelor's degree in Psychology often pursue careers in helping professions, like in human resources or as a crisis-intervention associate, rehabilitation worker, child-welfare worker, psychiatric technician, childcare assistant, mental-health technician, aide to geriatric clients, or social-welfare worker. Completion of

the Associate of Arts degree prepares you for transfer and meets the general-education requirements at all Idaho public universities.

Physical Education, Athletic Training



The Athletic Training program at CWI will provide you with the opportunity to explore this area of sports medicine through courses in nutrition, biological and physical sciences, applied anatomy, and care and prevention of athletic injuries. The goals of the program are to help you earn an Associate of Arts degree in Physical Education with a concentration in Athletic Training and to assist students with transfer to a four-year program in athletic training or related field.

Physical Education, Exercise Science



The Exercise Science program at CWI is designed for students who are interested in careers in biomechanics, exercise physiology, personal training, physical and occupational therapy,

and research. The goals of the program are to help you earn an Associate of Arts degree in Physical Education with a concentration in Exercise Science and aid in your transfer to a four-year program in Exercise Science or related field.

Sociology



Pursuing a degree in Sociology at CWI will help you build a foundation for understanding human interaction and group behavior. Knowledge gained in this discipline will provide you the ability to conduct research, as well as analyze and solve an array of social issues. Specific courses in the Sociology degree program will expose you to historical and contemporary perspectives related to various cultures, social change, social problems, and race and ethnic relations. This program is a first step toward a bachelor's degree, preparing you to enter careers such as social work, urban planning, law, public health, and government service.

An Inside Look: History

Program Providing Depth to Dates

History is much more than dates and facts. While they are an important part of studying the past, the discipline provides even more depth in analyzing the present and future. You don't have to look any further than the CWI History program to gain a better understanding of this perspective, as faculty across the department are promoting a more complete introduction to history.

"Dates and facts are great, but that is why we have textbooks," says Culture, History and Politics Department Chair Jeff Reed. "Our interest is in understanding why people, historically, did what they did. We don't just teach what happened; we explore why it happened."

Reed says a big component of exploring "why" is built into the curriculum. Along with introducing students to historical documents, they are also challenged to analyze

how these documents affect the world today.

"Documents are our evidence as to why and how people did what they did. But we don't just investigate physical documents; we are also concerned with artifacts as well as cultural practices and rituals. Looking at them can help us understand why we are the way we are now and how we got here."

Students will study traditional courses, like Western Civilization and American History, but Reed says the program is also continuously working to develop special topics courses to fit varied interests. Some of these courses include Cold War, Civil War, and history of Western education.

"When students finish our program they will have a solid foundation in historical writing and research, interpretation, and exposure to a variety of historical documents. It is important for us to provide diverse offerings in order to position them well to enter a history program at a

four-year school, regardless of where they go."

Reed says a big part of developing this foundation is by utilizing research projects and discussion-based classes, which isn't always the case for introductory-level college classes.

"Because we have smaller classes compared to most four-year institutions, we have the opportunity to be much more interactive. As a result, we give our students a very good idea of what they can expect in upper-division courses when they transfer."

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—Jeff Reed

CULTURE, HISTORY, AND POLITICS
DEPARTMENT CHAIR



Professional Technical Education

Are you interested in starting a great new career? Our Professional Technical Education (PTE) programs are designed to provide comprehensive training in just four to 24 months so that you can move on to an exciting new career. CWI partners with local employers to ensure that we are providing the exact skills they are looking for. We back that up with hours and hours of hands-on, real-world training—both in class and through internships—to help you get the experience you need.

PTE Degrees and Certificates We Offer:

16 MONTHS **ATC**
Advanced
Technical Certificate

1 YEAR **TC**
Technical
Certificate

<1 YEAR **PTC**
Postsecondary
Technical Certificate

2 YEARS **AAS**
Associate of
Applied Science

BUSINESS

Administrative Specialist
Applied Accounting
Marketing Management

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education

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Welding and Metals Fabrication
Heavy-Equipment Welding
and Fabrication

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Baking and Pastry Arts
Culinary Arts

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— Heavy-Equipment Technician
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Powersports and Small Engine
Repair Technology
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Business

Administrative Specialist

16 MONTHS AIC 1 YEAR TC <1 YEAR PTC 2 YEARS AAS

Through CWI's Administrative Specialist program, you can earn a certificate or degree in just one semester, one year, or two years with starting salary and potential for promotion in your new career based on the amount of training you complete. This program is designed to give you a strong start in a variety of office careers. If you like working with people, enjoy managing different workloads, can track details, and find satisfaction in supporting business professionals, this is the program for you. Graduates who earn a two-year associate degree will be more likely to find higher-level jobs and work at an advanced operations level. Graduates with an associate degree position themselves to progress quickly in their career, attain office-manager positions, and perform work such as coordinating office activities; training; designing filing systems; making presentations to management; processing, storing, retrieving, and distributing

information; and more. Many support staff also coordinate projects and assist with client relationships.

Applied Accounting

16 MONTHS AIC 2 YEARS AAS

Accounting professionals are in high demand, and as a student in this program, you will learn basic knowledge of accounting processes that are required for a variety of career paths. This program will help prepare you to find employment in professions such as accounting clerk, accounting technician, accounting associate, payroll clerk, or bookkeeper. Upon completion, you will have an opportunity to obtain credentialing as a Certified Bookkeeper by the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers (AIPB), a national standard of excellence in the profession. So if you like numbers, order, and troubleshooting, you will enjoy this career!

Marketing Management

16 MONTHS AIC 1 YEAR TC 2 YEARS AAS

Are you creative, highly motivated,

and enjoy teamwork? A career in marketing could be calling you. Following graduation, you will be positioned to find a job in advertising, promotions, public relations, and sales—or maybe even go on to start your own business. You will gain excellent skills in traditional and emerging marketing techniques and be introduced to the world of e-commerce. Our students also have opportunities to receive valuable experience by showcasing their talents at state and national competitions.

SEE MARKETING MANAGEMENT »
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Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education



Becoming an early childhood educator takes equal amounts heart, knowledge, and skill. As a preschool teacher or childcare provider, you have the responsibility of caring for young children and nurturing their abilities in art, music, language, social interaction, and other developmental activities. At CWI, you will hone your skills right on campus in our own college preschool where you will practice working with young children and helping them adjust to their first school experiences.

This program covers a range of topics related to the mental, physical, and emotional needs of growing children. You will also learn techniques for resolving

problems in a positive manner and how to effectively communicate with parents, administrators, and other specialists. We offer a number of classes at night or online to help accommodate your busy schedule. Students in this program have the option of doing the fieldwork in their own work setting or at our campus preschool.

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» Did you know?

Childcare services is expected to be one of the fastest growing careers in the country from 2010 to 2020. The current number of childcare professionals nationwide is 1,282,000, but that number is expected to increase by as much as 28 percent in that time. Idaho is expected to follow a similar trend with over 17 percent growth in childcare employment from 2008 to 2018.

— Source: O*NET Online, www.onetonline.org

Construction

Heavy-Equipment Welding and Fabrication

16 MONTHS ATC <1 YEAR PTC 2 YEARS AAS

If you are interested in pursuing a diesel technician career with a specialty focus in welding, CWI's Heavy-Equipment Welding and Fabrication program can help you achieve your goals. In this program, you will start your education by taking the first year of Heavy-Duty Truck Technician training. After successfully completing the first year, you will move to CWI's Welding and Metals Fabrication program and complete one year of training to earn your degree.

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Welding and Metals Fabrication

16 MONTHS ATC 1 YEAR TC <1 YEAR PTC 2 YEARS AAS

Welders are in high demand in shops and various construction locations, and CWI has programs that can be completed in one year to get you out of the lab and into your new career. This program prepares you for certification with the American Welding Society (AWS). Students learn plasma and oxy fuel cutting, MIG, TIG, flux core, shielded metal arc, and other welding processes in our newly equipped facilities. Students will also receive in depth study in welding theory industrial safety, blueprint reading, and introduction to AutoCAD.

"My experience at CWI has been great. The people are welcoming, and they are really helpful."
—John Crossman





Culinary Arts

Baking and Pastry Arts

16 MONTHS ATC 2 YEARS AAS

In order to succeed in the baking industry, it is necessary to perfect skills that are both artistic and scientific. At CWI, we can develop your skill set in the kitchen and prepare you for a wide variety of careers—from independent and in-store bakeries to large commercial bakeries, restaurants, and hotels—with our two-year Baking and Pastry Arts program.

Whether you are interested in completing an Advanced Technical Certificate or finishing the Associate of Applied Science degree, you will benefit from our hands-on approach to teaching you the ins and outs of baking. Throughout the course of this program, you will build a strong foundation in basic concepts, methods, and chemistry of cooking and baking. We will also help you develop both as an artist and businessperson through instruction and valuable industry internship experiences.

The program follows the American Culinary Foundation Educational Institute—required knowledge and skill competencies for degree programs.

Culinary Arts

16 MONTHS ATC 1 YEAR TC <1 YEAR PTC 2 YEARS AAS

Whether you have been inspired by a famous chef or just love creating in the kitchen, our dynamic Culinary program provides you with the professional training needed to succeed in the field.

Foodservice careers require long hours and hard work, and this program is built on an apprenticeship model so our students gain hands-on experience that is indicative of real-world challenges. Students will learn first-hand from working in our dining room and deli, which are open to the public. At the same time, students take classes related to cooking and creativity along with classes in nutrition, sanitation, safety, and business operations. The

program is rigorous and challenging but also professionally rewarding. Our students have opportunities to showcase their skills in the annual SkillsUSA Competition, both regionally and nationally. Many have earned gold, silver, and bronze medals.

Our program is fully accredited by the American Culinary Federation (ACF) and offers several certificate options and a two-year associate degree. Once you have your two-year degree, you can pursue additional education to become an ACF-certified chef.

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Emergency Services

Fire Service Technology

2 YEARS AAS

Are you a full-time, seasonal, or volunteer firefighter who is looking to formalize your structural fire training and experience? At CWI, we can help you take the next step in your firefighting career by completing our two-year degree program in Fire Service Technology.

This degree is for active-duty firefighters and allows Emergency Services Training (EST) and National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) courses to satisfy the Associate of Applied Science degree requirements.

We serve municipal and county fire departments and districts to meet the needs of departments to maintain and sustain necessary skills for fire suppression and emergency response. Courses represent Emergency Services Training (EST)—approved curriculum based on National Fire Protection Association Standards (NFPA), including firefighter safety and the effective

use of specialized equipment and firefighting techniques.

Wildland Fire Management

2 YEARS AAS

Certification and education is essential for many career fields, especially for professionals looking to advance as a wildland firefighter. If you are interested in maximizing your career potential, consider formalizing your wildland fire training with our two-year degree program in Wildland Fire Management.

If you are currently working as a full-time, seasonal, or volunteer wildland firefighter, this degree can utilize your National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) courses to satisfy our Associated of Applied Science degree requirements.

» Did you know?

Municipal and forest firefighters accounted for 310,000 jobs nationwide in 2010. Projections indicate that number could grow nearly 10 percent by 2020. In Idaho, job growth for firefighters is 14 percent from 2010 to 2020. Idaho also boasts solid salary opportunities with firefighters having the opportunity to make upwards of \$60,000 a year.

— Source: O*NET Online
www.onetonline.org

**“Here at CWI,
I gained a ton of
confidence, self-esteem,
and skills to get a career
and start a new life.”**

**—Joshua
Christoffersen**



Healthcare

Certified Dental Assisting



If you enjoy working with people, have an eye for detail, and want to improve quality of life for others, dental assisting may be the career for you. As a dental assistant, you will have the opportunity to interact with people on a daily basis as you support dentists with various types of patient care, office duties, and laboratory work. Training can be completed in just 11 months (contingent on completing clinical hours).

Medical Administrative Support



Enrolling in CWI's Medical Administrative Support program will provide you exposure to a profession that performs a variety of duties in a medical environment. Physicians rely on well-trained medical administrative support professionals to assist in the operation of medical offices and the documentation of patient care. Successful students in this program typically possess above-average skills in communication, organization, and attention to detail.

Specialized coursework focuses on medical terminology and body structures, medical transcription, health information management, and insurance billing. This program is competency based, specifying student performance objectives required for employment. Previous training or experience may be substituted for coursework if competence is demonstrated through testing with permission of the instructor. The program concludes with a capstone employment-skills class, which will help prepare you for the job search and introduce you to potential employers.

Medical Assistant



Pursue a rewarding, fast-paced career as a medical assistant by obtaining an Associate of Applied Science degree in Medical Assisting from CWI. Our program will prepare you to be a vital resource for physicians and other medical professionals, assisting with duties like office management, patient care, and collecting and processing laboratory specimens. Training includes specialized coursework

in professional communication, medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, health information management, billing and coding, phlebotomy, and clinical procedures, as well as real-world externships.

Nursing—Professional



Interested in going to work as a registered nurse? This program will prepare you to become licensed to practice nursing by providing you with a combination of theory and laboratory instruction as well as clinical experience in the area's healthcare facilities. This program is approved by the Idaho State Board of Nursing, and upon satisfactory completion of the program, you will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN.

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Inside Look: Early Childhood Education

Program Focuses on Development

Research shows that a child's brain will develop to 95 percent of its maximum size over the first six years of his or her life. While the brain will continue to change dramatically during childhood and early adolescence, the first several years are incredibly important for development and education. It is with that understanding that the CWI Early Childhood Education program has been built, focusing on the significance of developmental education.

"We find that people who come into our program are truly interested in educating young children," says Program Chair, Bonnie Noonan. "Early childhood education involves brain development as well as making connections to people. We are supporting children as active learners for the rest of their lives."

Noonan says the program utilizes both instruction and real-world

experience to provide students this complete perspective.

"The program provides a blend of hands-on learning and theory for what we do in all areas of the discipline, like child development, health, safety and nutrition, and parent involvement. Those theory-based courses are designed to support the experience our students receive working directly with children."

Students are exposed to real-world learning opportunities with over 400 hours of required practical experience. These hours are completed through at least four practicum experiences such as field-work in community setting and in the program's on-site preschool lab. Noonan says this variety of opportunities translates to a wide range of career paths that graduates pursue.

"We have graduates working in preschools and childcare centers, and opening their own childcare

businesses. We also see students become family advocates and home visitors. A lot of our students go on to get a bachelor's degree in Applied Science. We strive to introduce our students to a number of possible careers throughout our various courses."

Noonan says that commitment to real-world experience has translated to successful placement with local partners.

"We have community organizations requesting our students for practicum opportunities. A big reason is that we start our students working with children, under supervision, as quickly as we can. That way they can take what they learn in the classroom and start practicing it. Without that, it is very hard to make the connection between practical application and theory."

"Early childhood education involves brain development as well as making connections to people. We are supporting children as active learners for the rest of their lives."

—Bonnie Noonan

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
PROGRAM CHAIR





Healthcare

Upon passing this exam, you will be licensed to practice nursing as a registered nurse.

All students accepted into the Professional Nursing program must submit to a criminal background check at their own expense. Please see cwidaho.cc/pte to obtain more information about program admission and the background check.

Physical Therapist Assistant



If you like the thought of a career in healthcare in which you can positively affect the lives of patients every day, consider pursuing a degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant. The curriculum for this program will guide you through the basics of anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, and neurology. We will also introduce you to principles and procedures of the profession, including therapeutic modalities, therapeutic exercise, manual therapy, and neurological interventions. The program will include a combination of classes in a lab environment as well as clinical education. Enrollment is limited to 14 students each year. Those who are

offered admission and/or clinical placement will be required to submit to a complete criminal background check at their own expense.

Effective November 6, 2013, the Idaho Physical Therapist Assistant Consortium Program has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703.706.3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates that the program may matriculate students in technical courses and that the program is progressing toward accreditation. Candidate for Accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation.

Surgical Technology



Is the thought of helping prepare a surgical team for the operating room interesting to you? Then consider preparing for an exciting

new career by enrolling in our Surgical Technology program. Surgical technologists help prepare operating rooms for surgery by setting up surgical instruments, sterile drapes, and sterile solutions. During operations, they work as members of the sterile team while also helping pass instruments and assisting surgeons with procedures.

This program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). After completing the program, students are eligible to take the National Certification Exam for Surgical Technologists (CST).

Prospective students should be able to stand for long periods of time and have strong attention-to-detail skills. Instruction is provided in a classroom setting and on the job at local hospitals. Enrollment is limited to 16 students each year.

All students accepted into the Surgical Technology programs must submit to a criminal background check at their own expense. Please see cwidaho.cc/pte to obtain more information about this policy.

Horticulture

Horticulture Technology



When you enroll in the Horticulture program, you will attend classes at our horticulture location adjacent to the Idaho Botanical Gardens off Warm Springs Avenue in Boise. The facility includes classrooms in a restored early 1900s home with two state-of-the-art greenhouses and over 20 acres of growing fields. There are also over 1,000 plant species growing in the Botanical Gardens next door.

The AmericanHort, a national association of horticulture professionals, predicts that its industry will continue to have attractive openings for graduates. After completing this program, you will be in position to pursue careers working for wholesale nurseries, landscape contractors, floral shops, and more. Potential jobs include working as a grower, nursery crew supervisor, nursery inventory control specialist, and landscaping, among others.

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» Did you know?

Horticulture-related careers have a positive outlook for job growth and opportunities for competitive wages. One great example is first-line supervisors of landscaping, lawn service, and grounds-keeping workers. In Idaho, employment in these positions is expected to grow over 19 percent from 2010 to 2020 and can make upwards of \$57,000 per year. Nursery and greenhouse managers are also capable of making a high salary, as the national median wage for such positions is \$69,300.

— Source: O*NET Online, www.onetonline.org

To learn more about PTE:

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Information Technology

Cisco Networking and Security Technologies

16 MONTHS ATC <1 YEAR PTC 2 YEARS AAS

CWI's Cisco Networking and Security Technologies program can introduce you to a fulfilling new career opportunity by providing you with the knowledge and skills to install, configure, maintain, and troubleshoot Cisco routers, switches, and related network equipment in a LAN or WAN environment. The program also focuses on advanced network routing and switching as well as the fundamentals of wireless networks and VoIP in a converged network. Upon completion, you will be ready to earn Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) and Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP) certifications as we are

recognized by Cisco Systems as a Regional Training Academy for Idaho.

Computer Support Specialist

16 MONTHS ATC 1 YEAR TC 2 YEARS AAS

If you are seeking a wide variety of knowledge and skills to work on desktop computers, small business wired and wireless networks, and printing/document imaging devices, look no further than CWI's Computer Support Specialist program.

At CWI, we will develop your understanding of electrical and mechanical components, industry tools, networking functions, computer hardware and software troubleshooting, and introduce computer virtualization. This program also covers soft skills,

such as customer service and professionalism, and skills needed for the CompTIA A+, and Network+ certifications. Depending on your level of completion, you may earn a Technical Certificate, Advanced Technical Certificate, or Associate of Applied Science degree in this field.

Information Security and Digital Forensics

16 MONTHS ATC 2 YEARS AAS

The world of information security and digital forensics is an exciting career possibility—and, at CWI, you have an opportunity to join the front line combating hackers who are compromising computers around the world. The goal of this program is to prepare security professionals to protect an organization's data by taking preemptive measures against malicious attacks and to perform forensic investigation if security is breached. All students accepted into the program must submit to a criminal background check at their own expense. Please see cwidaho.cc/pte to obtain more information about program admission and the background check.

» Did you know?

The employment outlook for computer support specialists is bright, both nationally and in Idaho, as the number of jobs nationwide is projected to grow up to 19 percent from 2010 to 2020. Opportunities for solid pay are also available as the national median wage for computer user support specialists is \$46,400 and \$59,100 for computer network support specialists.

—Source: O*NET Online, www.onetonline.org

Inside Look: Horticulture Technology

Program Teaches Adaptability

If there was a road map of career choices for graduates of the CWI Horticulture Technology program, it would be elaborate. True to the wide variety of professional avenues to pursue, the Horticulture program is a vast garden of options to explore.

“We have developed this degree to take a generalist approach, which means graduates are required to be knowledgeable in all areas of horticulture,” says Program Chair Leslie Blackburn. “A lot of our students come into the program with a limited understanding of their options but leave with a far-reaching picture of career opportunities, all because we expose them to multiple areas of horticulture.”

Some graduates continue on to four-year degree programs. Others complete a degree or certificate and find jobs immediately in the industry. These jobs have come in

the form of anything from nurseries, to landscaping companies, government agencies, golf courses, and more.

The program’s diverse approach is evident in the curriculum, which covers everything from landscape installation and construction to irrigation, production, greenhouse nursery, management, and propagation. With this foundation, students then have the opportunity to explore their personal interests through internships, available through private industry partners and government agencies.

“Internships allow students to begin honing in on their career focus. We have a strong internship program that is connected throughout the entire Treasure Valley.”

Learning projects are also an integral part of the student experience, providing real-world exposure to the business side of horticulture industries. Projects

have included an annual poinsettia sale, commercial and residential landscaping projects, and even a partnership that entailed growing and selling hanging baskets for a mall grand opening.

“Project-based learning is incorporated in all areas of the program and every student will experience it. These projects are more than just classroom scenarios; students actually work with customers, conduct site surveys, complete drawing and planning stages—then work toward a finished product.”

For Blackburn, the experience is part of a winning recipe for preparing students for success.

“You can read about it all you want in a book, but if you go out and participate in actual situations you gain a much fuller experience.”

“A lot of our students come into the program with a narrow understanding of their options but leave with a very broad picture of career opportunities, all because we expose them to a lot of different areas of horticulture.”

—Leslie Blackburn

HORTICULTURE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM HEAD





Information Technology

Network Administration



Are you looking to gain skills necessary to be a network administrator? Our Network Administration program will equip you with the ability to manage Microsoft networks, configure Cisco routers and switches, and troubleshoot PC computing hardware and software. Curriculum in the program is designed to provide you not only with an Associate of Applied Science degree, but also with the knowledge you need to earn industry-recognized certifications, including Microsoft, Cisco, and CompTIA.

Web Development



“Web development” is a broad term used to define the work involved in developing a website for the Internet or a corporate intranet. There is a wide range of possibilities available to you by pursuing a career in web development, which is why this program offers an introduction to a variety of areas located within the discipline. Web development can encompass web design, web content development, or e-commerce development as well as client-liaison, web-server, and network security configuration.

Web development also commonly refers to writing markup and coding. To address this diverse profession, we help students acquire an understanding of programming principles and languages so that they can become proficient in XHTML and related technologies.

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» Did you know?

Careers in network and computer systems administration are expected to be in high demand for the next several years. The profession is projected to grow between 20–28 percent from 2010 to 2020 nationally. In Idaho, employment is projected to increase over 29 percent in that time. The high demand equates to competitive salaries, as the median salary is \$72,600 nationally and \$53,700 in Idaho.

— Source: O*NET Online, www.onetonline.org

Manufacturing

Drafting Technology

16 MONTHS **ATC** **1** YEAR **TC** **2** YEARS **AAS**

Does designing and creating with computer models interest you? Well, look no further than CWI's Drafting Technology program to get on track to your new career. In this program, you will learn to design a variety of practical projects using the latest 3-D-modeling software and 3-D printers. Our outstanding instructors will provide you with an enjoyable environment to develop and hone your skills. This program tends to fill fast, so make sure you apply early and don't miss out.

Electronics Technology

<1 YEAR **PTC** **2** YEARS **AAS**

Working as an electronics technician is a fun career that will provide you with opportunities in a fascinating field with the potential for good pay and a variety of options. Our students learn about electricity, mechanics, pneumatics, robotics, wireless communication, renewable energy, instrumentation, and industry computerized control systems. This broad-based skill set

positions graduates to apply for jobs in manufacturing, food processing, bio-medical, energy production, wireless communication, avionics, and more!

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Machine Tool Technology

16 MONTHS **ATC** **1** YEAR **TC** **<1** YEAR **PTC** **2** YEARS **AAS**

If you like to work with your hands and have an interest in manufacturing, CWI can offer you a start to an exceptional career as a machinist. In the first two semesters, you will use manual (operated by hand) machines to develop fundamental skills such as drilling, reaming, turning, milling, threading, and tool-bit grinding. You will develop applied math skills to compute speeds and feeds, calculate tapers, and compute tool-offset computations. The last two semesters you will learn how to set up, operate, and program (G-code) high-tech computer numerical controlled (CNC) machines. You will learn SolidWorks software to model parts, computer-aided machining

software (Virtual GIBBS) to generate G-code programs, and learn fixture design.

We have long-standing support from local employers, thanks in part to our accomplished graduates who have won top state and national awards in machining competitions. At CWI, you will learn basic skills and quickly advance into areas such as interpretation of drawings, proper measurement, design adaptation, computer numerical programming, and much more.

"My experience was rewarding because of the different ages of students attending the classes. Being of the older generation, I was able to fit in quite well."

—Brian Detro



Transportation

Auto Body Technology

16 MONTHS A/C 1 YEAR TC <1 YEAR PTC 2 YEARS AAS

Pursuing a career as an auto body technician is a rewarding challenge that will present you with the opportunity to combine a variety of skills. Painting and restoration calls for a combination of art, science, and technique that requires an understanding of new products and technology to perform high-quality work. This program starts with the basics and quickly moves into total collision repair—from assessing damage to complete reconditioning. You will also learn state-of-the-art, custom-painting techniques and so much more.

Automotive Technology

16 MONTHS A/C 1 YEAR TC <1 YEAR PTC 2 YEARS AAS

If the sound of an engine makes your heart race, CWI's Automotive Technician program is calling you. Technicians will tell you that the best education is one that gives you a wealth of experience. That is what makes our program so unique. In the first year, you will learn all auto systems, including brakes, fuel injection, electronic controls, automatic transmissions, scanning equipment, and on-board diagnostics, as well as the latest computer systems. Your second year is all about experience. You will learn on the job

in several local dealerships and shops, using the latest equipment and working with experienced personnel as mentors.

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» Did you know?

Automotive body technicians account for 153,000 jobs nationally. That number is projected to grow by 18 percent from 2010 to 2020. In Idaho, the number of auto body jobs is expected to see an even higher increase, rising 20 percent during the same period of time.

— Source: O*NET Online, www.onetonline.org

Transportation

Diesel Technology

Heavy-Duty Truck Technician

16 MONTHS ATC 1 YEAR TC >1 YEAR PTC 2 YEARS AAS

Are you interested in big trucks and mega engines? Are you looking to start a career with the potential for excellent pay and great job opportunities? Then look no further than CWI's Heavy-Duty Truck Technician program. At CWI, you will receive training with the latest technologies found in semi tractor-trailer trucks, enhancing your understanding of the power that makes them go.

Heavy-Equipment Technician

16 MONTHS ATC 1 YEAR TC >1 YEAR PTC 2 YEARS AAS

The Heavy Equipment Technician program at CWI will prepare you for entry-level employment as a technician at a variety of construction and agricultural equipment repair facilities. Students who complete the CWI program are considered

for employment by many local businesses that hire diesel technicians. The demand for qualified technicians is not only high locally, but nationally and internationally, as well. There is expected to be a strong demand well into the future.

Western States CAT® Technician

16 MONTHS ATC 2 YEARS AAS

The Western States CAT® program is a cooperative 15-month training program designed to prepare entry-level technicians for Western States CAT® equipment dealer positions. All students must interview with Western States and be selected for the program.

In the Western States CAT® program, you will be introduced to basic theory and repair procedures while receiving a hands-on approach to training. Instruction courses supplement technical training to help develop your interpersonal and academic skills that are vital for

advancing within the heavy-equipment technology service industry. All coursework has a primary focus on Caterpillar products, components, and proprietary technical information. Upon completion of coursework, you will be placed in a three-month formal internship program at a Western States location. Graduation is based on successful completion of both the required coursework and the internship program.





Transportation

Powersports & Small Engine Repair Technology

16 MONTHS AEC 1 YEAR TC <1 YEAR PTC 2 YEARS AAS

The need for repair technicians specializing in powersports vehicles and small engines has skyrocketed in recent years thanks to the overwhelming popularity of power toys, recreational vehicles, and motorized small vehicles. Small engines present a fun troubleshooting challenge—and, in our program, you will learn to repair everything from dirt bikes to the latest lawn-care equipment. Our graduates learn skills in many types of repair, from vintage engines that customers want to keep

forever to the latest computerized, high-end components. This is a two-year program that will give you skills for a lifetime of employment—working for yourself or someone else.

Professional Truck Driving

<1 YEAR PTC

If you are looking for a career that provides independence and numerous opportunities, a career as a professional truck driver is waiting for you. The CWI Professional Truck Driving program will train you to become an entry-level, over-the-road driver in the commercial trucking industry. Our

program includes classroom, live simulator, and on-the-road training with special emphasis on developing safe and efficient operating skills. Skilled and professional drivers are in demand and can expect good wages and excellent benefits.

This program is located near CWI's Nampa Campus and includes a driving range for practice, backing, docking, and parking.

» Did you know?

Professional truck drivers are in high demand as employment opportunities are expected to grow up to 28 percent nationally from 2010 to 2020. In 2010, there were over 11,800 heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers in Idaho alone. Professional truck drivers have the opportunity to make solid pay, as well as the median salary in Idaho is \$35,800 per year.

— Source: O*NET Online, www.onetonline.org

Inside Look: Electronics Technology

Training for Vast Career Opportunities

The career opportunities for electronics technicians are extensive. With programmable automated systems being utilized across countless industries from manufacturing to wireless communication, medical treatment, energy production, and more, the need for trained installation and maintenance technicians has never been greater.

The CWI Electronics Technology program has embraced the widespread opportunities its graduates can pursue by developing a curriculum that introduces students to a broad foundation of skills. Throughout the two-year program, students learn about electricity, electronics, mechanics, pneumatics, robotics, wireless communication, renewable energy, instrumentation, and automated programmable logic controller (PLC) systems.

“We focus on broad, high-level industrial electronics,” says Program Chair Mikel Douglas. “We strive to train our students to be instrumentation technicians because

the technology is everywhere and that has created a high demand for technicians right now.”

Nationally, jobs for electrical and electronics engineering technicians are projected to grow two percent from 2010 to 2020. The trend in Idaho is expected to be much higher, with job growth estimated to increase over 13 percent in the same time period. The high demand has also translated to strong salary potential, as the median salary for these technicians is \$57,850 nationally and \$54,600 in Idaho.

Douglas says in order to help students prepare and be competitive applicants upon graduation, the program has emphasized a real-world approach to teaching.

“We focus heavily on in-lab experience and try to avoid simulation scenarios. We prefer to train on real equipment, from solar panels, to wind turbines, robots, real software, and PLCs. We feel it is just better to learn on the real equipment.”

That hands-on approach, paired with a focus on the future, helps ensure the program will continue to provide

a skilled workforce for a variety of local industries for many years to come.

“Our program wants to be in the forefront of bringing more manufacturing into the Treasure Valley. But we will also continue to look to the future, training students in things like renewable energy because we want our students to have diverse skills and be capable of going in a number of directions.”

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—Mikel Douglas

ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM CHAIR



Earn College Credit in High School–Tech Prep

Participating in the Tech Prep program offered through CWI is a great way for you to earn college credit early, while also helping you learn trades to start a solid career path sooner. Thanks to this collaboration between CWI and your high school technical program instructors, you have access to college-credit classes that range from administrative support, information technology, auto body, automotive, welding, and culinary arts, among others.

Through CWI, you have the opportunity to earn college credit in qualified classes taken at your high school campus or district professional technical centers.

Following high school graduation, you will then have the opportunity to seamlessly continue working toward your degree at CWI or transfer your credits to other colleges and universities.

Qualify and Apply:

Take these steps to start earning college credit through the CWI Tech Prep program:

1. Enroll in the high school technical program of your choice.
2. Register into the Tech Prep student database, Career and Technology Education Management Application (CATEMA). Your technical program high school instructor(s) will assist with this registration.
3. Obtain the CWI Tech Prep Registration Form and the Privacy Release Form.
4. Complete and return those forms to your high school instructor.

Examples of Tech Prep Courses:

Administrative Support	Drafting
Applied Accounting	Early Childhood Education
Auto Body—Collision Repair	Horticulture
Automotive	Information Technology
Culinary Arts	Marketing Management
Dental Assisting	Machine Tool
Diesel Technology	Welding

To learn more about Tech Prep:

Call: Region III
Tech Prep,
Yvonne McKee,
208.562.2452

Click: cwidaho.cc/hscredit

Visit: Your high school counselor

Inside Look: Marketing Management

Program Cultivating Entrepreneurial Minds

Entrepreneurs are thriving in the CWI Marketing Management program. With a foundation rooted in real-world experience, it has become a tremendous training ground for students interested in small business ventures. The fit has been so good, in fact, the program has seen over 20 students successfully start their own small business.

“The program really is ideal for someone with entrepreneurial goals,” says Business and Information Technology Program Chair, Rob Walker. “It gives them the business basics and tools to be successful.”

These business ventures have spanned a wide variety of concepts, from woodworking to hunting guide services and mobile oil changes. Walker believes the success his

students are having has been significantly impacted by the breadth of experiences they gain in a relatively short period of time.

“We really take a two-year boot camp mentality with this program. Students are introduced to business concepts, marketing, advertising, management, digital publishing, web- design strategies, and business-plan writing. Students that come in with a purpose really thrive.”

Complementing the extensive array of topics, instruction is supplemented with real-world projects like developing marketing plans and business models. Various classes have also worked with local businesses, providing experience in marketing analysis and consultation.

“These projects give our students an insight into the real world. More importantly, it gives them confidence

that they have the skills to interact with business owners. It is really about building their confidence. The response from the local business owners has been very positive.”

Walker says perhaps the biggest reason the program has had success helping students achieve such a wide range of goals is because it doesn’t apply a one-size-fits-all formula.

“We give them the business basics and tools, but leave the application up to the student. They could apply it as an entrepreneur or simply to increase their employability as a marketing professional. Every business needs marketing, and this is a two-year program that will get people ready for the real world.”

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—Rob Walker

BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAM CHAIR



Fast-Track Career Training & Customized Business Solutions

CWI Business Partnerships/Workforce Development provides you high-quality, short-term training to boost your job skills, acquire new career skills, and earn certificates you need. Take as many classes as you want in our short-term, noncredit classes with no applications, no transcripts, and no hassle. Just sign up and watch your career take off.

Our training is open to anyone age 16 or older and out of high school. We hold classes at a variety of locations throughout western Idaho that are taught by knowledgeable professionals with years of experience in the topics they teach.

Construction & Apprenticeships

Emergency Medical Services

Healthcare

Manufacturing & Trades

Technology & Business Solutions

Customized Training Solutions

When it comes to training solutions, you know that one size definitely does not fit all. That's why CWI is here to partner with your business to design custom training programs that fill skill gaps or create new skill sets in your

workforce. A trained and skillful workforce leads to increased productivity and a positive impact on your bottom line.

Whether you are seeking a one-time skills development course or desire ongoing

training, we are able to respond quickly to emerging needs with highly effective, fully customized training programs that can be offered at your site or ours.



CWI Customized Training Includes:

- Training logistics
- Ongoing support
- Curriculum development
- Continuing Education Units (CEUs), where applicable
- Dedicated instructors and staff
- Employee-development tracking

Why Customized Training at CWI?

Through CWI Business Partnerships/Workforce Development, you can arrange fast-track, customized training programs that prepare your workforce on a variety of skills.

For more information about training solutions for your organization, contact our Business Partnerships/Workforce Development group at 208.562.2700 to get started today!

The CWI Difference.

- Quality
- Cost effective
- Expertise in multiple areas
- Multiple locations with classrooms, specialized equipment, and labs

See CWI Classes & Programs
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**"My experience
at CWI has been one of
professionalism. I've really
enjoyed my time and
learned a lot."
—Dawn Ewing**



Construction & Apprenticeships

The construction field has maintained a constant demand for highly skilled workers thanks to technological advances and a need for these professionals to upgrade their skill sets. In Idaho, construction currently accounts for a significant portion of the workforce and is expected to grow a great deal in the near future. This demand is expected to increase as the workforce continues to age and many highly skilled workers retire.

Overview:

According to the Idaho Department of Labor, in 2010, construction provided 34,788 jobs around the state, just over five percent of Idaho's total employment. By 2020, that number is projected to grow to 39,771.

At CWI, we are helping to accommodate growth in the

Idaho construction industry by providing a diverse number of training courses. If you are interested in pursuing basic certifications, we offer training in areas that include construction site erosion and sediment control, and flagging for traffic control. For those of you needing education for a

long-term career path, we also provide training in conjunction with on-the-job apprenticeships for electrical, HVAC, and plumbing.

Take advantage of this need for construction and specialty trade workers, and start your training today!

» Did you know?

CWI offers apprenticeship training in three of the brightest construction careers in the nation. Employment growth for electricians, heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) technicians, and plumbers is expected to range between 20-29 percent from 2010 to 2020. All three careers also have the potential for solid pay ranges—with electricians leading the way with an average salary of \$45,900 in Idaho in 2012.

— Source: O*NET Online, www.onetonline.org



Construction & Apprenticeship Course Offerings:

CONSTRUCTION

Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control (4 hours)

Flagging for Traffic Control (6 hours)

ELECTRICAL

Apprenticeship Program (4 years)

Journeyman Code Update (16 hours)

Journeyman Test Prep (32 hours)

Journeyman Upgrade Grounding (8 hours)

Journeyman Upgrade Motor Controls (8 hours)

HVAC

Apprenticeship Program (4 years)

Carbon Monoxide Certification (60 hours)

CAT I Vent Sizing (20 hours)

Commercial Refrigeration (36 hours)

EPA Section 608 License Course (6 hours)

Fuel Gas Code (60 hours)

HVAC Electrical Specialty Journeyman Exam Prep (8 hours)

LP Gas Journeyman License (120 hours)

PLUMBING

Apprenticeship Program (4 years)

Practical Exam for Journeyman (8 hours)

Appliance Specialty License Course (72 hours)

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**"The instruction at CWI is complete, up-to-date, and informative."
—Kat Bridwell**





Emergency Medical Services

In Idaho, there is a growing community of individuals who have dedicated themselves to saving lives and protecting people and property. According to the Idaho Department of Labor, in 2010, Idaho was served by 1,985 firefighters and 851 paramedics and EMTs. That total number is projected to grow significantly in years to come, rising 19.4 percent to 3,385 by 2020.

Overview:

Public emergency services are a vital part of our community, and CWI helps enhance these professions in Idaho by providing training in a variety of fields.

Whether you are interested in a career in fire protection or emergency medical services, you can get started at CWI with programs offered in CPR, EMT, and paramedic.

So don't wait to take the next step in joining the front line of public safety, and start training for a career that is fast paced and constantly evolving—where no two days are ever the same.

Emergency Medical Services Course Offerings:

CPR: BLS Healthcare Provider CPR
(8 hours)

EMT Basic (4 months)

EMT Advanced (5 months)

Paramedic (12 months)

» Did you know?

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics accounted for 226,500 jobs nationwide in 2010. Projections indicate that number could grow more than 33 percent by 2020. In Idaho job growth for EMTs and paramedics is 17 percent from 2008 to 2018. Idaho also boasts high salary opportunities with emergency service professionals making upwards of \$70,000 a year.

— Source: O*NET Online, www.onetonline.org

Healthcare

Entry-level occupations are among the fastest-growing careers in the healthcare industry, and skilled workers are expected to be in high demand for years to come as baby boomers age. According to the Idaho Department of Labor, in 2010, there were nearly 52,932 healthcare jobs in Idaho. Of that total, 18,875 were healthcare support personnel. That number is projected to skyrocket with an additional 35.5 percent growth to 25,579 jobs by 2020.

Overview:

Whether you are looking to start a new career in this widely expanding industry or seeking advancement in your current profession, CWI offers a variety of healthcare courses to meet your needs. We offer essential healthcare certifications in areas such as assistance with

medications and CPR. If you are interested in more-intensive training, we also provide long-term courses in the medical, dental, and pharmaceutical fields, among others. At CWI, our healthcare training programs are respected by local employers, and they are

considerably more affordable than other providers. Take advantage of our wide variety of healthcare offerings to get started in your new career now, or take the next step in your current job with additional healthcare certifications.

Healthcare Course Offerings:

Assistance with Medications (AWM) (8 hours)

CPR: BLS Healthcare Provider CPR (8 hours)

Fundamentals of Dental Assisting (12-week self-study)

Dental Assisting Expanded Functions Mastery Series (8-week self-study per course)

Dietary Manager (12-month self-study)

Instructor Development (Self-study)

Medical Coding and Billing (6.5 months)

Medical Assistant (9 months)

Nursing Assistant (4 months)

Nursing Assistant Certification Testing—Manual Skills and Written Evaluation

Nursing Assistant Skills Review (4 hours)

Pharmacy Technician Program (6 months)

Phlebotomy (8 weeks)



Manufacturing & Trades

Manufacturing plays a prominent and vital role in Idaho's economy. Not only does it make up the largest private-sector segment of the state's economy—but Idaho also ranks second nationwide in growth of real gross state product. That means Idaho is filled with busy manufacturers, and each one needs trained, skilled, dependable employees who can produce high-quality products for a globally competitive market.

Overview:

In order to help continue developing Idaho's leading economic industry, we have established a wide variety of training courses for manufacturing and trades. If you are interested in learning introductory skills for a trade, we offer basic courses like basic

machine shop theory. We also provide several courses that will allow you to dive deeper in a craft with class series in topics such as welding, drafting, electronics, and programmable logic controllers, among others. If you are looking for more in-depth career

development, we can provide you with manufacturing-related training that will allow you to help increase productivity, streamline company processes, and improve the bottom line. A number of these classes are also great for developing basic skills for a hobby.

Manufacturing & Trades Course Offerings:

Basic Machine Shop Theory (18 hours)

Certified Electronics Technician (CET) Exam Prep (60 hours)

Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) (24 hours)

Drafting Technologies:

- AutoCAD Basic (30 hours)
- Revit (30 hours)
- SketchUp (30 hours)
- Solid Works (30 hours)

Welding—MIG, Stick, TIG (48 hours)



"I would recommend CWI to people who are ready for a career change or people who might be needing to expand upon their knowledge in their current skills."
—Ryan Watson

Technology & Business Solutions

In today's business world, companies are constantly searching for smarter ways to operate and new ways to thrive. In virtually any industry, businesses of all sizes are searching for ways to overcome rapidly changing organizational structures, workforce demographics, business dynamics, and competitive markets. At CWI, we know specialized training is a valuable asset in the business world, and we provide a top-level resource for Idaho by developing business and professional courses.

Overview:

In response to the demand for evolving business training, we have developed a variety of courses that can meet your needs both professionally and personally. If you are seeking to improve computer proficiency, we offer courses to train you in Microsoft® Office. When you are ready to expand upon

your management abilities, we also want to help you grow as a leader in your company with several courses geared toward supervisory and leadership development.

Training doesn't have to be all work and no play. Several of our courses are also beneficial for

your personal development.

So no matter if you are climbing the corporate ladder or interested in learning for personal enjoyment, look no further than CWI for your business and technology training.

Technology & Business Solutions Course Offerings:

Business Professional Development

Leadership, Management, and Supervision

Microsoft® Office Suite

Practical Office Skills Training

Personal & Professional Development

QuickBooks Pro® Series

Real Estate Pre-License Module 1 (001) & Module 2 (002)

Workplace English & Spanish





About CWI

Total Students Served: 19,861

9,204

Credit Students (Fall 2013)

7,954 - Academic Transfer

1,250 - Professional Technical

10,657

Noncredit Students (Fiscal Year 2013)

2,494 - Adult Basic Education

8,163 - Business Partnerships/
Workforce Development

Gender²



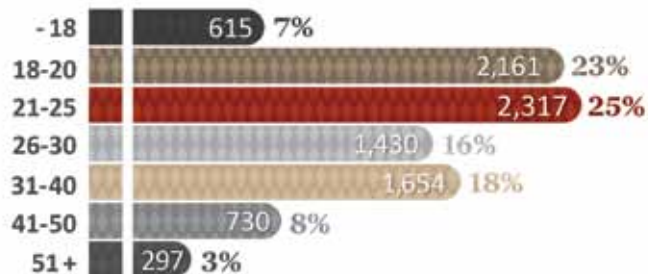
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Average
Class
Size

Average
Age²

27

Age²



¹ Total headcount includes Fall 2012 credit student enrollment and Fiscal Year 2012 noncredit enrollment.

² Age, gender, and class size information based on Fall 2012 credit student enrollment.

About the Region

Treasure Valley Life

CWI is located in the Treasure Valley, Southwest Idaho's economic and cultural hub, and just like its name implies, the area is rich with opportunity, activities, and recreation. When you are not studying or attending class, you might find yourself enjoying the cultural offerings of downtown Boise (Idaho's state capital), Meridian, Nampa, and surrounding cities, or hiking in the foothills. Outdoor recreation is a favorite pastime for many Treasure Valley residents, as the area boasts some of the best camping, hiking, and white-water rapids in the nation.

The Treasure Valley has been recognized nationally as a great place to live, work, and receive an education. Whether it's the vibrant cultural and recreational opportunities or the friendly people, low cost of living, and four-season climate—the Treasure Valley affords a quality of life that rivals virtually any other place in the country.



***As Idaho's center of business,
government, arts, and entertainment, the
Treasure Valley offers a quality of life
that's unbeatable!***

Locations

College of Western Idaho (CWI) has campus locations throughout the Treasure Valley, with the main campus situated in Nampa.

In addition to the five CWI locations, the College also delivers several courses at community locations throughout the valley. Please visit the CWI website for a comprehensive list of locations, including community locations.



One Stop Student Services

CWI has three campus locations with One Stop Student Services centers, which provide general information about the College and can help you with admissions, financial aid, registration, transcripts, student enrichment, and all other student-services needs.

1: Nampa Campus

Garryth Blvd. (Exit 38), Nampa, ID 83651

1a: Academic Building

5500 E. Opportunity Drive, Nampa, ID 83687

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Bookstore
- Tutoring

COURSES OFFERED

- Academic Transfer

1b: Micron Center for Professional Technical Education

5725 E. Franklin Road, Nampa, ID 83687

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- One Stop Student Services
- Assessment and Testing Services
- Industry Labs
- Full-Service Bookstore
- Tutoring

COURSES OFFERED

- Professional Technical Education (PTE) Programs
 - » Transportation Technology
 - » Welding and Metals Fabrication
 - » Machine Tool Technology
 - » Electronics Technology
 - » Drafting Technology

1c: Administrative Offices

6056 Birch Lane, Nampa, ID 83687

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Administrative Services

1d: Aspen Classroom Building

6002 Birch Lane, Nampa, ID 83687

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- BSU Transfer Center

COURSES OFFERED

- Academic Transfer

1e: Multipurpose Building

6042 Birch Lane, Nampa, ID 83687

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Library

COURSES OFFERED

- PTE Programs
 - » Early Childhood Education

1f: Professional Truck Driving

5252 Treasure Valley Way, Nampa, ID 83687

COURSES OFFERED

- Professional Truck Driving

2: Ada County Campus

Black Eagle Business Park | Corner of Overland Rd. and Maple Grove Rd., Boise, ID

2a: Lynx Center

9300 W. Overland Road, Boise, ID 83709

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- One Stop Student Services
- Assessment and Testing Services

2b: Pintail Center

1360 S. Eagle Flight Way, Boise, ID 83709

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Tutoring
- Library
- Bookstore

COURSES OFFERED

- Academic Transfer
- PTE Programs
 - » Applied Accounting
 - » Administrative Specialist
 - » Cisco Networking and Security Technologies
 - » Computer Support Specialist
 - » Information Security and Digital Forensics
 - » Marketing Management
 - » Medical Administrative Support
 - » Network Administration
 - » Web Development

2c: Quail Court

1450 S. Eagle Flight Way, Boise, ID 83709

COURSES OFFERED

- Academic Transfer
- PTE Programs
 - » Dental Assisting
 - » Medical Assistant
 - » Surgical Technology
- BP/WD Courses

2d: Mallard Place

9100 W. Black Eagle Drive, Boise, ID 83709

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Community Learning Center

COURSES OFFERED

- Basic Skills Education Programs
 - » Basic Reading, Writing, and Math Computation Skills
 - » GED Preparation
 - » English as a Second Language (ESL)

Other Treasure Valley Locations

3: Canyon County Center

2407 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID 83651

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- One Stop Student Services
- Community Learning Center
- Tutoring

COURSES OFFERED

- Academic Transfer
- Basic Skills Education Programs
 - » Basic Reading, Writing, and Math Computation Skills
 - » GED Preparation
 - » English as a Second Language (ESL)
- PTE Programs
 - » Nursing—Professional
- BP/WD Courses
 - » Apprenticeship Programs for Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, and Manufacturing

4: CWI at Boise State University

1464 University Drive, Boise, ID 83706

COURSES OFFERED

- PTE Program
 - » Culinary Arts

5: CWI Horticulture

Old Penitentiary Historic District / District Guard House / 244 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712

COURSES OFFERED

- Horticulture Technology



Mission & Vision

Leading the Way

Vision

“The College of Western Idaho provides affordable, quality teaching and learning opportunities for all to excel at learning for life.”

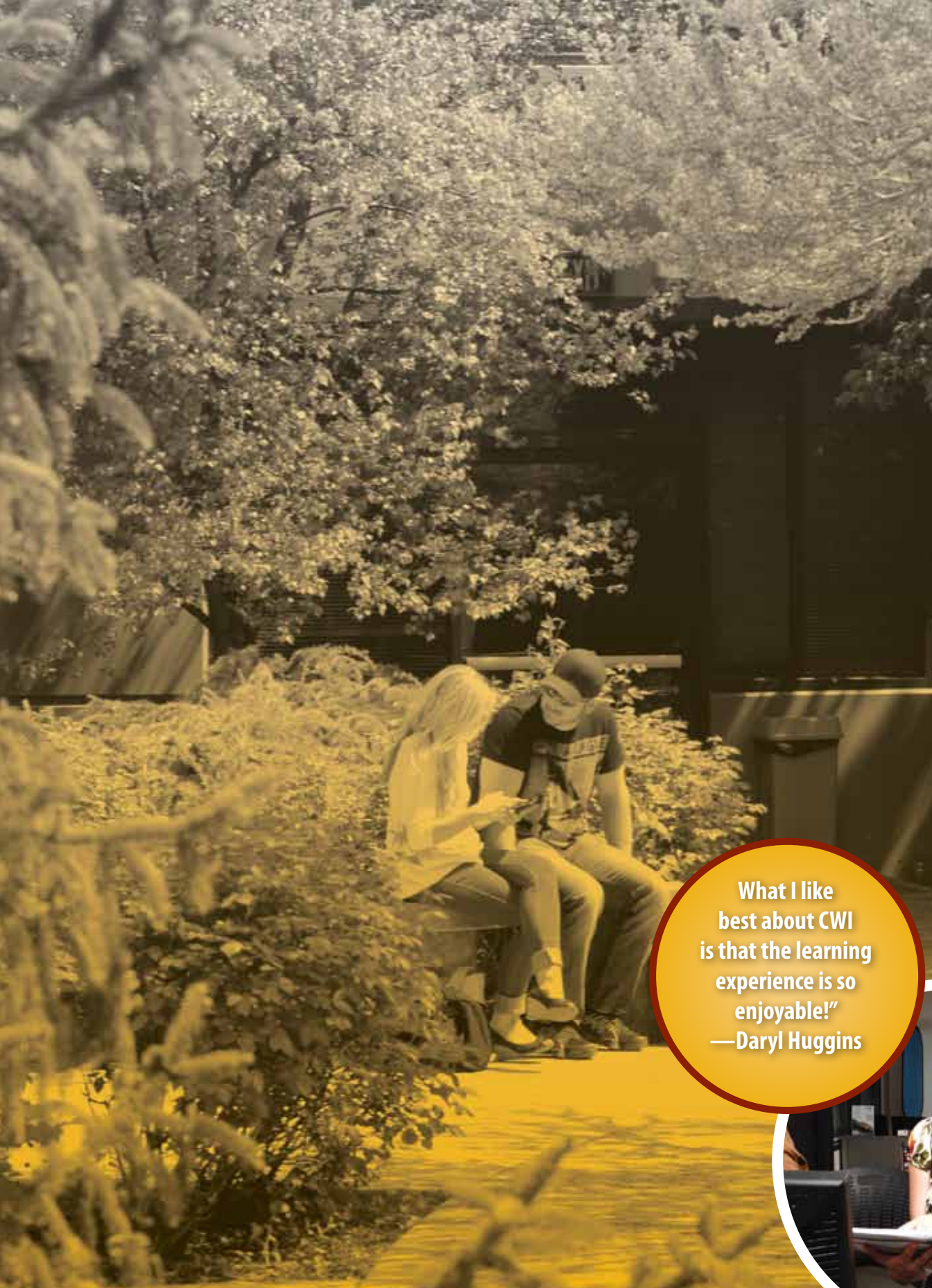
Mission

“The College of Western Idaho is a public, open-access, and comprehensive community college committed to providing affordable access to quality teaching and learning opportunities to the residents of its service area in Western Idaho.”

The College of Western Idaho is committed to providing equal employment opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other applicable legally protected status.

College of Western Idaho (CWI) has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Candidacy is not accreditation nor does it ensure eventual accreditation. Candidacy status is an affiliation with the NWCCU that indicates the institution has achieved initial recognition and is progressing toward accreditation.

CWI, until separate accreditation, if granted, delivers college credit instruction, certificates, and degrees through its contract with College of Southern Idaho (CSI), which is accredited through the NWCCU. Credits, certificates, and degrees earned at CWI appear on CSI transcripts and are transferable to four-year institutions, subject to the specific policies of those institutions.



What I like
best about CWI
is that the learning
experience is so
enjoyable!"
—Daryl Huggins



Get started today.



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Visit a One Stop Student Services Location

NAMPA CAMPUS: Micron Center for Professional Technical Education, 5725 East Franklin Road, Nampa, ID 83687

ADA COUNTY CAMPUS: Lynx Center, Black Eagle Business Park, 9300 West Overland Road, Boise, ID 83709

CANYON COUNTY CENTER: 2407 Caldwell Boulevard, Nampa, ID 83651