# Running Start

Making the Most of Free College Credit
YOU CAN DO THIS!

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STUDENTS SUCCEED AT RTC

# Campus at a Glance

- State's Highest Completion Rate at 63%
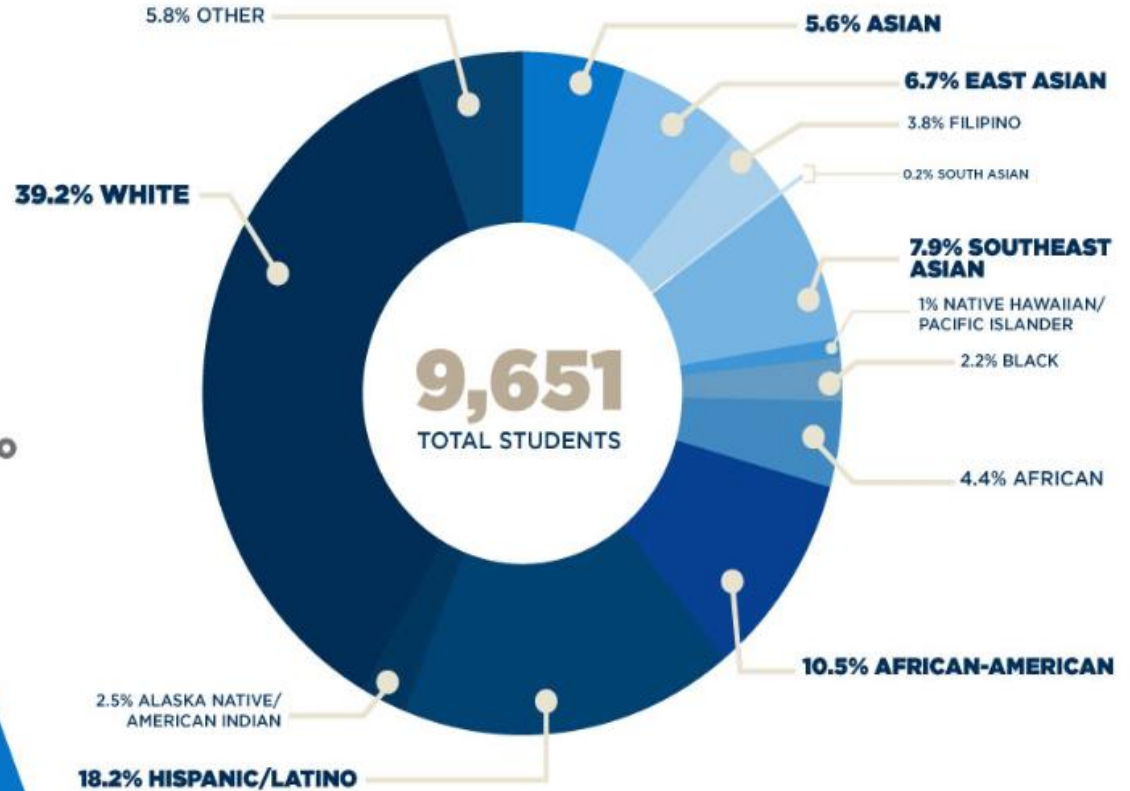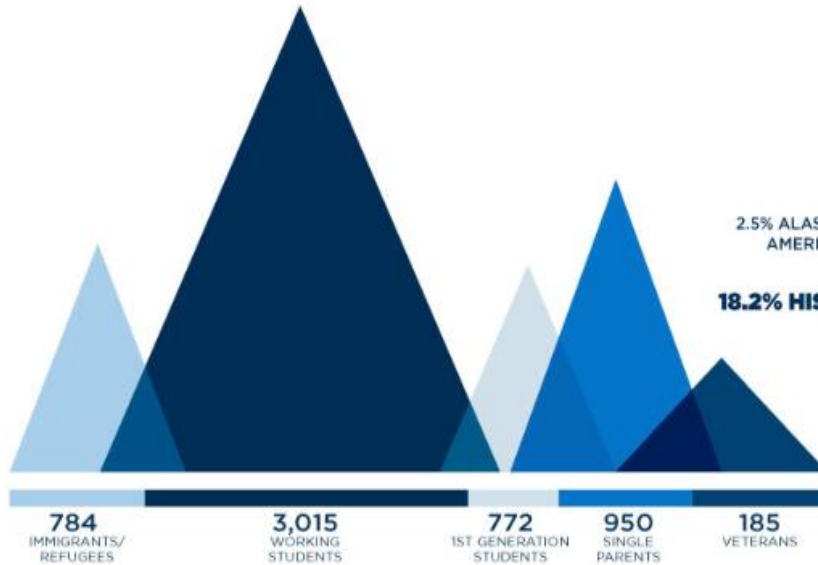- 60+ Professional Technical Programs

# RTC by the Numbers

**OUR STUDENTS**

**4,015** FTEs

**29** MEDIAN AGE

**17:1** STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

784 IMMIGRANTS/REFUGEES

3,015 WORKING STUDENTS

772 1ST GENERATION STUDENTS

950 SINGLE PARENTS

185 VETERANS

**9,651** TOTAL STUDENTS

5.8% OTHER

5.6% ASIAN

6.7% EAST ASIAN

3.8% FILIPINO

0.2% SOUTH ASIAN

7.9% SOUTHEAST ASIAN

1% NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER

2.2% BLACK

4.4% AFRICAN

10.5% AFRICAN-AMERICAN

18.2% HISPANIC/LATINO

2.5% ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN

39.2% WHITE

**58%** FEMALE

**42%** MALE

# Programs at a Glance

- Associate of Applied Science Degree & Certificates
- Associates of Arts Degrees (Business, Pre-Nursing, Computer Science)
- General Education Courses
- Bachelors of Applied Sciences (Application Development, Computer Network Architecture)

# RTC Support Services

- Free Tutoring, eTutoring and Peer Tutoring
- Disability Resources Services (Set up accommodations, IEP, 504)
- Behavioral Health Counseling
- Library
- Laptop, wifi hotspot, calculator loans
- Learning Resource & Career Center
  - Food Pantry
  - Tutoring
  - CHIPS-Computer Repair & Help
  - Career Exploration & Resume support
- Financial Aid
- Cafeteria & Bakery

# What is Running Start?

- Dual-Credit Program
- Earn high school and college credit at same time
- High School Juniors and Seniors
- Free or Reduced Cost tuition, up to 15 credits per quarter
- College-Level Courses

# Benefits of Running Start

- Save $665 for one college class!
- Earn associate degree or certificate while finishing high school
- Prepare for university experience or career after high school
- Gain experience on college campus
- Stay involved with high school (sports, clubs, student leadership, dances, etc.)
- Take classes at more than one college!

# Who are Running Start Students?

- Students ready for college environment and increased responsibility
- Good time-management skills
- Seek challenging courses
- Prefer college campus and culture
- Prepared for independence (attendance, coursework, dates & deadlines)
- Running Start at RTC:  135 Students

# Differences Between High School & College

| High School | College |
|---|---|
| Work on homework and reading in class | Homework and reading happens outside of class |
| Attendance office tracks student's daily attendance | RTC does NOT track student absences. Some instructors give points for attendance, others do not. |
| Grades during term available to student and family through online portal, teachers, and high school counselor | Grades during term are only available to students through Canvas or direct instructor communication |
| Access to student's records available to parent/guardian at all times through high school counselor, teachers, etc. | Access to student's records (grades, attendance, etc.) only provided with FERPA release-must be signed by student. Running Start advisor does not have access to grades during quarter |

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# Differences Between High School & College

| High School | College |
|---|---|
| High school counselor changes student's class schedule | Student is responsible to make changes to class schedule (with permission), including withdrawing from classes. |
| Teachers check-in with students if homework/testing is not complete | Instructors have access to students participation in Canvas but, does not necessarily tell them to complete assignments. |
| Students are similar ages | Diverse classroom experiences- different ages, backgrounds, work experience, Veterans, International Students, etc. |
| Visitors must check-in at Main Office | Open Campus-community members access campus, including re-entry students |
| IEP or 504 plan set up with student, teachers, family, support staff | Students must be proactive about setting up their own accommodations EVERY quarter with Disability Resources Services. This does NOT happen automatically. |

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# Calendar, Dates & Deadlines

- Quarter System: Fall, Winter, Spring (Summer may not be covered by RS, stay tuned…)
- Quarter: 11 weeks
- College breaks do NOT align with High School breaks
- Student must attend college classes during high school breaks
- Join Running Start Fall, Winter or Spring

# Class Options & Credits

Classes
- Part-time or Full-time
- Explore new subjects & complete high school graduation requirements
- Running Start pays for classes 100 and 200 level
- If taking classes at high school and college, must coordinate schedules

Credits
- 5 College Credits (1 quarter) = 1 High School Credit (1 year)

Timing & Modality
- Morning and afternoon, limited evening
- Class Modality: In-person, online, or hybrid (in-person/online)
- Most general education (English, history, science, etc.) courses are completely online or meet 1x per week in-person

# Technical Program Example Schedules

**Full-Time Culinary Program**:

Monday-Friday, 7:00am-1:30pm

**Full-Time Welding Program:**

Monday-Friday, 7:00am-12:00pm OR 12:00pm-5:00pm

**Full-Time Automotive Tech Program:**

Monday-Thursday, 7:00am-1:30pm

**Part-Time Certified Nursing Assistant Program**:

5 week course, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-2:30pm

# Technical Programs

- **On-campus and Online Instruction**
- **Lectures offered Online**
- **Labs (hands-on) offered on campus**
- **Masks optional, students must follow all safety instructions and procedures**

# Technical Program Options

**Option A – Earn college credits at RTC and high school diploma through home high school**

- Students must complete all of the home high school graduation requirements including passing all district and state testing requirements and completing a High School and Beyond plan/senior project.
- The student's home high school would be listed on their high school diploma and they would be eligible to walk in their high school graduation ceremony.
- Students may participate in Running Start part-time or full-time.

# Technical Program Options

**Option B – Earn Associate Degree AND High School Diploma at RTC**

- With this option, the high school diploma would be granted through Renton Technical College.

- Students would focus solely on the associate degree requirements and would receive their high school diploma from Renton Technical College upon completion of the associate degree.

- Students would be eligible to walk in the Renton Technical College graduation ceremony.

- If students choose this option, and want Running Start to pay for the associate degree, they must begin in 11th grade.

# Running Start to 4-Year University

- Apply as Freshman
- SAT or ACT test (if required)
- Order and pay for RTC transcript to send to university
- Check with out-of-state schools for credit acceptance
- Associate degree may be completed with HS diploma
- RTC offers transferrable AA-DTA degrees in following areas: Business, Computer Science, Pre-Nursing

# What does the program cost?

- $30 Accuplacer Math Placement Fee (if applicable)
- Quarterly Class Fees ($40-$600, depending on program)
- Additional Tuition (Running Start pays for 15 credits per quarter)
- Textbooks & Class Supplies
- Transportation (Gas, Bus Pass/ORCA card, Taxi Service)

# Fee Waiver Available

- Class fees waived
- Support for Career/Technical programs (textbooks, supplies, uniforms, etc.)

Meet <u>one</u> of the following to qualify:

- Student qualifies for Free/Reduced Lunch within past 5 years through school district
- Family receives State or Federal Public Assistance (TANF, Basic Food, Apple Health, etc.)
- Foster Youth or qualify for McKinney-Vento services
- Family income equal to or less than 200% of the annual U.S. Federal Poverty

(Student must provide documentation to qualify for fee waiver)

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# Summer Running Start Funding?

- Waiting for the current legislative session to wrap-up to determine summer Running Start funding.
- Stay tuned…

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# Thinking Towards the Future: Providence Internship Program
## Renton and Highline School Districts

- Current High School Juniors attending Renton or Highline School District

- Certified Nursing Assistant, leading to Registered Nurse program

- Paid Summer Internships + Running Start courses during senior year, courses the year following graduation

- Employment through Providence Marionwood

- No, or low cost for students, free college credit

- Want more info?  Contact Terry Derrig at Renton School District (Terry.Derrig@rentonschools.us) or Chance Gower at Highline School District (chance.gower@highlineschools.org)

# High School Counselor & Running Start Counselor Support

| High School Counselor | Running Start Counselor |
|---|---|
| Completes new Enrollment Verification Form EVERY Quarter | Helps with Running Start application process |
| Keeps track of high school graduation requirements | Assist student with class choices based on High School Counselor recommendations, program requirements and educational goals |
| Tracks High School and Beyond plan and required State testing | Provide resources for career exploration |
| Great resource for scholarships, letters of recommendation, Financial Aid assistance | Connect student to campus resources |
| Resource for high school announcements (SAT/ACT testing, graduation activities, dances, extracurricular activities, etc.) | Monitor student academic progress |

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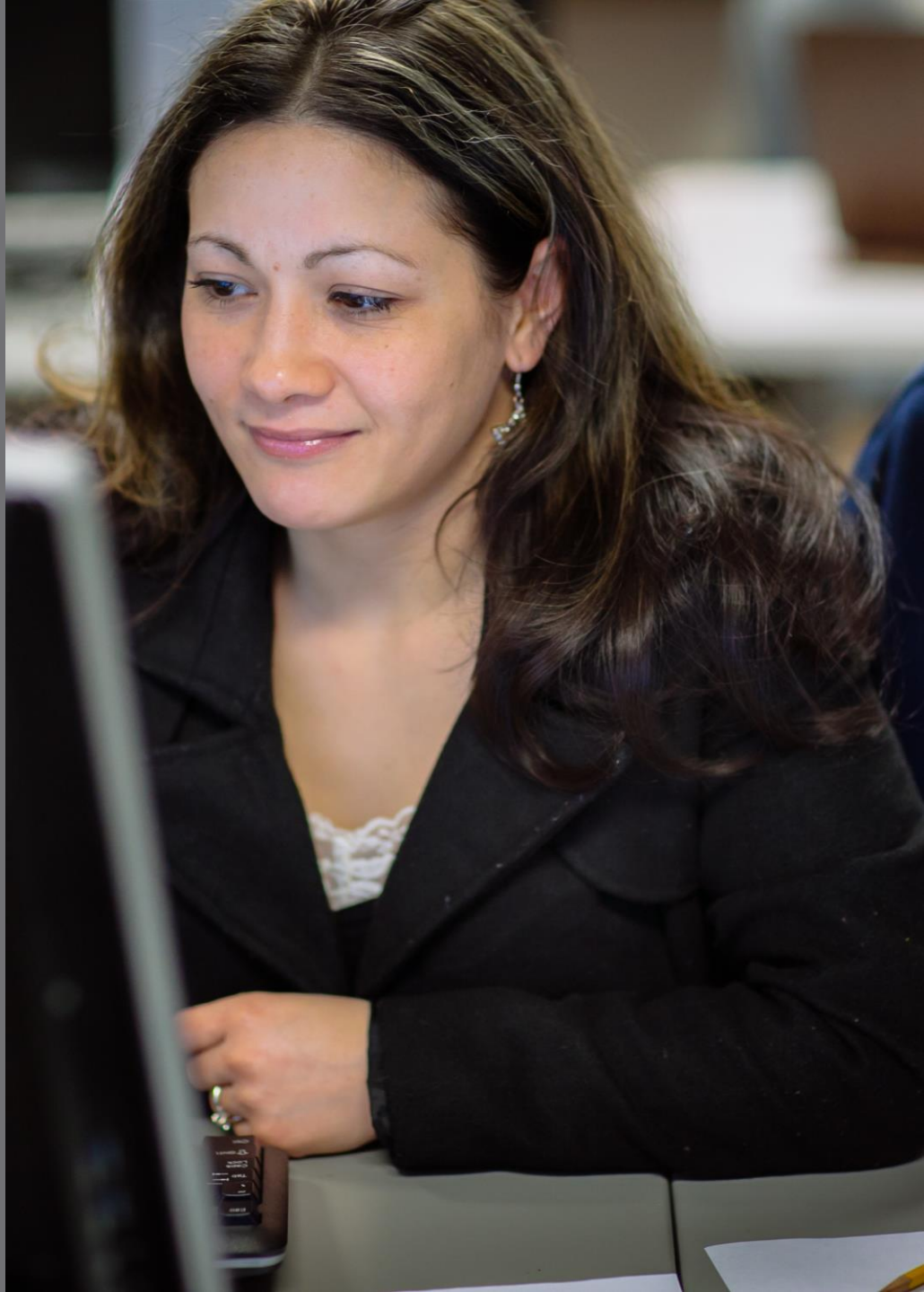
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# Parent and Family Rights & Responsibilities

- Access RTC grades at end of each quarter via high school transcript
- Alternative grade access: Student may look at grades during quarter in their online Canvas account
- FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act)– Student records/information cannot be shared with anyone, including a parent/guardian (even if student is under 18)
- Consent to Release Confidential Information form signed by student is required to release info to parent/guardian (even if student is a minor), form included in the Running Start application packet

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# Running Start Application Process

## Steps to Apply

1. Apply online to Renton Technical College to get a ctcLink student ID number, be sure to select that you are a Running Start student. Application takes 3-5 business days to process. You will receive an email once your application has been processed.

2. Once you receive your ctcLink ID number, Activate ctcLink account

3. Once you have you have your ctcLink ID number, complete the FREE English Directed Self-Placement assessment online. If you need accommodations for the assessment, please contact our Disability Resource Services office at drs@rtc.edu or call 425-235-2352 ext. 5540

4. Complete and electronically sign the Running Start Intent and Agreement

5. Review the Running Start steps on your **high school** website and meet with your High School Counselor to complete the Enrollment Verification Form (this form must be completed every quarter), once complete, email form to: cgood@rtc.edu

6. Request an unofficial transcript from your High School Counselor, email copy to: cgood@rtc.edu

7. The Running Start office will email you with next steps once all documents are reviewed.

# Dates & Deadlines

- **Fall Quarter Timeline**
  - **Class registration for new students begins:  May 12th**
  - **Orientation:  Mid-September**
  - **Last Day to Submit Application (class options limited):  September 19th**
  - **Quarter begins:  September 19th**

# Questions?

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Want a campus tour?

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