Do you need **TUITION ASSISTANCE** and fit into one of these categories?  

If yes or unsure, please come see the **Financial Aid Office**. You may qualify for the **Washington State Worker Retraining Program** which supports students by providing tuition assistance.

- **Dislocated Worker, claiming UI benefits**: Laid-off or otherwise lost employment through no fault of their own and actively claiming WA state UI benefits.

- **Dislocated Worker, exhausted benefits**: Is unemployed and has exhausted UI benefits within the past 2 years.

- **Dislocated Worker, received notice of lay-off. Required Documentation**: Lay-off notice from employer and current WA state UI Monetary Determination form.

- **Vulnerable Worker, Expanded Eligibility Policy**: Meets two of three published criteria.
  - The individual is employed in an occupation identified as “not in demand” (declining).
  - The individual has not reached the “tipping point,” which is defined as one year of college credits (45 credits) plus any certificate or degree related to their college course work.
  - In order to remain employed, the individual needs to obtain new skills. The worker (and, optionally, their employer) must attest that the minimum qualifications for the worker’s position have changed and that the employee is unable to meet the new skill standard without retraining.

- **Stop-Gap Employment**: Definition: Stop-gap employment is temporary work an individual accepts only because they have been laid off of work or otherwise terminated from employment, due to no fault of their own, from the customary work for which their training, experience or work history qualifies them. Stop-gap employment must be temporary in nature with the intent to end employment upon the completion of training, obtaining self-sufficient employment related to their training program.

- **Displaced Homemaker**: Has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and (a) has been dependent on the income of another family member but lost that supporting income within the last 24 months; and (b) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment. **Required Documentation**: Signed Worker Retraining Self-Attestation supported by a copy of WA state legal document, such as divorce decree, legal separation, death certificate. If employed, recent pay stub showing income at or below 175% federal poverty level.

- **Formerly Self-Employed**: Unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the WA state community which the individual resides, or as the result of a natural disaster. **Required Documentation**: Signed Worker Retraining Self-Attestation supported by most recent tax return indicating self-employment, and proof of economic condition or natural disaster which resulted in unemployment.

- **Active Duty Military Member**: Active duty military service member who has received official notice of separation. **Required Documentation**: Official notice of separation. If discharge status is indicated, it is not “dishonororable”

- **Unemployed Veteran**: Separated from the U.S. armed services in the last 24 months, is a WA state resident, and is currently unemployed. **Required Documentation**: DD214 (discharge papers) showing a separation date within the past 24 months and honorable discharge and a WA state-issued identification card.