

2021-23 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 5, 11, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 41, 43, 47

Overview

Renton Technical College (RTC) serves diverse students from the Renton, Kent, Auburn, Tahoma and Enumclaw region. We provide affordable and accessible programs for students to land good jobs, move up in careers, or transfer to a universities for more study. We offer short-term certificates, associate degrees and transfer degrees in a variety of health care fields, such as medical assisting, massage therapy, veterinary assistant and nursing.

RTC is primed to help people of every age and background survive this economic crisis and thrive on the other side, with better jobs than they had before. New high school graduates, laid-off workers, seasoned employees, future university students – all types of students count on RTC to reinvent themselves. And as a technical college that serves Washingtonians hardest hit by this crisis, we are key to creating a stronger and more inclusive economy post-COVID.

Meet Lea-Janelle Hufana



A single mother, Lea-Janelle Hufana enrolled in Renton Technical College to advance her career, set a good example for her daughter and provide for her family as a single mother. Given her years of experience as a medical scheduler, Lea-Janelle decided to enroll in Renton’s surgical technology program. Her goal is to become a seasoned surgical technician within a reputable hospital, and eventually move into management and additional training opportunities.

Legislative Priority: Protect Investments

On behalf of students like Lea-Janelle Hufana, we urge the Legislature to avoid cutting higher education funding at a time when people and employers need it the most. With investments through the Workforce Education Investment Act, our college has moved forward with the Guided Pathways reform movement to increase completion rates, retained and hired more faculty to teach high-demand programs like nursing, and strengthened student advising and support services. Now is the time to maintain this positive momentum, not return to the devastating budget cuts of the past.

We are also asking the Legislature to make targeted investments in technology, worker training and retraining, and high-demand programs sought by students and employers.



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Our Students

Total headcount.....	8,848
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	3,477
Full-time	39%
Part-time	61%
Students of color.....	69%

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$72 million is fully funded, Renton Technical College would receive approximately \$2 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s capital request of \$776 million is fully funded, Renton Technical College will receive approximately \$5.0 million for operation, maintenance, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities, and \$4.0 million for design of the Health Sciences Center project.

