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EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS Helping Meet Industry Demand and Student Desire at Cascadia Community College

(Bothell, WA) – As Cascadia Community College prepares to welcome a new class to campus this fall quarter, it announces new partnerships, an expanded program, and its reaccreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

In order to create opportunities for students and meet industry demand, **Cascadia and the University of Washington Bothell have signed an agreement** that allows students who earn a two-year degree in computer science at Cascadia to transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Computing and Software Systems or the Bachelor of Arts in Applied Computing programs at UW Bothell.

“This is an excellent example of how Cascadia and UW Bothell are working together on behalf of students. We already share a campus, now we’ve created a pathway for Cascadia students to transfer to UW Bothell’s excellent baccalaureate programs in computing,” says Dr. Sunny Burns, Cascadia’s Vice President of Student Learning and Student Success.

Likewise, **Cascadia and Lake Washington Institute of Technology established an agreement** that will allow Cascadia students who earn two-year degrees in any of five applied science programs to transfer to the Bachelor of Technology in Applied Design at Lake Washington.

In addition to these new partnerships, **Cascadia is expanding its programmatic offerings by making it possible for students to earn a two-year business degree during the day, evening, or entirely online.** These options are particularly advantageous for individuals who work during daytime hours.

This week, **Cascadia was also reaccredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities**, receiving commendations on its faculty-led assessment of student learning and its assessment of student advising to enhance student achievement. This notification caps an intensive two-year study that evaluated the college’s mission, educational quality, and institutional effectiveness.

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