



News and Notes

Fall 2021

VIKING STRONG

Everyone at Westchester Community College is excited about the 2021-22 school year. We are in the midst of our re-emergence from the pandemic that hit our region so hard in 2020. While last year was difficult, even tragic, for so many, the WCC community pulled together to support our students. The lessons we learned, as well as the policies and procedures we put in place, have led to the optimism and excitement we share for this year. Due to the exigencies of the pandemic, nearly all courses and student services, including [academic counseling](#), [tutoring](#), and [mental health services](#), were delivered remotely last year. We have heard from many students who were pleased with the convenience, safety and high quality of these remote offerings. But we have also heard from many other students that they missed the interpersonal aspects of in-person classes and services. To these students, face-to-face interactions is an important aspect of the college experience.

Whether you [prefer remote learning and services](#) or in-person, WCC is here for you. Students seeking remote courses will enjoy learning from a faculty that has been trained extensively for, and has garnered over a year of experience in, this [modality](#). Furthermore, qualified students learning remotely can receive additional supports, such as laptop loaners and free broadband access. For students coming to campus or one of our convenient [Extension Centers](#), WCC has implemented [COVID protocols](#) to ensure the safety of our students and employees. These measures include the mandating of the COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone with a medical or religious exemption must be tested weekly. Everyone who is indoors on college property must be properly masked and practice social distancing whenever practicable.

So, whether you are attending in-person or online, you will enjoy a rich college experience while receiving the high-quality education people have come to expect at WCC. Choose from over 60 degree and certificate programs, including innovative programs in such high-demand fields as [Cybersecurity](#), [Health Information Technology](#), [Respiratory Therapy](#), and [Digital Filmmaking](#). WCC supports a wide range of students with programs such as our [Honors College](#), [SUNY Pathways](#), [Viking ROADS](#), [Metallica Scholars](#) Grant for job certifications. Whether in-person or online, you can enjoy extensive extra- and co-curricular activities. These include our more than 60 [clubs and organizations](#), [performing arts presentations](#), e-sports and [student government](#), to name but a few. The college reflects the rich diversity of its region, and was the first SUNY campus to be designated a Hispanic Serving Institution.

Students who come to Westchester Community College do so not only for the education and activities, but to take advantage of one of the lowest tuition rates in the tri-state area. In addition, the WCC Foundation dispenses over \$2 million in scholarships annually, which combined with other [financial aid](#) available, makes a WCC education one of the best investments you can make in yourself. As a matter of fact, 21% of WCC students who begin their academic journey from the bottom fifth of the income quintiles end up in the top fifth later in life. WCC is ranked 21st out of 690 two-year colleges nationwide on this measure. Whether you are looking to enter the [workforce](#) with the necessary skills as quickly as possible, or are looking at WCC as the first step in your [post-secondary education journey](#), WCC is here for you!

Submitted by Mark Stollar, Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications

SAVE THE DATE!

Westchester Community College's
VIRTUAL FALL 2021 OPEN HOUSE
will be held on
Saturday, November 13, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Students will be welcomed by a video message from Westchester Community College President Dr. Belinda S. Miles and Director of Admissions Gloria De La Paz!

Students will have the opportunity to join Zoom Rooms featuring:

- The Admissions Department for an Admissions Information Session
- The Office of Student Financial Aid Assistance
- Student Support Services
- Student Involvement/Athletics
- Workforce Development and Community Education
- English Language Institute
- Our Four Schools:
 - School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
 - School of Business and Professional Careers
 - School of Health Careers, Technology and Applied Learning
 - School of Mathematics, Science and Engineering

A Live Chatbot will be available to assist students!

Students will be able to check out our Virtual Campus Tour!

For more information and to RSVP, visit
www.sunywcc.edu/openhouse.

Admissions Virtual Application Days

The Office of Admissions will be offering Virtual Application Days to assist students with the admissions/application process in taking steps towards successful enrollment!

The Admissions Counselors are eager to connect virtually with your students to help them apply online for the Spring 2022 and Fall 2022 semesters!

- ❖ By participating in a Virtual Application Day, your students will be able to waive the \$50 application fee! (Please note, the application fee is non-refundable once submitted)

To begin making arrangements for a Virtual Application Day, contact our Director of Admissions, Gloria De La Paz, at Gloria.DeLaPaz@sunywcc.edu. She will connect you with your assigned Admissions Counselor!

We look forward to speaking with you and your students!

Admissions Virtual Events

Throughout the Fall 2021 semester, the Office of Admissions will be hosting Virtual Admissions Information Sessions via Zoom to help students learn more about the college, our programs and services, the admissions/enrollment process and the many opportunities that we offer!

We are also offering Nursing Information Sessions and 24-credit GED Information Sessions!

- ❖ By attending one of these Admissions Virtual Events, students can obtain an application fee waiver code that will help them to waive the \$50 application fee! (Please note, the application fee is non-refundable once submitted)

To RSVP for our Admissions Virtual Events and to check out our **Virtual Campus Tour** visit www.sunywcc.edu/info

WCC Transfer Agreements

The Westchester Community College (WCC) Office of Transfer Agreements is excited to share information about our most recent transfer agreements. [Transfer Agreements](#) facilitate as smooth a transfer as possible for our students and ensure that our graduates will transfer with junior status, thus being able to complete a bachelor's degree within two years of full-time study upon transfer.

It is a GREAT option for high school graduates to attend and graduate from Westchester Community College with an associate degree, and then transfer to their desired 4-year college to complete a bachelor's degree. **Did you know that WCC offers the lowest college tuition in the county!** Student success is important at each stage of their academic pathway and we work together within our collective field of education to help all students succeed!

Please let your students know about these new WCC transfer pathway opportunities:

- **Bard College**, offers the “Bard College Scholarship for Community Colleges in the Hudson Valley.”
- **Montclair State University**, offers in-state tuition to WCC graduates, for certain degree programs.
- **LIM College**, Fashion and Merchandising degrees.
- **Middle Georgia State University**, Cybersecurity and Computer Information Systems, a 100% online Bachelor's degree program that offers in-state tuition to WCC graduates.
- **Sarah Lawrence College**, Early Childhood and Childhood Education degrees.
- **SUNY Downstate**, Physical Therapy and Diagnostic Medical Imaging degrees.
- **SUNY Empire**, many great 100% online degrees!
- **SUNY Poly**, Health Information Technology, Engineering Science, and Mechanical Technology degrees.
- **SUNY Potsdam**, Health & Human Performance and Environmental Studies degrees.
- **University of New Haven**, Paramedicine, 100% online bachelor's degree program.

*Most of these colleges offer merit scholarships.

In addition, we have transfer agreements with two HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) and will continue to expand partnerships with other HBCUs!

- **Lincoln University**
- **Delaware State University**

Lastly, we would like to highlight an exciting new [WCC/Mercy College “Dual Admissions Pathway” Agreement](#) that might be particularly interesting to some of your students! This agreement applies to prospective students who reside in Westchester County who apply to Mercy College but do not meet the admittance standards for acceptance to Mercy College. Mercy College has a pathway for acceptance by directing these students to first complete their associate degree at WCC. Students who successfully meet the graduation requirements at WCC will then be fully accepted to Mercy College based on the following conditions:

- Students must have GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Grades earned in major courses must be at least a C or better to transfer. (See specific program for grade requirements)
- Students must fulfill particular requirements, regarding GPA, prerequisites, clinical experience, etc. that may be in place for certain academic programs at Mercy College, including Communication Disorders, Design and Animation, Music Production and Recording Arts, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Social Work, and Veterinary Technology.

Check the [WCC transfer agreements webpage](#) and the [WCC transfer agreements by program of study webpage](#) for details on ALL our transfer agreements.

Questions? Please reach out to Mary Hegarty, WCC's Transfer Agreements Coordinator at: mary.hegarty@sunywcc.edu
Submitted by Mary Hegarty, WCC Transfer Agreements Coordinator

LGBTQIA+ Task Force

The LGBTQIA+ Task Force's mission is to improve the lives of our LGBTQIA+ campus community through policy, advocacy, education, and social connections. Consisting of administrators, faculty, staff, and students, the LGBTQIA+ Task Force researches topics that need to be addressed on campus and create projects to tackle these challenges.

Evidence of the LGBTQIA+ Task Force's ability to affect positive change and the commitment of our campus community to bettering the lives of LGBTQIA+ folx on campus can be seen in our 2021 Pride Index results. The Campus Pride Index is a national assessment tool assisting campuses in improving safety and campus climate for people who are LGBTQIA+. WCC has received the overall Campus Pride Score of 76%, which is equal to 4 of 5 stars, with a score of 83% (4.5 of 5 stars) for Sexual Orientation and 78% (4 of 5 stars) for Gender Identity/Expression inclusivity. This is a great improvement from the last report we received in 2017 when our overall Campus Pride Score was 46% which is equal to 2.5 stars, with a score of 50% (3 stars) for Sexual Orientation and 43% (2.5 stars) for Gender Identity/Expression inclusivity.

Other successful projects that made the Campus Pride Index Score possible include:

- Preferred Name Policy, which was adopted by the college in the Spring 2021 semester. Students are now able to add a preferred name through their MyWCC accounts. These preferred names will show up on class and grading rosters, as well as be displayed as "Preferred Name" in PeopleSoft. Additionally, the college is currently working on making the changes to Blackboard, and DegreeWorks. For more information, visit: <https://www.sunywcc.edu/admissions/registering-for-classes/preferred-name-information/>
- Guide to LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Language, a reference document for creating forms where personal information is collected from students and the campus community.
- The Annual Lavendar Graduation, a special graduation ceremony that honors the achievements of graduating individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other at WCC.
- LGBTQIA+ Alumni and Staff Socials to engage the WCC community.
- LGBTQIA+ Children's Books in The Virginia Marx Children's Center were added in Spring 2021.
- The creation of a Yearly Calendar of LGBTQIA+ Events
- The Advocate Training, an LGBTQIA+ Literacy Training, which is designed to provide the campus community with the tools to become strong LGBTQIA+ advocates and support our students and community members who identify this way.

Submitted by Dana Hirsch (she/they), Coordinator of LGBTQIA+ and International Student Programs/The Viking News and GLOW Advisor/Co-Chair of the LGBTQIA+ Task Force

Interactive Technologies A.A.S. (ITECH)



ITECH is an interdisciplinary program that prepares students for emerging technology skills that will support their career aspirations in STEM, creative arts, and business. Students will have the opportunity to explore and prepare for careers that utilize interactive technologies. Courses focus on the design and development of digital media prototypes needed in the sciences, digital marketing, web development, design thinking and creative applications. The interdisciplinary curriculum supports students who are seeking an entry-level position of employment in their field of interest and/or students who want to transfer to a four-year institution.

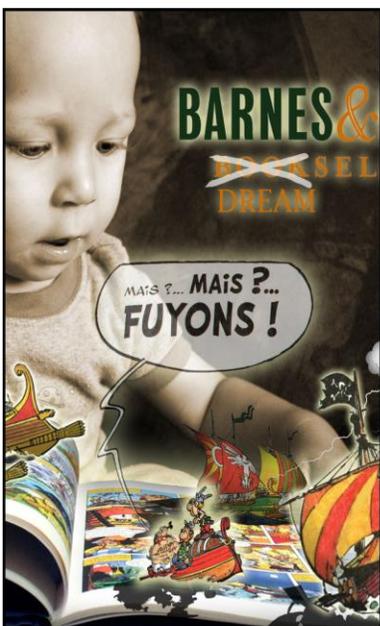
There are three specialized concentrations for students to choose from: Digital Marketing, Web Design/Development (UX/UI), and Computer Animation and Game Design. Coursework includes real world project-based learning applicable to research, social media, web design and development (UX/UI), digital media, computer animation, game design and interactive media for the web, apps and product design.

Concentrations: Students may explore all concentrations or may choose one concentration that consist of various electives:

1. **Digital Marketing** - The Digital Marketing track is designed for marketing students seeking skill development in web design and digital media to complement their business studies. Students will be exposed to photography, digital design and web programming while completing business courses in the areas of marketing, advertising and management.
2. **Web Design and Development (UX/UI)** - The Web Design and Development track is designed for students interested in developing user-based dynamic interactive web pages, applications, product design and programs. Students will explore current technologies under the guidance of professional faculty and will be able to demonstrate project-base experience to seek employment in areas such as web administration, web design UX/UI, and digital media applications.
3. **Computer Animation and Game Design** - The Computer Animation and Game Design track offers students the opportunity to learn hands-on industry skills in the design and development of computer animation and interactive media for science, education, business, and entertainment. Students will learn how to work collaboratively, develop narratives and conceptual design. They will learn essential programming and time-base skills to create 2D/3D animation for interactive media. Graduates will have an e-portfolio where they can pursue potential internships and career opportunities in the field of their interest.



*For more information contact Curriculum Chair, Deborah.Krikun@sunywcc.edu
Submitted by Deborah Krikun, Curriculum Chair and Denise Sullivan, Department Chair*



Interactive Technologies [www.sunywcc.edu / itech](http://www.sunywcc.edu/itech)
where students explore and prepare for emerging careers **New Program**

Digital Marketing
designed for marketing students to complement their business studies utilizing social media, web design, digital media and web programming.

Web Design and Development UX/UI
for students interested in a career as a web developer. Hands-on experience with digital media, web design, programming and web management.

Computer Animation and Game Design
offers students hands-on skills in motion design, game design, 2D and 3D computer animation and much more.

Performing Arts A.S.

Westchester Community College's Performing Arts Program is comprised of three different disciplines - Dance, Drama (Theater), and Music. The Dance and Acting classes have continued to be held in-person throughout the Pandemic to be able to utilize our Dance Studio and our Theater. Most of our Music courses have been held online synchronously, but we are looking to have all these classes back on campus in the spring. Many of our graduates find employment in the film and theatre industries as well as in numerous other performing arts-related professions. Graduates successfully transfer their credits to continue their studies at four-year institutions such as Lehman, Manhattanville, and Purchase to earn degrees in dance, drama, or music.

For dance we offer Modern Dance, Ballet, Latin, Hip Hop, Jazz, and Choreography. In addition to these classes, we offer Dance Independent Study. This class offers students an opportunity to create and perform their own choreography with guidance from a professor. Every class in the Dance program performs in a performance at the end of the semester. The Department also offers a Dance Internship which connects students to employment opportunities with local dance organizations. This course helps students become more aware of ways to support themselves throughout their performing arts career. If you're interested in Dance, contact Professor Alexis Del Sol at alexis.delsol@sunywcc.edu.

We offer Introduction to the Theater, and three levels of Acting classes. Viking Theatricals produces a variety of dramatic and musical productions throughout the academic year. If you're interested in the Theater program contact Professor Steven Riedel at steven.riedel@sunywcc.edu.

In music we offer many applied music lessons as well as History of Electronic Music, History of Jazz, Audio, Sound Engineering, and ensemble classes to name just a few. For more information about the Music program, contact Professor Rosemarie Serrano at rosemarie.serrano@sunywcc.edu. If you're interested in music technology, contact Professor Carlos Delgado at carlos.delgado@sunywcc.edu.

The interesting fact about these programs is that even if you are interested in another career path but have also wanted to learn how to dance, act, or sing, then you can take these classes and/or participate in the productions.

We look forward to seeing you at Westchester Community College.

Submitted by Karen Taylor, Dean of the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences



School of Health Careers, Technology and Applied Learning

Health Information Technology:

- Health Information Technology pathways prepare you to manage patient data in diverse health care settings.
- Medical Billing Certificate leads to credentialing as a Certified Professional Biller (CPB).
- Medical Coding Certificate leads to credentialing as a Certified Coding Associate (CCA).
- HIT AAS Degree leads to credentialing as a Registered Health Information Technician along with CPB and CCA credentials.

Radiologic Technology: The AAS degree program in Radiologic Technology is designed to prepare students for a career as a licensed and registered Radiologic Technologist. Upon completion of the program, our graduates are eligible to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) examination and are eligible for state licensure in Radiography.

Culinary Arts & Hospitality: The Department of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management offers students a unique, specialized learning experience encompassing both hands-on and academic instruction. The curriculum prepares students for entry level management positions in the culinary and hospitality fields. As students' progress they act as chefs, service, and beverage professionals in our award-winning cafe.

Health Studies: The Health Studies program allows you to explore health care careers and provides the foundation for transfer into bachelor's programs in health sciences, public health or health care administration. Our new 28-credit Certificate in Community Health and Case Management prepares you for immediate employment on the frontlines of public health and human services.

Veterinary Technology: Veterinary Technology is using an understanding of basic animal science, biological testing, and animal behavior to assist the Veterinarian in the care of animals. The program prepares graduates to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam to obtain licensure in New York State and seek employment in animal/veterinary-related fields.

Paramedic Department: The Paramedic program prepares students for careers as paramedics, the most advanced pre-hospital EMS provider. In addition to certification by the New York State Department of Health, paramedic students can become Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics (NREMT-P). Upon completion, students are immediately employable as paramedics with a positive job placement rate of 100%.

Foods & Nutrition: Nutrition has greatly expanded career opportunities in a variety of healthcare facilities, school systems and as consultants. Completing our program students are eligible for the ANFP Certified Dietary Manager exam or excellent transfer path to 4-year programs leading the AND credentials- Nutrition/Dietetic Technician, Registered Credential or on to Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist Credential.

Personal Training: Personal Training is a two-semester program leading to a certificate in Personal Training. Personal Trainers are fitness professionals responsible for educating clients of all ages in multiple aspects of wellness including: exercise, general health, nutrition, wellness, and athletic performance. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, it is one of the fastest growing professions.

Health & Human Performance: The A.S. degree in Health & Human Performance focuses on understanding, analyzing, promoting, and managing healthy, active living. This transfer-oriented degree is designed for those students interested in beginning their educational path toward a bachelor's degree in exercise science, health, fitness, and wellness-related degree programs.

Respiratory Care: The program is designed to equip students with the cognitive, clinical, and technical ability needed for the practice of Respiratory Care. The mission of the program is "To prepare graduates with demonstrated competence in the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective learning domains of Respiratory care as performed by the registered respiratory therapist".

Submitted by Richard Gennaro, Interim Dean of the School of Health Careers, Technology & Applied Learning

QUICK BITS:

Winter 2022 and Spring 2022 Registrations began on October 25, 2021

Fall 2022 Registration is anticipated to begin in March 2022

**Please check our Academic Calendar for updates at
<https://www.sunywcc.edu/academics/academiccalendar!>**

Tuition & Fees

Application Fee: \$50

Full Time Tuition (per semester)

Resident: \$2,365.00

Non-Resident: \$5,885

Part-Time Tuition (per credit)

Resident: \$197

Non-Resident: \$493

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Priority Filing Deadline

SPRING: October 31

FALL: May 1

Students can apply for Financial Aid now! For information regarding workshop dates and to inquire about what financial information is needed to successfully complete the Financial Aid Forms contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at **Finaid@sunywcc.edu**.

Westchester Community College Foundation Scholarships

Students must file either a FAFSA (US Citizens and Permanent Residents), TAP (US Citizens and Permanent Residents) or the New York State DREAM Act Application (Dreamers, DACA or Undocumented) to be automatically considered for a WCC Foundation Scholarship. International Students will need to fill out an International Scholarship Form (F-1 International population).

Priority deadline for filing Financial Aid forms to be considered for a WCC Foundation Scholarship for New students is April 15th for the fall semester! This process will allow the college to provide students with a comprehensive financial assistance package in a timelier manner.

For more information visit: **<https://www.sunywcc.edu/admissions/finaid/scholarships/>**

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