

What is the goal?

Centers of Excellence strive to build a competitive workforce in a global economy. In order to accomplish this goal Centers will:

- Maintain a reputation for innovative, responsive education and training delivery to their targeted industry;
- Act as a broker of education and training information, and resources related to their targeted industry. This information can be used by industry representatives, community-based organizations, economic development organizations and higher education institutions;
- Turn industry research into educational best practices to better train the workforce;
- Provide coordination, coaching and mentoring that link education services and industry needs;
- Build a competitive workforce for targeted industries in Washington state.



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What are Centers of Excellence?

Centers of Excellence are colleges designated as statewide leaders in specialized workforce education and training for industries that help the state's economy grow.

Centers serve as a point-of-contact and resource hub for industry trends, best practices, innovative curriculum and professional development opportunities.

Centers maximize resources by bringing together workforce education and industry partners in order to develop highly-skilled employees for targeted industries.



How are Centers selected?

Colleges compete for the distinction of being a Center of Excellence. The process is based on rigorous criteria and seeks to ensure that a college is poised to provide state leadership.

Key industries are determined through labor market and economic research.

Colleges submit a written application to be considered a Center of Excellence for a targeted industry.

Applications are screened by a committee comprised of business, labor, education and workforce development partners.

Colleges who meet or exceed application criteria meet with the committee for an interview.

The committee selects Centers of Excellence.

