# **BECOMING A WVC STUDENT**

This 4-step guide will help you navigate the process of preparing, applying, registering for classes, and concentrating on your academic success.

#### Step 1: Prepare

- Have an idea of a program of study you would like to pursue.
- Know how your program relates to your future academic and career goals.
- Consider how you will balance work, school, and family responsibilities.
- Have an idea of how long your program will take (seek advice from an academic adviser).
- Be aware of requirements to get into your program.
- Thank about when would you like to start school.
- Estimate how much it will cost (tuition, course materials, etc.)

## Step 2: Apply

- New and former students must apply for admission.
- Accepted students must take a placement tests unless they can provide documentation of college level proficiency in math and English.
- Find information on when and how to register for classes.
- Explore financial support options: scholarships, grants, loans, etc.

## Step 3: Register

- All new and former students must secure admission before they can register for classes.
- Meet with an academic adviser to help you choose appropriate courses.
- Make sure you understand requirements listed in the footnote for each course you want to enroll in and make sure to read course description for prerequisites information.
- Register for classes.
- Buy required course materials.
- Make a payment plan for tuition and fees.

#### Step 4: Concentrate on Success

- Complete course assignments before due dates.
- Use support services (library services, tutoring, computer labs, etc.)
- Meet with your academic adviser regularly
- Declare your program of study.
- Have an estimate of when you will finish your program.

