



## Glossary of system acronyms

Abbreviation	Term	Notes
<b>A</b>		
AA	Associate of Arts degree (see also DTA)	
AACC	<a href="#">American Association of Community Colleges</a>	
AA/EEO	Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity	
AAHEA	<a href="#">American Association of Higher Education and Accreditation</a>	
AAG	Assistant Attorney General	
AAS	Associates of Applied Science degree or Associate of Arts and Science degree	
AAUW	<a href="#">American Association of University Women</a>	
AAWCJC	<a href="#">American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges</a>	
ABE	Adult Basic Education	Former name for "Basic Education for Adults"
ABLE	Adult Basic and Literacy Educators	
ACCT	<a href="#">Association of Community College Trustees</a>	
ACE	<a href="#">American Council on Education</a>	
ACAE	Advisory Council on Adult Education	
ACRL	<a href="#">American College and Research Librarians</a>	



ACT	<a href="#">Association of College Trustees</a>	Formerly TACTC
ACTP	American College Testing Program	
ADA	<a href="#">Americans with Disabilities Act</a>	
AEAC	<a href="#">Adult Education Advisory Council</a>	
AEH	Adult Education for Homeless	
AFRS	<a href="#">Agency Financial Reporting System</a>	
AFT	<a href="#">American Federation of Teachers</a>	
AG	<a href="#">Attorney General</a>	
AGB	<a href="#">Association of Governing Boards</a>	
AGO	Attorney General's Opinion	
AHE	Association of Higher Education	
AHEAD	<a href="#">Association on Higher Education and Disability</a>	
APGA	American Personnel and Guidance Association	
AS	Associate of Science degree	
ASHE	<a href="#">Association for the Study of Higher Education</a>	
ASSIST	Adult Statewide System for Information through Technology	
AVA	American Vocational Association	



<b>B</b>		
BA	Bachelor of Arts	
BAC	<a href="#">Business Affairs Commission</a>	
BAR	<a href="#">Budget, Accounting and Reporting Council</a>	
BAS	Bachelor of Applied Sciences	
BEA	Basic Education Allotment	
BEdA	Basic Education for Adults	Formerly “Adult Basic Education”
BFA	Bachelor of Fine Arts	
BFET	<a href="#">Basic Food and Employment Training</a>	BFEandT also acceptable
BIA	<a href="#">Bureau of Indian Affairs</a>	
BIs	Baccalaureate Institutions (see also PBIs)	
BS	Bachelor in Science	
BT	Bachelor in Technology	



C	
CAM	Capital Analysis Model
CASAS	<a href="#">Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System</a>
CBO	Community Based Organization
CBS	<a href="#">Council for Basic Skills</a>
CCSSEE	<a href="#">Community College Survey of Student Engagement</a>
CCSEQ	<a href="#">Community College Student Experience Questionnaire</a>
CCE	Community and Continuing Education
CE	Continuing Education
CEC	Continuing Education Commission
CESC	<a href="#">Career and Employment Services Council</a>
CEU	Continuing Education Units
CHE	Center for Higher Education
CIH	<a href="#">College in High School</a>
CIP	<a href="#">Classification of Instructional Programs</a>
CIS	Center for Information Services <span style="float: right;">Formerly CTC</span>
CLEP	<a href="#">College Level Examination Program</a>
COCNASC	Commission on Colleges -- Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
COP	<a href="#">Council of Presidents</a>



CRLA	<a href="#">College Reading and Learning Association</a>	
CSDAC	Counseling and Student Development Administration Council	
CTC	community and technical colleges	
CTCLAMS	Community and Technical College Library and Media Specialists	
CUPA	College and University Personnel Association	
CUSP	<a href="#">Council of Unions and Student Programs</a>	
CWPC	College Women's Programs Council	
<b>D</b>		
DACUM	Develop a curriculum	
DCD	Department of Community Development	
DES	<a href="#">Department of Enterprise Services</a>	
DIS	Department of Information Services	Now part of the Department of Enterprise Services
DLC	Distance Learning Council	
DLOA	Data Linking for Outcomes Assessment	Data files with employment and further education information on former students designed for research and accountability purposes
DOE	<a href="#">Department of Education</a>	
DOP	<a href="#">Department of Personnel</a>	
DSHS	<a href="#">Department of Social and Health Services</a>	
DSSC	Disabled Student Services Coordinators	
DTA	Direct Transfer Agreement (Associates degree)	



<b>E</b>		
EALR	Essential Academic Learning Requirements	Competencies required in K-12
ECEAP	<a href="#">Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program</a>	A state-funded program somewhat like Head Start
ECS	<a href="#">Education Commission of the States</a>	
EDP	External Degree Program	
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity	
EEOC	<a href="#">Equal Employment Opportunity Commission</a>	
EOE	Equal Opportunity Employer	
ES	<a href="#">Employment Security</a>	Can also mean Employment Services, a function with the ES agency
ESAC	Even Start Advisory Committee	
ESD	<a href="#">Educational Service District</a>	
ESL	English as a Second Language	
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages	
<b>F</b>		
FAC	<a href="#">Financial Aid Council</a>	
FACTC	<a href="#">Faculty Association of Community and Technical Colleges</a>	
FAE	Faculty and Equipment	
FAFSA	<a href="#">Free Application for Federal Student Aid</a>	
FIP	Family Independence Program	Part of TANF. Family Independence (FI) is a time-limited program that assists families with dependent children when families cannot provide for their basic needs.



FLSA	<a href="#">Fair Labor Standards Act</a>	
FMS	Financial Management System	
FRACHE	Federation of Regional Accrediting Commissions of Higher Education	Merged in 1975 with Federation of Regional Accrediting Commissions of Higher Education (FRACHE) to create the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA).
FTE	Full-time equivalent	
FTEF	Full-time equivalent faculty	
FTES	Full-time equivalent student	
<b>G</b>		
GA	General Administration State Department of	Now part of DES
GAAPCom	Governor's Affirmative Action Policy Committee	
<a href="#">GED®</a>		Formerly "General Education Development." GED ® is a proprietary term.
GSL	Guaranteed Student Loan	



<b>H</b>		
HCA	<a href="#">Health Care Authority</a>	
HEGIS	Higher Education General Information Survey	The Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS) system was conducted by the NCES between 1966 and 1985. This system was comprised of several surveys of institutions that were accredited at the college level by an agency recognized by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education. These surveys collected institution-level data on such topics as institutional characteristics, enrollment, degrees conferred, salaries, employees, financial statistics, libraries and others. HEGIS surveys were sent to approximately 3,400 accredited institutions of higher education.
HECB	Higher Education Coordinating Board	Now Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC)
HEPB	Higher Education Personnel Board	
HRMC	<a href="#">Human Resource Management Commission</a>	
HSC	High School Completion	
<b>I</b>		
I-BEST	<a href="#">Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training</a>	
IC	<a href="#">Instruction Commission</a>	
ICOA	Inter-institutional Committee of Academic Officers (of PBIs)	
ICRC	<a href="#">Intercollege Relations Commission</a>	
ICSEW	<a href="#">Interagency Committee of State Employed Women</a>	
I-DEA	Integrated Digital English Acceleration	
IPEDS	<a href="#">Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System</a>	Federal data collection for higher education
IPQ	Indicators of Program Quality	





IRC	Information Resources Coordinator
IRCA	Immigration Reform and Control Act
ITPG	Information Technology Planning Group
<b>J</b>	
JCE	Joint Center for Education
JCS	Job Service Center
JEVC	Joint Economic Vitality Cabinet
JLARC	<a href="#">Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee</a>
<b>L</b>	
LAAP	Learn Anytime, Anywhere Program
LEP	Limited English Proficient
LLA	<a href="#">Laubach Literacy Action</a>
LMDC	<a href="#">Library Media Director's Council</a>
LRC	Learning Resources Center
LVA	<a href="#">Literacy Volunteers of America</a>



<b>M</b>		
MIS	Management Information System	
MOOC	Massive Open Online Course	
MRTE	<a href="#">Mutual Research Transcript Enterprise</a>	
MSSD	<a href="#">Multicultural Student Services Directors</a>	
<b>N</b>		
NACFAM	<a href="#">National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing</a>	
NACTC	Northwest Association of Community and Technical Colleges	
NACV	National Association of Concerned Veterans	
NAFSA	<a href="#">National Association of Foreign Student Advisers</a>	
NASC	National Association of Schools and Colleges	
NASFAA	<a href="#">National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators</a>	
NASPA	<a href="#">National Association of Student Personnel Administrators</a>	
NCA	National Commission on Accrediting	Merged in 1975 with Federation of Regional Accrediting Commissions of Higher Education (FRACHE) to create the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation (COPA).
NCBA	<a href="#">Northwest College Bookstore Association</a>	
NCDA	<a href="#">National Career Development Association</a>	Formerly the National Vocational Guidance Association (NVGA).
NCES	<a href="#">National Center for Education Statistics</a>	
NCFL	<a href="#">National Center for Family Literacy</a>	
NCHEMS	<a href="#">National Center for Higher Education Management Systems</a>	



NCSACE	<a href="#">National Council of State Association Chief Executives</a>	
NDEA	National Defense Education Act	
NDSLCL	<a href="#">National Direct Student Loan Coalition</a>	
NEH	<a href="#">National Endowment for Humanities</a>	
NIEA	National International Education Association	
NIFL	<a href="#">National Institute for Literacy</a>	
NIMS	<a href="#">National Institute for Metalworking Skills</a>	Also National Incident Management System
NSIS	North Snohomish, Island and Skagit Counties Consortium for higher education	Colleges and universities cooperating on joint program planning to serve that area
NSSB	National Skill Standards Board	
NVGA	National Vocational Guidance Association	Renamed in 1985 the National Career Development Association (NCDA).
NWAACC	<a href="#">Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges</a>	
NWCCU	<a href="#">Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities</a>	
NWPA	Northwest Placement Association	
NWREL	<a href="#">Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory</a>	Now Education Northwest
NWRLRC	Northwest Regional Literacy Resource Center	



<b>O</b>	
OAL	Office of Adult Literacy (SBCTC)
OASI	<a href="#">Old Age and Survivors' Insurance (social security)</a>
OCCP	<a href="#">Office of Child Care Policy</a>
OCR	<a href="#">Office of Civil Rights</a>
OFC	Operations and Facilities Council (plant managers)
OFM	<a href="#">Office of Financial Management</a>
OPEP	<a href="#">Organization of Parenting Education Programs</a>
ORIA	Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance
OSHA	<a href="#">Occupational Safety and Health Administration</a>
OSPI	<a href="#">Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction</a>
<b>P</b>	
PAC	Purchasing Affairs Council
PBIs	Public Baccalaureate Institutions
PERC	<a href="#">Public Employment Relations Commission</a>
PERS	<a href="#">Public Employees' Retirement System</a>
PIC	<a href="#">Public Information Commission</a>
PID	Periodic Increment Date
PMCI	Performance Management for Continuous Improvement



PMIS	Personnel Management Information System	A quarterly snapshot of the PPMS file used by SBCTC
PODC	Participant Outcomes Data Consortium	
PPAC	Professional Placement and Advancement Committee	
PPMS	Personnel/Payroll Management System	A core administrative data system of the CTCs
<b>R</b>		
RCW	<a href="#">Revised Code of Washington</a>	
RFI	Request for information	
RFP	Request for proposals	
RFQ	Request for quotation	
RIF	Reduction in force	
RPC	<a href="#">Research and Planning Commission</a>	Formerly Washington Association for Research and Planning (WARP)
RS	<a href="#">Running Start</a>	Program for dual enrollment in high school and college
<b>S</b>		
SAT	<a href="#">Scholastic Aptitude Test</a>	
SBCCE	State Board for Community College Education	Now State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)
SBCTC	<a href="#">State Board for Community and Technical Colleges</a>	Formerly State Board for Community College Education (SBCCE)
SBE	<a href="#">State Board of Education</a>	
SBVE	State Board for Vocational Education	Now Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB)
SCAN	<a href="#">State Controlled Area Network</a>	



SCANS	<a href="#">Secretary's Commission on Achievement of Necessary Skills</a>	Commission appointed by Secretary of Labor in 1990. Work completed in 1992.
SDA	Service Delivery Area	
SEBB	<a href="#">State Employees Benefit Board</a>	
SEOG	<a href="#">Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant</a>	
SJTCC	State Job Training Coordinating Board	Now Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB)
SLIAG	State Legalization Impact Assistance Grants	
SMIS	Student Management Information System	Summary snapshot of the SMS for use by SBCTC
SMS	Student Management System	A core administrative data system of the CTCs
SPI	<a href="#">Superintendent of Public Instruction</a>	
SSC	<a href="#">Student Services Commission</a>	
STARS	<a href="#">State Training and Registry System</a>	Career development system designed for child care providers.
STTACC	<a href="#">Staff Training for Technical and Community Colleges</a>	



<b>T</b>		
TABE	Test of Adult Basic Education	
TACTC	<a href="#">Trustees Association of Community and Technical Colleges</a>	Renamed Association of College Trustees (ACT)
TANF	<a href="#">Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</a>	
TEACH	Teacher Education and Compensation	For child care providers
TESC	<a href="#">The Evergreen State College</a>	
TESOL	<a href="#">Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages</a>	
TIAA/CREF	<a href="#">Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association/Retirement Equities Fund</a>	
TRS	Teachers Retirement Fund	
<b>U</b>		
USDE	<a href="#">United States Department of Education</a>	
<b>V</b>		
VC	Virtual Campus	
VISTA	<a href="#">Volunteers in Service to America</a>	
<b>W</b>		
WAC	<a href="#">Washington Administrative Code</a>	
WACAL	<a href="#">Washington Coalition for Adult Literacy</a>	
WACCFAA	<a href="#">Western Association of Community College Financial Aid Administrators</a>	



WACCSAP	Washington Association of Community College Student Activities Personnel	
WACRAO	<a href="#">Washington Council of Registrars and Admissions Officers</a>	
WACTC	Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges	Association of community and technical college presidents
WACTC-BAC	<a href="#">Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Business Affairs Commission</a>	
WACTC-HRCM	<a href="#">Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Human Resources Management Commission</a>	
WACTC-IC	<a href="#">Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Instruction Commission</a>	
WACTC-PIC	<a href="#">Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Public Information Commission</a>	
WACTC-SSC	<a href="#">Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Student Services Commission</a>	
WACTC-WP	Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges - Women's Programs Council	
WACTCS	Washington Association of Community and Technical College Students	
WACTE	<a href="#">Washington Association of Colleges of Teacher Education</a>	Also <a href="#">Washington Association for Career and Technical Education</a>
WADE	Washington Association for Developmental Education	
WAESOL	<a href="#">Washington Association for the Education of Speakers of Other Languages</a>	
WAFSA	<a href="#">Washington Application for State Financial Aid</a>	
WAOE	Washington Association of Occupational Educators	





WAOL	<a href="#">Washington Online</a>	
WAOL VC	<a href="#">Washington Online Virtual Campus</a>	
WAPEC	Washington Association of Parent Education Coordinators	
WAPED	<a href="#">Washington Association on Postsecondary Education and Disability</a>	
WARP	<a href="#">Washington Association for Research and Planning</a>	Now Research and Planning Commission (RPC)
WASA	<a href="#">Washington Association of School Administrators</a>	
WASP	<a href="#">Washington Association of School Principals</a>	
WCHSCR	<a href="#">Washington Council for High School-College Relations</a>	Usually referred to as "The Washington Council"
WCPCAN	Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect	
WCTCCA	<a href="#">Washington Community and Technical College Counselors' Association</a>	
WEA	<a href="#">Washington Education Association</a>	
WEACPECP	Washington Association of Educators of Personnel in Early Childhood Programs	
WEC	<a href="#">Workforce Education Council</a>	
WF	<a href="#">WorkFirst</a>	
WFAA	<a href="#">Washington Financial Aid Association</a>	
WICHE	<a href="#">Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education</a>	
WINS	Workplace Integration of Necessary Skills	
WISC	Washington Information Systems Commission	



WISHA	<a href="#">Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act</a>	
WL	<a href="#">Washington Literacy</a>	
WOIS	<a href="#">Washington Occupational Information Service</a>	
WP	Women's Programs Council	
WPCT	Washington Pre-College Test	
WPEA	<a href="#">Washington Public Employees' Association</a>	
WSAC	<a href="#">Washington Student Achievement Council</a>	Formerly Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB)
WSASEA	<a href="#">Washington State Association of Student Employment Administrators</a>	
WSATC	<a href="#">Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council</a>	
WSCA	<a href="#">Washington School Counselors Association</a>	Professional development group for K-12 school counselors
WSSSC	<a href="#">Washington State Student Services Commission</a>	
WSTPCC	<a href="#">Washington State Tech Prep Coordinating Council</a>	
WTB	<a href="#">Workforce Training Board</a>	
WTECB	<a href="#">Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board</a>	Formerly State Board for Vocational Education (SBVE) and State Job Training Coordinating Board (SJTCB)
WtW	<a href="#">Welfare to Work</a>	
WVA	<a href="#">Washington Vocational Association</a>	Now Washington Association for Career and Technical Education