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## **Programs Offered:**

Olympic College is a public, Washington State two-year post-secondary institution serving the people of Kitsap and Mason Counties. The college's academic year is on the quarter system: Fall, Winter and Spring plus a Summer session. Instructional offerings include academic transfer and professional-technical programs as well as continuing education for adult learners and basic skills that help students overcome deficiencies that may be a barrier to educational goals. Non-credit classes include small business, professional development, life enrichment, and specific programs designed to meet the goals of extensive educational partnerships including the Navy and the Emergency Readiness Center.

Olympic College enjoys a reputation as a community college that puts students first -- in planning, in service, and in their quality instructional programs offered. It is known for providing educational value for students of all ages and from all walks of life. A copy of the Annual Report may be obtained by emailing your request at: [aantobam@oc.ctc.edu](mailto:aantobam@oc.ctc.edu).

## **Partnerships:**

Olympic College has a strategic partnership with local fire districts, the Navy and other state agencies. Through the partnerships courses are offered at the Kitsap Emergency Readiness Center in Bremerton. Olympic College also coordinates with other colleges like Western Washington University, Old Dominion University, and St. Martin's College to offer upper division study and bachelors and masters degree opportunities. During recent years, OC has built several community and education partnerships to maximize resources and respond to local dynamics.

## **Serves both Kitsap and Mason Counties:**

The area Olympic College services includes both Kitsap and Mason counties, which have a combined 1354 square miles and have a population of about 280,000. Today about 12,000 students are enrolled at several locations. In addition to the three major campus locations (Bremerton, Shelton and Poulsbo), Olympic College offers courses at other locations, including the Career Development Center, the Gateway Center, the Kitsap Emergency Readiness Center, and the Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor.

## **Main Campus in Bremerton, WA**

The main campus is centrally located in Bremerton, WA on a 33-acre site that has spectacular views of the Olympic Mountain and Mount Rainier. There is access to East Bremerton via the Manette and Warren Avenue bridges, as well as transportation to Seattle via the Washington State ferries. Kitsap Transit and Paratransit provide bus service to the campus and vicinity. Olympic College expects to build a new Science and Technology Center at the Main Campus in Bremerton in the next biennium.

## **Satellite Campus in Shelton, WA**

Olympic College Shelton has about 1,000 students. It is a 27-acre campus located in Mason County and is about 35 miles south of the main Bremerton campus. The campus in Shelton, WA is close to city services, other schools, and is served by Mason County Transit. In addition to the general classrooms and science laboratories, this award-winning facility on park like grounds features computers, a media center, student services, study and social areas, and the Peste Child Development Center. In the Spring of 2003, the new Johnson Library was completed, which added another 860 square feet of learning space to the campus.

## **The New Poulsbo Campus:**

The new 38,000 sq. ft. Olympic College Poulsbo campus opened, as scheduled, Winter Quarter 2004 with a variety of offerings and services, including Running Start for eligible high school juniors and seniors. The location is convenient for students from Bainbridge Island and the northern part of the Kitsap Peninsula. It is truly a beautiful campus.

## **Olympic College Foundation:**

As a 501-c(3) organization (non-profit), the Foundation helps to provide the extra measure of support that contributes so much to educational excellence. The Olympic College Foundation supports students and college development with vigorous efforts dedicated to expanding educational opportunities through the support of scholarships and programs that enhance access to higher education.

## **Class Schedule, Tuition Fees and Website:**

The View, the quarterly schedule of classes, is distributed to postal patrons each quarter about a month before registration begins. It is also available on-line by visiting [www.oc.ctc.edu](http://www.oc.ctc.edu). Approximately 12,000 students attend Olympic College with about 60% in academic transfer studies. Tuition is currently \$69.35/credit for Washington State residents and \$114.75/credit for out-of-state students. This is about one-third the cost of tuition at four-year public institutions in Washington State.

## **OC Transfer Students Welcomed at the University of Washington Tacoma Campus:**

The Tacoma branch of the University of Washington is still taking Olympic College transfer students. The main campus of the UW in Seattle had to stop taking transfer students, due to overcrowding. There is a real need for a four-year university in Kitsap County. Right now, there are other universities, such as Old Dominion University and Western Washington University, that offer distance-learning classes through Olympic College. Old Dominion is fitting the niche for upper division course work.

## **Olympic College President, Dr. David Mitchell, Started July 1, 2002:**

Olympic College's President, Dr. David Mitchell, believes that community colleges should be a part of the communities that they serve. His goal is to partner with local education, government and business organizations to successfully integrate Olympic College into planning for the future of Kitsap and Mason Counties.

For the five years prior to taking the position with OC, Dr. Mitchell served as the South Seattle Community College President. During his tenure, South Seattle Community College received a commendation for "Institutional Effectiveness". Dr. Mitchell worked closely with that College's Foundation to successfully complete its first "Capital Campaign", which raised \$1.7 million.