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CLARK COLLEGE VIEWBOOK





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**MARJORIE SCHILLING**  
Major: Registered Nurse



My name is Marjorie Shilling. I'm 39 years old and a single mother of three amazing children. My college career has taken a "non-traditional" route in that I did not choose to go to college immediately following high school. Instead I went to work, took some college classes at night, got married, had children and stayed at home raising them for 10 years – and then decided to finish my college experience. I was well on my way to completing the prerequisites for the nursing program when my youngest child was diagnosed with cancer. I took a year off from school to help him (and the rest of my family) through that experience. I am happy to say he is happy and healthy now! When I came back, I finished up the prerequisites and was accepted into the nursing program. Here I am in my fifth quarter! I'll graduate in December 2007.

*Why did you choose to return to learn:*

I grew up here in Vancouver and choosing Clark was the easiest part of my decision to begin my college career. As the mother of three children, convenience, flexibility, and cost were all important factors in my decision. I did some checking in the community and discovered what a well respected reputation Clark has, and specifically their nursing program (my chosen area of interest). The most valuable experience I have had at Clark has been the relationships I've made here. It's a great feeling to pursue your career goals alongside others who share the same dream. The sense of camaraderie is amazing and I've made friends I'll have for a lifetime.

*"My advice to new adult learners coming to Clark is to embrace the college experience. Get involved, make friends and live this experience rather than trying to fit college around the rest of your life. You won't regret it and you'll get so much more out of your college experience." – Marjorie Schilling*

STUDENT  
SP  TLIGHT

**CLARK COLLEGE NURSING FACT:**

80 Clark College nursing students who graduated between October 2005 & March 2006 showed a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). (*Clark College Winter 2007 Nursing Newsletter*)

# Getting Started at Clark: Admissions and Residency

## Admissions

The Welcome Center is your first step toward starting your educational career at Clark College. The Welcome Center serves as your one-stop-shop for admissions, student recruitment, college visits and student ambassadors, and registration in one convenient location.

## Admission Requirements

Students must meet one of the following requirements in order to be admitted to Clark College:

- ❖ 18 years of age or older or;
- ❖ A graduate of an accredited high school or the equivalent (GED).

Students may apply for admission one of two ways:

- ❖ Online at [www.clark.edu/quickstep](http://www.clark.edu/quickstep)
- ❖ Complete a paper application and submit to the Welcome Center in person or by mail.

## Residency Requirements

### For Washington

A Washington resident is defined as someone who has resided continuously in the state of Washington for at least 12 months prior to enrolling at Clark College. Students who have lived in the state of Washington for less than 12 months may qualify for the Washington non-resident waiver. For additional information, please contact the Welcome Center.

### For Oregon

Clark College offers resident tuition to students who reside in a qualifying Oregon border county. To qualify, a student must reside in the Oregon border county for at least 90 days before enrolling at Clark College and remain living in an Oregon border county during their attendance at Clark College.

*Questions relating to admissions or residency can be answered by contacting the Welcome Center at 360-699-NEXT or [admissions@clark.edu](mailto:admissions@clark.edu).*

**TIP:**

Apply Early = Register Early

# Financial Aid, Tuition & Fees

## Financial Aid

Have you been wondering how to pay for college? Financial aid may be the answer! Financial aid helps eligible degree- or certificate-seeking students obtain funds to help pay for educational expenses while they go to college. Clark College offers a variety of federal, state, institutional, and private financial aid programs.

### Types of financial aid available to Clark College students include:

#### Student Loans

The Stafford Loan program offers two types of loans: subsidized and unsubsidized. With subsidized loans, the government pays the interest for you while you're in school. With unsubsidized loans, you are responsible for paying the interest while you are in school. Once you have finished your education, you then pay back your student loans.

#### Grants

Grants are based on financial need and do not need to be repaid. Grants at Clark College include the Federal Pell Grant, the Washington State Need Grant, and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG).

#### Tuition Waiver & Clark College Grant

The tuition waiver and the Clark College grant are awarded to eligible Washington residents enrolled at least half-time (six credits per quarter) and have demonstrated exceptional financial need. These waivers and grants cover tuition only – not fees, books, or supplies.

#### Work Study

This program allows students to earn money to pay for education expenses by working in a qualified position. Work study jobs may be on or off campus. Whenever possible, the work study position will be related to your academic or professional/technical interest.

#### Sponsored Programs

The Office of Financial Aid at Clark College serves as a central point of contact for current and future students attending Clark under the sponsorship of agencies such as active duty military, AmeriCorps, Department of Services for the Blind, Department of Social and Human Services (DSHS), Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Labor & Industries, Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation, and WorkSource programs (TRA/NAFTA/WIA).

## Veterans Affairs

The Veterans Affairs Office serves as a liaison between the college and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and serves all students eligible to receive VA education benefits. If you qualify for VA education benefits, or would like to know if you do, please talk with our VA representative to receive assistance in applying for benefits.

#### How to Apply for Financial Aid

To apply for federal student financial aid you must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year that you attend school. The quickest and easiest way to do this is online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). To complete the FAFSA online you will need a personal identification number (PIN), which is also available through the FAFSA Web site. Paper versions of the FAFSA are also available at the Clark College Welcome Center and Financial Aid Office. Be sure to list the Clark College Federal School Code (003773) on your FAFSA so we will receive your information.

In addition to completing and submitting the FAFSA, you must also complete and submit the following in order to be considered for financial aid:

- ❖ Complete and submit the Clark College Application for Admissions; and
- ❖ Complete and submit the Clark College Financial Aid data form which can be found online at [www.clark.edu/admissions\\_fin\\_aid/fin\\_aid/](http://www.clark.edu/admissions_fin_aid/fin_aid/).



## Helpful Web Sites

### FAFSA on the Web

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### The Financial Aid Information Page

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

*Reliable and comprehensive guide to all aspects of the financial aid process*

### FastWeb

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

*Reliable free scholarship search*

### U.S. Department of Education

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

*Information on student financial assistance programs available from the U.S. Department of Education*

### 2006-07 Tuition & Fees

Tuition.....	\$2831
Books & Supplies.....	\$750
Total.....	\$3581



## BEECH (Basic Education, English, Communication Studies & Humanities)

English, communication studies, foreign languages and the humanities are the heart of the liberal arts. These areas introduce students to subjects such as philosophy, logic, poetry, literature and film studies. Students interested in teaching and education or working with

different cultures will often earn degrees in these areas. While at Clark College you will pursue an Associate of Art (AA) degree; this transfer degree will prepare you to transfer to the university or baccalaureate (four-year) college of your choice.

### What you can study:

- ❖ Basic Education
- ❖ English
- ❖ Communication Studies
- ❖ Foreign Languages
- ❖ International Studies
- ❖ Journalism

### TIP:

According to Jobweb.com's job outlook for 2007, the number one skills employers seek in candidates is good communication skills.

## Business & Technology

So you want to get a job? These are the right programs for you. The depth and breadth of these areas are phenomenal, and there really is something for everyone – from mastering automotive skills to learning how to build databases and Web pages to baking and cooking. Students pursuing these areas will earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or an Associate of Applied Technology (AAT) degree. Students are also eligible to earn a variety of certificates in these fields.

### What you can study:

#### Automotive Technology

- ❖ Basic Automotive Technician Skills, Advanced Automotive Technician Skills, Automotive Technology and Toyota Technology

#### Business Administration

- ❖ Accounting, Accounting Clerk, Business Administration, Customer Service, Management, Marketing, Merchandising Management, Professional Sales, Small Business Management and Supervisory Management

#### Business Technology

- ❖ Administrative Assistant, Business Software Applications Specialist, Clerical Assistant, Computer Application Skills, Legal Office (Legal Administrative Assistant), Medical Office (Medical Assistant, Medical Billing and Coding Specialist, Medical Office Skills, Medical Office Specialist, Medical Receptionist, Medical Record Assistant, Medical Transcriptionist), Office Assistant, Office Skills, Office Software Applications, Office Support Specialist and Receptionist, and Paralegal

#### Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD)

#### Computer Technology

- ❖ Computer Network Administrator, Microcomputer Support Specialist, Software Solutions Development Specialist (Database Development and Web Programming)

#### Construction Technology

#### Culinary Arts

- ❖ Baking and Bakery Management, Cooking and Restaurant Management

#### Data Networks and Telecommunications

#### CISCO Certified Network Associate (CCNA)

#### Diesel Technology

#### Electronics Technology

#### Graphic Communications/Printing

- ❖ Prepress and Publishing, Web and Multimedia, Graphic Communications, Web Design and Development

#### Machining Technology

#### Manufacturing Systems Maintenance Technology

#### Power Utilities Technology

#### Welding Technology

# FACULTY & STAFF SPEAK

Supporting Student Success

## BECKY MERRITT, *Eligibility Programs*



### How do you support your students?

“Any way I can help them reach their goals. That may be by listening to their story, giving them options, referring them to the right resources, or helping them pick classes.”

### What makes your students special?

“The students we work with have a huge desire to start school as soon as possible, and with our programs, many can start right now! Many of them have waited years to come to school – and find out that now they can.”

### What do you enjoy most about working at a community college?

“Watching students succeed. Enjoying the energy that surrounds a group of students as they interact.”

## NANCY JOHNSON, *Business Technology Professor*



### How do you support your students?

“I believe that one of the most important roles I have as a teacher at Clark College is to be a supportive, caring instructor. I work very hard to establish a comfortable learning environment so my students can learn at their optimum level.”

### What makes your students special?

“My students are special in many different ways. I believe that the diversity of students in my classroom truly makes for a very rich learning experience for all.”

### What do you enjoy most about teaching at a community college?

“I most enjoy the thrill of seeing my students succeed in their classes and venture on into further education or the world of work. It is especially gratifying to hear from students years later on their successes they have achieved in their lives. I believe that as a teacher I am a ‘dreammaker.’ Teaching for me is the best career I could have ever chosen for my life’s work.”

## PAUL CASILLAS, *Math Professor & Department Chair*



### How do you support your students?

“I try to support my students by working hard on my class lessons and activities and by working with them one-on-one in my office and in math help sessions. I try to encourage them to keep going when they hit a bump in the road.”

### What makes your students special?

“Clark College students are special because they are working to better themselves – often in the face of huge obstacles. I admire their dedication and perseverance. They are also special because they bring a wealth of life experiences to the college. I’ve learned a lot of good life lessons from my students!”

### What do you enjoy most about teaching at a community college?

“I enjoy working with the students in the classroom. The students are interesting, inspirational, and fun to be with. I appreciate the hard work and positive attitudes they bring to the classroom.”

## TIM COOK, *Counselor & Behavioral Science Division Chair*



### How do you support your students?

“I support my students by being accessible as they navigate through Clark. College has its own language and way of doing things. Sometimes the best help that I can offer is genuinely offering assistance.”

### What makes your students special?

“They are trying to improve their lives. By going to school and learning they are becoming better people.”

### What do you enjoy most about teaching at a community college?

“Every day and every student is different. I’m usually teaching Running Start students, veterans, single moms, and college athletes all in the same class. It keeps me on my toes and is a lot of fun as well. I don’t know where else I could find this type of experience.”



## Math, Physical Science & Engineering

Reach for the stars! Do you like questions and puzzles? Are you interested in how things work and what makes them tick? The departments in Math, Physical Sciences, and Engineering will help you gain important skills in critical thinking and problem solving. Physicists, engineers and mathematicians create new products, help build new roads and buildings, and solve the

mysteries of the universe. Students in these areas will earn an Associate of Art (AA) degree and will be ready to transfer to the university of their choice after approximately two years. Clark College students go on to many prestigious schools of engineering, as well as to graduate programs in teaching and the sciences.

### What you can study:

- ❖ Chemistry
- ❖ Computer Science
- ❖ Engineering
- ❖ Geology
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Physics

## SHAPE (Science, Health & Physical Education)

The health care industry in America is booming and needs well-qualified individuals to fill a variety of roles. From nursing and phlebotomy to radiography and dental hygiene, Clark College has a program to help you fulfill your goals of helping people and contributing to society. Students in preparation for these programs will work in state-of-the-art facilities and have the opportunity to master anatomy and physiology through the cadaver lab (unique for a community college). Once

admitted to one of these competitive-entry programs – dental hygiene, medical radiography and nursing – students will continue their learning using modern simulation technology. Students will earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree as well as other certificates if they so choose. Clark College students also have the option of continuing their studies in dental hygiene and nursing by transferring to Eastern Washington University for dental hygiene or to WSU Vancouver for nursing.

### What you can study:

- ❖ Agriculture and Horticulture
- ❖ Biology
- ❖ Dental Hygiene
- ❖ EMT Basic
- ❖ Fitness Trainer
- ❖ Health and Physical Education
- ❖ Medical Radiography
- ❖ Nursing
- ❖ Pharmacy Technician
- ❖ Phlebotomy

# EMPLOYERS SPEAK

MIKE DAVENPORT, *Corporate Technical Recruiter, Halton Co.*



### What makes Clark College graduates great employees?

“Clark College graduates make good employees not only from the technical side of their education but from the professional attitude that they are taught from the instructors. The leadership opportunities and ability to represent a good school works well for both student and business.”

### Why do you hire Clark College graduates?

“I hire Clark College graduates because they bring a lot to the table. Most often students have already worked in my shop as an intern and the transition to full-time employment is seamless. They have worked on the equipment at the school that we use in the dealership. They also have a lot of the ‘soft skills’ – like communication, professionalism and computer skills – that are necessary for success in our industry.”

### What are the two most important skills a Clark College graduate must have to be successful in your business?

“The two most important skills that a Clark College graduate must have to be successful in my business are: 1.) the technical knowledge of the product (how it works and how to fix failures); and 2.) the ability to self motivate and finish a process from troubleshooting the failure to delivering the product back to the customer.”

THERESA MAZZARO, *Nursing Recruiter, Southwest Washington Medical Center*



### What makes Clark College graduates great employees?

“The medical center finds our Clark grads to be community focused and looking to work towards the betterment of healthcare in Vancouver and Clark County.”

### Why do you hire Clark College graduates?

“The programs at Clark have shown us that they are on par with any throughout the state.”

### What are the two most important skills a Clark College graduate must have to be successful in your business?

“The variety of programs at Clark continues to give us well prepared, intelligent and empathetic future employees.”

## SOFA (Social Sciences and Fine Arts)



Do you enjoy helping people? Are you creative? If so, then the social sciences and fine arts may be right for you. Students majoring in the social sciences are preparing themselves to learn more about people – how they work, where they work, what they think and what makes them happy or sad. Study in the social sciences is also great preparation for a number of excellent graduate programs, as well as for students with an interest in teaching.

If you are creative, we have programs for you, too – including music, art and theater. Students have the option to perform in a variety of musical groups in both instrumental and voice categories. The art studios at Clark College allow students the ability to perfect their craft in a supportive and creative environment. Clark College also offers an excellent introduction to the theater arts through classes and student-produced performances, including a dinner theater in conjunction with the culinary arts department. Students studying these subjects will earn an Associate of Art (AA) or an Associate of Applied Science (AAS); they also have the option of earning a variety of certificates.

### What you can study:

#### Addiction Counselor Education

#### Art

- ◆ General, Photography and Graphic Design

#### Early Childhood Education

- ◆ Advanced Applied Curriculum Planning, Family Child Care, Infants and Toddlers, School Age

#### Education

#### Music

#### Social Science

- ◆ Anthropology, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Women’s Studies

#### Theatre



CONNIE CRISTOBAL

Major: Transfer Associate of Science Degree



## SP TLIGHT

“I am the middle child of a family of five. I was born in El Paso, Texas, in the early 1960s to Catholic Mexican parents that never even finished high school – and who were two of the hardest working people I will ever meet. It was my father’s desire for his daughters to meet and marry honest, hard working men to take care of us while my oldest brother was encouraged to get as much education as he could. When my father uprooted his family to the east side of San Jose, California, life changed for our tight-knit family. My father was diagnosed with lung cancer a couple of years after we arrived. His thinking changed after watching my mom struggle with all the issues that she was not prepared to deal with. He realized that life is so unpredictable that we (his girls) must not depend on anyone but ourselves. He passed away soon after that – but not before implanting in me the desire, the love of knowledge, and the drive of getting it. It was known as our Si Se Puede drive.”

### *Why did you choose to Return to Learn?*

“My oldest son, Martin, was enrolled at Clark; he kept hearing me say how I needed to go back to school. My two younger children were getting older and my job was showing evidence of the times changing. He would bring me class catalogs and financial aid packets every new quarter, but I kept putting it off and putting it off. He never stopped pushing me and encouraging me. He knew that I could do it. When my daughter was bringing home homework that I could not help her with anymore, I knew that something had to be done. I needed to keep up with her. I would not allow her or her younger brother to struggle through school and get discouraged because they didn’t get it. Finally I decided to take the first step. I attended a welcome to Clark College night. Something stirred my blood that day and I knew that my life was about to change. I took the next step – taking the assessment test – and then I applied for aid and got it. I picked my classes, got my books and attended the first day with a huge Si Se Puede attitude – an attitude that teachers, and other classmates, and especially my family, could see me displaying. It was a little strange at first, going to school with kids younger or the same age as your own kids. I noticed early on that older students are a little more committed. We have had the realities of life demands and what it takes to make everything flow together. We know too well deadlines and commitments. We adjust well to bumps in the roads and can bounce back quickly. I am glad that I waited a little later in life – it’s like the saying you are never too old to learn.”

TIP:

Si Se Puede! (Yes You Can!)

## Student Life & Multicultural Student Affairs

### Get Involved!

One of the most important aspects of college life is having the opportunity to share and learn ideas among different people. Clark College encourages students to share their uniqueness with others which leads to new knowledge and a better understanding of the world around us. The Office of Student Life and Multicultural Student Affairs gives students the opportunity to connect with each other in social, cultural and academic settings. Clark College student life is as active as you want it to be!

### Student Government

The Associated Students of Clark College (ASCC) represent the student body – their needs and concerns – to the Clark College Executive Cabinet, Board of Trustees, and the Washington State Legislature. ASCC also manages and approves student clubs and organizations. In addition, they plan many of the social events that take place throughout the year.

### Student Clubs

More than 30 different student clubs offer a wide array of opportunities for personal growth, development, and enjoyment including the student newspaper, *The Independent*, and the college’s award-winning literary and art magazine, *Phoenix*.

### Athletics

Clark College offers a variety of competitive sports through the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC). Clark also offers a variety of co-curricular recreational sports through our intramural program.

### Competitive Sports

Men’s	Women’s
Basketball	Basketball
Soccer	Soccer
Track & Cross Country	Track & Cross Country
	Softball
	Volleyball



# Services for Students

## Co-Admissions Programs

Clark College can help you continue your education through one of our co-admissions partnerships. Clark has agreements with Concordia University, Marylhurst University, Portland State University and WSU Vancouver. This program will help you make a smooth transition to any one of these universities.

## Assessment Center

The Assessment Center at Clark College offers a variety of services that include the COMPASS placement test and the GED tests. The COMPASS assessment is a guide that helps students register for the appropriate writing, mathematics, and reading classes at Clark. The assessment is free and there is no time limit (so take as much time as you need). No appointment is necessary. The Assessment Center is open days and some evenings. To learn more about the COMPASS assessment and the Assessment Center's office hours call 360-992-2648 or go online to [www.clark.edu/assessment](http://www.clark.edu/assessment).

## General Education Development (GED)

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people earn their GED certificate. Clark College is an official GED testing site. The GED tests provide a basis for conferring a high school credential on adults who have not graduated from tradition high school. To learn more about taking the GED test or GED preparation classes, please contact the Assessment Center at 360-992-2588.

## Disability Support Services (DSS)

Clark College and the Disability Support Services office staff assist those with disabilities in pursuing their educational goals. The DSS staff is committed to assuring Clark College, its services, programs, and activities are accessible to individuals with disabilities. The DSS office's primary focus is to assure nondiscrimination on the basis of disability. For more information please contact the DSS office at 360-992-2314, TTY 360-992-2835 or on the Web at [www.clark.edu/dss](http://www.clark.edu/dss).

## eLearning

eLearning creates opportunities for students to earn college credit outside of the traditional classroom setting. eLearning courses, which satisfy degree requirements in several fields of study, are available. While eLearning classes give you the freedom to complete educational goals while working and taking care of family responsibilities, it does require that you discipline yourself to meet course requirements. For more information please call 360-992-2654 or on the Web at [www.clark.edu/elearning](http://www.clark.edu/elearning).

## Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Adult basic education classes are designed to help adults improve their skills in reading, writing, and math. Basic computer classes are also available to students enrolled in ABE classes. Students must be 16 years of age to enroll and attend ABE classes. All ABE classes are taught at Clark College Town Plaza. For more information please call 360-992-2750 or online at [www.clark.edu/abe-ged](http://www.clark.edu/abe-ged).

## Eligibility Programs

The Office of Eligibility Programs helps students with a variety of programs such as SW Washington Displaced Homemaker, high school adult diploma, Worker Retraining, and WorkFirst. For more information or questions regarding any of these programs please call 360-992-2321.

## Career & Employment Services

The Clark College Career Center is open to students and the community and offers a broad range of information and assistance in areas such as career exploration, education and training, employment outlook, job search techniques, resume critiques and mock interviews, internship, and co-op placement. The center also offers a computer lab and library that includes more than 1000 books and videos available for use. To learn more please call 360-992-2902 or go online to [www.clark.edu/careercenter](http://www.clark.edu/careercenter).

## Child Care

Clark College offers child care on the main campus for children ages 12 months to 10 years of age to students, faculty, staff, and local community parents. Fees vary depending on the age of the child and the status of the parent (i.e., student). For more information please call 360-992-2393 or go online to [www.clark.edu/childcare](http://www.clark.edu/childcare).

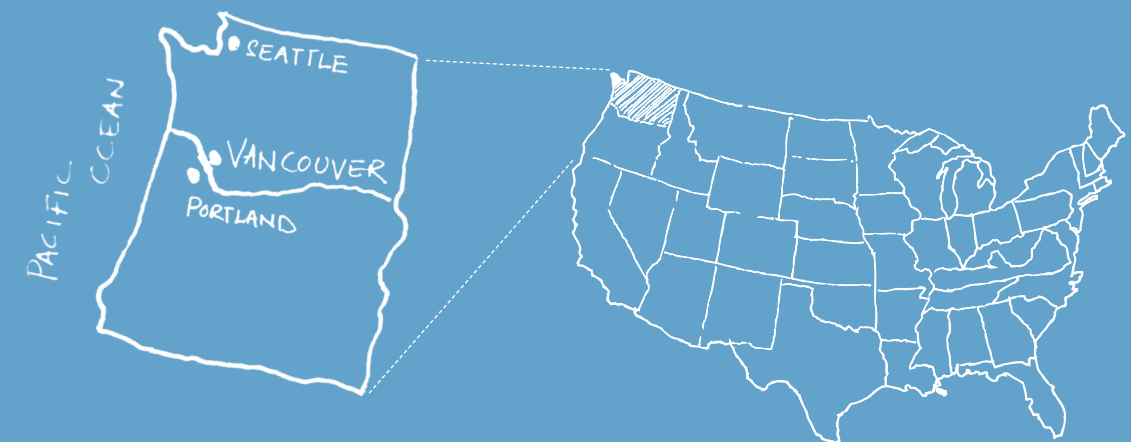
## Clark College Campus Locations

Clark College currently has three locations to serve the surrounding community. The Clark College main campus is located in Vancouver's historic Central Park, just east of the Interstate 5 freeway. Classes are also taught at Clark College at WSU Vancouver, located on the WSU Vancouver campus in Salmon Creek, and at Clark College at Town Plaza Center, located two miles east of the main campus on Mill Plain Boulevard.

## Campus Visits

There is no better way to check out a college than by having a campus visit! Clark offers tours to prospective students Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and some evenings, by appointment.

During a campus visit you can tour the college with a current Clark student, meet with faculty in your area of interest, talk with an advisor or request additional appointments to meet your specific needs. To schedule a visit go to [www.clark.edu/visit](http://www.clark.edu/visit) or call 360-992-2078.



### DRIVE TIMES TO CLARK COLLEGE

From Gresham, OR	30 minutes
From Camas, WA	20 minutes
From Longview, WA	44 minutes
From Battle Ground, WA	23 minutes
From downtown Portland, OR	15 minutes
From Clackamas/Milwaukie, OR	25 minutes

## CLARK COLLEGE – Penguin Nation by the Numbers\*



1933	Founded
11,658	Enrollment
96%	Washington residents
4%	Oregon residents
22%	Students of color
40%	Male
60%	Female
11%	Single parents
21%	Couples with children
30	Average age
20:1	Student to faculty ratio
20	Average class size
21%	Working full-time while attending school
32%	Working part-time while attending school

\* Clark College's mascot, Oswald, is a Galapagos penguin.  
Numbers reflect fall 2006 data.

**Clark College** *The Next Step*

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