Education Will Pay You Back—For a Lifetime

- Students enjoy an attractive 18% rate of return on their WCJC educational investment, and recover all costs (including wages given up while attending classes instead of working) in only 9 years.
- Over the course of his or her working career, the average WCJC student’s lifetime earnings will increase $6.70 for every dollar invested in their WCJC education (in the form of tuition, fees, and foregone earnings).
- Students see their annual income increase, on average, by $158 per year for every credit completed at WCJC.

- The average annual income of the typical Associate Degree graduate from WCJC at the midpoint of his or her career is $33,600, 38% more than someone with a high school diploma.
- Over the course of a working lifetime, Associate Degree graduates from WCJC earn $380,000 more than someone with a high school diploma.

Education Is Your Ticket to a Better Job

- By 2020 it is anticipated that there will be about 109,500 new and replacement jobs available in the WCJC Service Region economy.
- About 26% of these jobs will require an education level equal to an associate’s degree or greater.
- Another 6% of available jobs in 2020 will require some kind of post-secondary certificate or vocational award.