

Running Start

Making the Most of Free College Credit



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STUDENTS SUCCEED AT RTC



Campus at a Glance

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



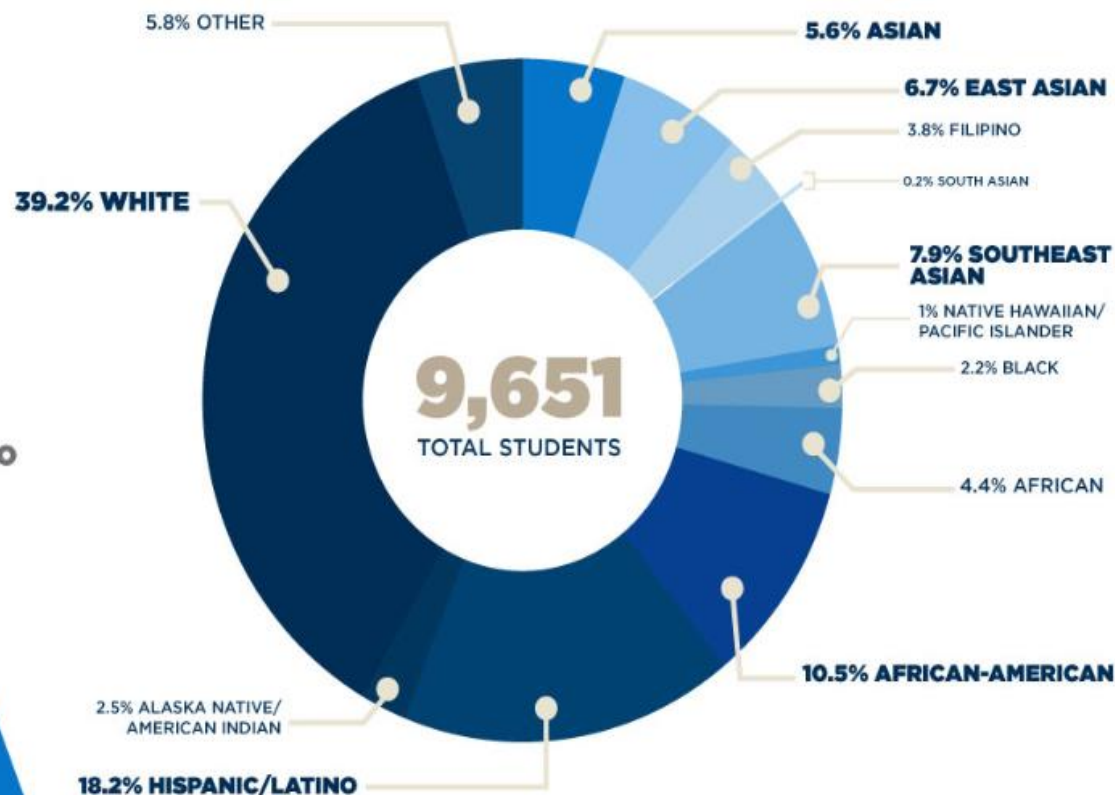
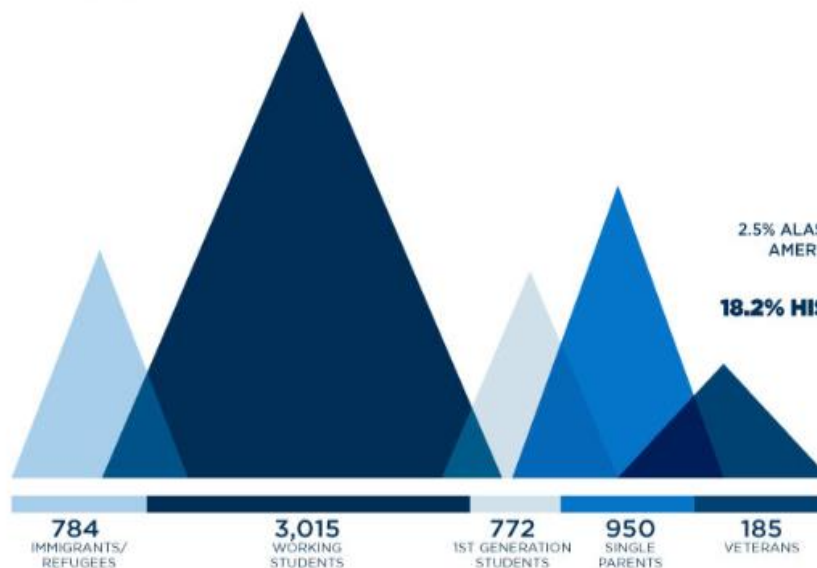
RTC by the Numbers

OUR STUDENTS

4,015 FTEs

29 MEDIAN AGE

17:1 STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO



Programs at a Glance

- Associate of Applied Science Degree & Certificates
- Associates of Arts Degrees (Business, Pre-Nursing, Construction Management, 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)
- Behavioral Health Counselors
- Library
- Learning Resource & Career Center
 - Food Pantry
 - Tutoring
 - CHIPS-Computer Repair & Help
 - Career Exploration
 - Calculator and Equipment loans
- 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 \$650 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.)

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: 150 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

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.



Calendar, Dates & Deadlines

- Quarter System: Fall, Winter, Spring (Summer not covered by RS)
- 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

Credits

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

Timing

- Morning, afternoon, evening classes (limited options 2-5pm)
- Class Modality: In-person, online, or hybrid (in-person/online)

Full-time or Part-time Schedule During COVID

Full-Time:

Online w/synchronous classes 8:00am-10:20am T/TH **English 101**

Online w/asynchronous instruction **US History**

Online w/asynchronous– **Public Speaking**

Part-Time:

Online w/synchronous classes 8:00am-10:20am T/TH **English 101**

Online w/asynchronous– **Public Speaking**

Periods 4, 5, 6 at High School

Synchronous: All students meet with instructor online during a specific time.

Asynchronous: No timed meetings required.

Full-time or Part-time Schedule Examples

Full-Time:

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am-10:30am **English 101**

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am-10:30am **US History**

Online – **Public Speaking**

Part-Time:

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am-10:30am **English 101**

Online – **Public Speaking**

Periods 4, 5, 6 at High School

*If doing Running Start part-time, recommended to take morning classes at RTC and afternoon classes at high school

Technical Program Example Schedules

Full-Time Culinary Program:

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

Full-Time Welding Program:

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-2:30pm

Full-Time Automotive Tech Program:

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

Part-Time Certified Nursing Assistant Program:

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

Or

8 week course, Monday/Wednesday, 6:00-9:30pm, some weekends

Technical Programs During COVID

- **On-campus and Online Instruction**
- **Lectures offered Online**
- **Labs (hands-on) offered on campus**
- **Students must wear a mask and follow all safety instructions and procedures**



What does the program cost?

- \$10 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

Meet one 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)

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



Running Start to 4-Year University

- Apply as Freshman
- Must take SAT or ACT test
- Order and pay for RTC transcript to send to university
- Check with out-of-state schools for credit acceptance
- Continue at RTC to complete Associate degree
- Associate degree may be completed with HS diploma

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.

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

Running Start Application Packet

Steps to Apply

1. Apply to Renton Technical College online
2. Attach a copy of student's placement into English and/or math
3. Contact High School Counselor to have them complete the Running Start enrollment verification form (parent/guardian signature required)
4. Complete the Running Start agreement (parent/guardian signature required) and top portion of registration form
5. Optional: Fee Waiver application & supporting documentation
6. Optional: Consent to Release Confidential Information form
7. Turn in completed application packet by scanning and emailing to cgood@rtc.edu

1. Apply to RTC Online

- Go to www.rtc.edu/get-started
- Click on “Apply for Admissions”, under “Apply for Admission & Financial Aid”
- Complete the online application
- It will take 24-48 business hours for the application to be processed
- Student will receive an acceptance email with the student ID number

2. Placement into English and/or math

- Student must have student ID number for RTC before taking either placement test
- **English Placement** (Take this online)
 - Go to www.rtc.edu/testing-services
 - Click on “Directed Self-Placement (DSP)”, under “Remote Accuplacer Exam”
 - Answer the questions and fill in your information and student ID number
 - **Print and/or Save a copy of your scores, you will need to send this to the Running Start office!**
- **Math Placement** (Only required if student wants to take college-level math or chemistry, or if technical program requires math placement)
 - Go to <https://www.rtc.edu/testing-services>
 - Click on “Accuplacer”, under “Remote Accuplacer Exam”, follow step-by-step directions
 - **Print and/or Save a copy of your scores, you will need to send this to the Running Start office!**

3. Contact High School Counselor

- Discuss High School Graduation Requirements
- Discuss RTC classes and programs
- Ask High School Counselor to complete the Running Start Enrollment Verification Form
- The Enrollment Verification Form must be completed EVERY quarter before signing-up for new classes

4. Complete Agreement and Registration Form

- Agreement-Goes over processes, confidentiality, program cost, etc.
- RTC Registration Form – Complete the top portion and back side of the registration form with student info
- The classes and bottom portion of the form will be completed when the student and advisor choose classes.

5. Optional: Fee Waiver Application

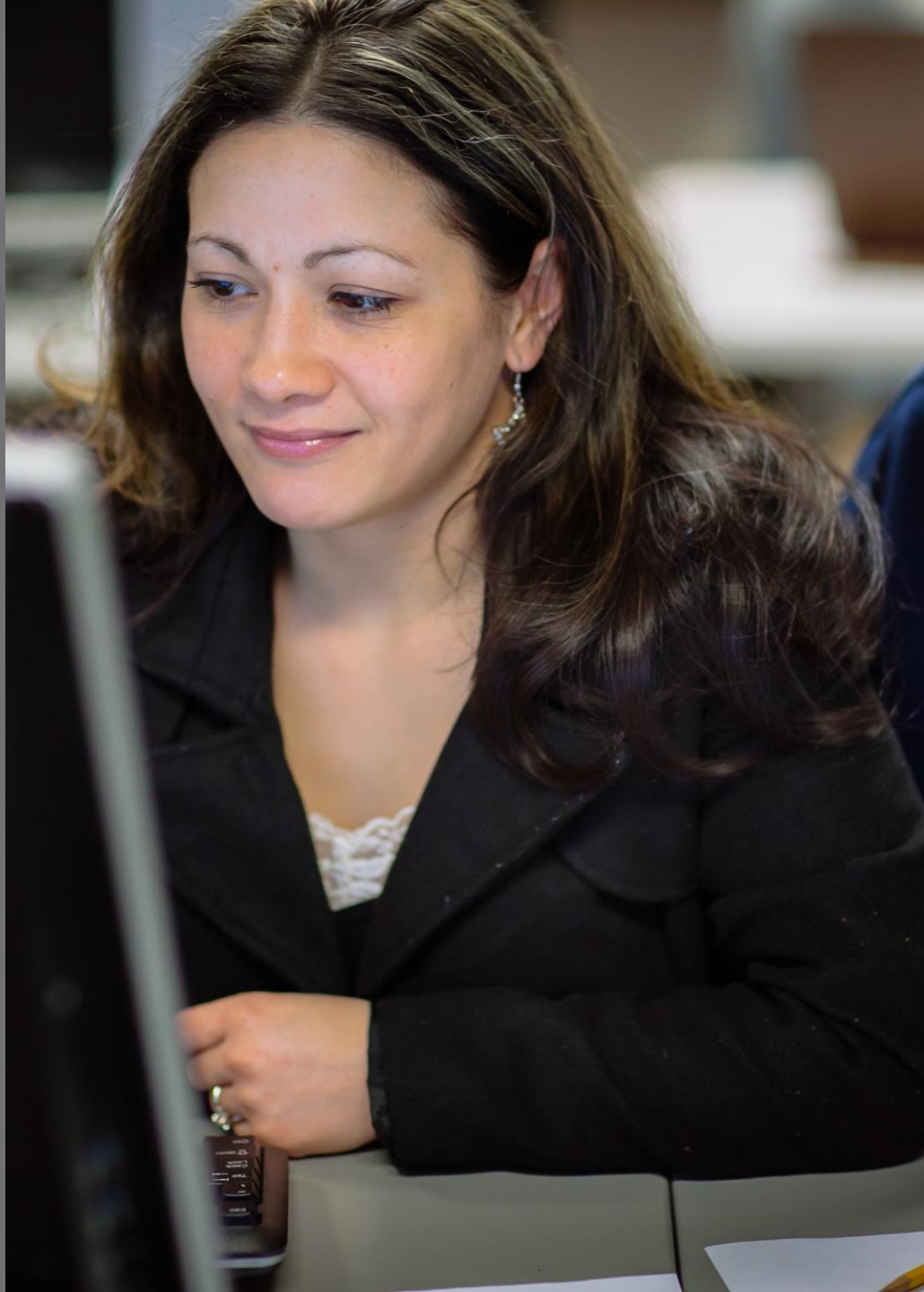
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 - Student is Foster Youth or qualifies for McKinney-Vento services
 - Family household income is equal to, or less than 200% of federal poverty guidelines.
- Student must submit supporting documentation along with the fee waiver application

6. Optional: Consent to Release Information

- Student may complete the Consent to Release Confidential Information form
- Allows Running Start staff to release information to anyone listed on the form, regardless of FERPA

7. Submit Application

- Complete Application
- Submit Application & Placement Scores, email to cgood@rtc.edu



Dates & Deadlines

- **Fall Quarter Timeline**
 - **Class Registration begins: May 26th**
 - **Orientation: Week of September 14th**
 - **Last Day to Submit Application (class options limited): September 21st**
 - **Quarter begins: September 21st**

Questions?

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