OUR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

College of Western Idaho (CWI) provides the following educational services:

- Academic Transfer majors oriented toward transfer to four-year schools.
- Career and Technical Education programs designed to prepare students for the workforce.
- Basic Skills Education offers developmental courses for those needing to improve their academic skills.
- Dual Credit offers courses for high school students.
- Workforce Development provides short-term training for skills development.

Academic Transfer

CWI prepares students to earn an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree and then, if they so choose, to transfer those credits to a baccalaureate institution. Academic Transfer programs are comprised of instruction in liberal arts and sciences to develop knowledge and skill in communication, humanities, mathematics, science, and social science.

Career and Technical Education

Career and Technical Education at CWI provides training for those occupations in CWI's service area that require less than a four-year degree. Degrees and certificates offered in Career and Technical Education are the Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS), Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC), Intermediate Technical Certificate (ITC), and Basic Technical Certificate (BTC). CWI continually assesses the needs of its service region to ensure programs meet the training needs and skill requirements in demand.

College Preparatory Assistance

CWI offers college preparatory assistance for college students who need to raise existing skills for successful completion of college math and English. College Prep Mathematics (MATH 095), Math in Modern Society Plus (MATH 122/MATH 123P), College Algebra Plus (MATH 142/MATH 143P), and Elementary Statistics Plus (MATH 152/MATH 153P) are offered to students whose math placement is below the prerequisite for a course or courses necessary for their program (see Math Placement). Based on the CWI Write Class Placement exam, students may be placed into a corequisite course (ENGL 100 Writing and Rhetoric Plus), which offers additional instruction and support for ENGL 101 Writing and Rhetoric I.

Online Courses

CWI offers a variety of online courses that provide computer-based instruction with electronically facilitated contact with the instructor and other students. Because these courses are not place-bound and do not require regular meeting hours, students who are self-motivated, have time-management skills, and are solution-based learners, are most successful in online courses. Our online courses are delivered through a user-friendly learning management system and provide students a more flexible option for class scheduling. Students at a significant distance from CWI facilities may arrange proctored exams at approved locations in their own communities.

Benefits of online learning:

- Study when it is convenient for you.
- Complete your homework wherever and whenever you have Internet access.
- Interact with your instructor and classmates in your online classroom.
- Course materials are accessible 24/7.
- Hundreds of fully-online course options available.

Hybrid Courses

“Hybrid” courses combine face-to-face classroom instruction with online learning. A portion of a hybrid course is scheduled on campus and the rest is completed online. CWI hybrid courses offer students the best of both worlds with regularly scheduled interaction with faculty, combined with the flexibility of computer-based learning process.

Benefits of a hybrid course:

- A combination of the best features of face-to-face instruction and the best features of online education.
- Regularly scheduled faculty/student interactions.
- Less seat time: The hybrid courses meet less frequently on-campus than traditional classes, providing flexible course offerings for students who have demands work schedules and/or family responsibilities.
- Flexibility of completing assignments through Blackboard (a computer-based learning platform).

Basic Skills Education

The Basic Skills Education program is designed to improve the educational level of adults, out-of-school youth, and non-English speakers in our 10-county service area. CWI recognizes the worth and importance of the individual who has less than a high school education and the need for community-based instruction.

The Basic Skills Education program provides services in campus-based learning centers and outreach centers in community-based sites in southwestern Idaho. Services include instruction in basic skills: reading, writing, and math, as well as GED preparation, English as a Second Language (ESL), and English language civics. Eligible students include adults over 16 years of age who are not currently enrolled in school and are seeking to prepare for life, work, or postsecondary education with skill levels below the college level and who have the ability to benefit from the instruction.

Mission Statement—We are a free program dedicated to providing opportunities for adults to learn the basic academic and English language skills they need to meet their goals in the workplace and the community.

For more information about Basic Skills Education, please call 208.562.2572 (Boise) or 208.562.2087 (Nampa).

Dual Credit

CWI recognizes the nationwide movement toward providing high school students of outstanding academic achievement and/or inclination the opportunity to earn college credit toward an undergraduate degree prior to high school graduation. CWI accepts high school students as one of its important constituent groups and considers dual credit programs to be a major part of its off-campus outreach effort.

The Dual Credit program allows high school students to enroll in college classes for credit prior to high school graduation. College credits
earned through Dual Credit may apply toward high school and college graduation. CWI provides high school students with the opportunity to earn college credit in qualified classes taken at the high school campus or on the CWI campuses and online. Through this program, Dual Credit students can accumulate college credits prior to entering college.

Credits earned through the Dual Credit program can be transferred to other Idaho colleges and universities. Colleges and universities outside the state of Idaho and private institutions within the state are not bound by the same credit transfer policy; therefore, it is the student’s responsibility to check institutional transfer policies before registering for dual credit coursework.

Dual credit courses help high school students transition from high school to college more seamlessly. Students learn what it takes to be successful with college-level course work while still in their familiar high school surroundings. They also experience college advising and a closer connection with college representatives. When a student matriculates into a college system, they will have already acquired the confidence to be successful. In addition, dual credit courses enable high schools to offer students more options than are available in a regular high school curriculum. Dual Credit students also pay a reduced per-credit rate for dual credit courses, resulting in significant college tuition savings.

For more information, please speak with a high school counselor, visit the Dual Credit (http://cwi.edu/programs-degrees/dual-credit) web page, or contact:

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Technical Dual Credit

Technical Dual Credit (TDC) allows current high school students to earn college and high school credit in certain career-technical fields. Students learn technical skills that can lead to better-paying jobs, provide a head start toward a college degree, and open the door to exciting technical professions.

Credits earned through the TDC program may transfer to other colleges and universities. Colleges and universities within and outside of the State of Idaho are not bound by the same credit transfer policy; therefore, it is the student’s responsibility to check institutional transfer policies before registering for Technical Dual Credit coursework.

For more information about earning college credit through Technical Dual Credit, ask your high school counselor or career-technical teacher, or contact a CWI Transition Coordinator:

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Workforce Development

Boost your knowledge, boost your potential. Workforce Development (WD) offers you the opportunity to quickly gain the skills needed to obtain employment and apprenticeship training, retain skills for new opportunities, and advance your career.

Take as many classes as you want in our short-term, credit free offerings with no applications, no transcripts, and no hassle. Just sign up and watch your career take off.

Classes are held at a variety of locations throughout Southwest Idaho and are taught by knowledgeable professionals with years of experience in their respective fields.

Healthcare & Emergency Services

- Assistance with Medications
- CPR: BLS Healthcare Provider CPR - American Heart Association (AHA)
- Dental Assisting Expanded Functions Mastery Series
- Dental Office Administration
- Dietary Manager
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- EKG Certification
- Fundamentals of Dental Assisting
- Medical Assistant
- IV Therapy Certification
- Medical Coding and Billing
- Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Phlebotomy
- Restorative Assistant (CNA)

Trades, Manufacturing, and Construction

- CET Prep
- Computer Drafting
- Construction Site Erosion
- Electrical Apprenticeship
- Electrical Upgrade
- Flagging for Traffic Control
- HVAC Apprenticeship
- HVAC Upgrade
- Instrumentation
- Machining
- Plumbing Appliance Specialty
- Plumbing Apprenticeship
- Plumbing Upgrade
- Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)
- Robotics
- Welding

Technology and Business Solutions

- Business and Finance
- Computer Literacy & Keyboarding
- Leadership, Management, and Supervision
- MS Office Series
- QuickBooks Pro

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