

Wytheville Community College Facts

- WCC is a member institution of the Virginia Community College System.
- WCC is the college of first choice of students in the 2,000-square-mile WCC service region.
- WCC serves the citizens of Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth (Marion and eastward), and Wythe counties, and the City of Galax.
- WCC employs 111 full-time faculty and staff, and over 166 part-time faculty and staff.

Enrollment

- WCC enrolls over 4,400 students annually in credit courses.
- Student residency (Fall 2010)

Bland County	5.4%
Carroll County	23.3%
City of Galax	8.1%
Grayson County	12.5%
Smyth County	10.7%
Wythe County	23.8%
Other Localities	16.1%
- WCC's student-to-faculty ratio is 19:1.
- Student gender: 62% female, 38% male
- In Spring 2010, WCC conferred over 835 certificates, diplomas, and degrees to our graduating students.
- The top 5 four-year institutions to which our students transfer are Old Dominion University, Radford University, Virginia Tech, James Madison University, and the University of Virginia.

Student Snapshot

- The average WCC student is a female in her mid to late 20s who is employed at least part time and attends classes during the day as a part-time student.
- 24% of WCC students are full time and 76% are part time
- 77% of WCC students are the first members of their families to attend college
- 64% of WCC students receive financial aid.

Graduate Success

- 95.3% of WCC's recent graduates are employed or continuing their educations.
- 93.2% of recent WCC graduates work within 100 miles of the college, forming the core of the workforce for area businesses and industries. They are among the most skilled and valued workers in the region.
- 96.2% of recent WCC graduates say they would recommend the college to prospective students.

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Scotty Howell **Marion (Smyth County)**

Scotty Howell is a life-long resident of Smyth County. After working for 33 years at a plant as a materials manager in Marion, Scotty's plant shut down. Scotty chose to use the federal Trade Readjustment Act to come to Wytheville Community College and enter an entirely new career field. He is currently enrolled in the Administrative Support Technology program and is on track to earn his Associate's degree in May 2012. This married father and grandfather is also on the Dean's List and finds it challenging and exciting to return to school after being out for many years. "The faculty—they are just fantastic! They work with you in a way that, even though I've been out of school for 33 years, I don't feel behind the times." Scotty is married with one child and two grandchildren and loves the outdoors—hunting, fishing and working with his three horses. He also enjoys having access to the online courses, which allows him to be at home. When asked about his experience in going back to school, Scotty admits, "It couldn't be better!" After obtaining his degree from WCC, Scotty plans to begin the next phase of his career as a medical coder.



Scotty Howell

Ralph Bonham **Sugar Grove (Smyth County)**

When he graduated from high school, Ralph Bonham, a native of Sugar Grove in Smyth County, went to work at a local factory, where he continued to work for the next 18 years. After losing his job in 2008, he decided to go back to school at Wytheville Community College with the help of the Trade Readjustment Act. Ralph is excelling in college and is in his second semester at WCC, where he is working to earn his Associate's degree in Administrative Support Technology. After completing his program at WCC, Ralph hopes to begin an administrative career either in public education or social work. He enjoys keeping up with local and national news and working with the basketball program at the Sugar Grove Youth League, where he serves on the Board of Directors. Ralph has had a very positive experience at WCC thus far. "I'm very impressed with the attitude of everyone that I've been associated with and had to work with. Your greatest attribute is your people."



Ralph Bonham

Lisa Sayers **Austinville (Carroll County)**

After losing her job of 22 years, Lisa Sayers enrolled at WCC. With the help of the federal Trade Readjustment Act, Lisa will complete her two-year degree in Information System Technology with a Networking Specialization and graduate this May. Lisa is a member of WCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Association of Computing Machinery, and she is also a graduate of the Twin County Leadership Institute. Lisa was recently nominated as an All-USA Coca-Cola Silver Scholar. Outside of WCC, Lisa is active in her church and loves to help others. She is also an avid deer hunter. Upon graduation, she hopes to get established in an IT career and then continue her education by enrolling in a four-year distance learning program. Regarding the learning environment at WCC Lisa says, "I feel I've learned as much at WCC as I would at a four-year school." She is particularly impressed with the faculty at WCC and says that the instructors genuinely care and are always available.



Lisa Sayers



Rhonda Roberts

Rhonda Roberts **City of Galax**

Wife and mother of two, Rhonda Roberts decided to make a career change after working in sales and staying home with her children. Rhonda entered Wytheville Community College's nursing program to become a Registered Nurse because she loves people. She is very active at her church where she enjoys working with the youth. She is now President of her nursing class and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Government Association and the All-Virginia Academic Team. She was given the Dr. Sue G. Thacker Learning to Care Award, an award for outstanding freshmen nursing students, and she is also a graduate of the Twin County Leadership Institute. Recently, Rhonda was accepted into Carillion's Adopt-A-Student-Nurse Program. She has only positive things to say about the staff at WCC. "I feel that the nursing educators here are extremely intelligent. I can't imagine getting a better education. I really advocate this program-- because of them." After Rhonda becomes a Registered Nurse upon graduation in May of this year, she hopes to become a nurse educator as well.