

2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: **11, 30, 33, 34, 47**

Overview

Highline College was founded in 1961 as King County’s first community college. Highline offers a vibrant and diverse learning environment with over 100 degrees and certificates, including seven applied bachelor’s degrees within eight degree pathways. With about 70% students of color and people representing more than 120 cultures, Highline is the state’s most diverse higher education institution.

Meet Sameer Koirala



Sameer Koirala was inspired to study nursing early in life while growing up in Nepal. As a child, Sameer noticed a nurse’s kindness after receiving care for multiple bone fractures, and it stuck with him. Now, the first-generation, international college student is well on his way to becoming a nurse after receiving his associate degree in nursing from Highline College. Although getting through college was a struggle at times, Sameer maintained a

high GPA and joined the 2022 All-Washington Academic Team, a statewide recognition that earned him a \$500 scholarship for his educational achievements.

Legislative Priority: Expand Opportunity for Students and Employers

Fully funding our budget requests will have real returns for students like Sameer Koirala and for the communities and employers in our area. Students will learn from competitively-paid experts who choose to work at Highline College rather than pursue higher paying positions with private employers or K-12 schools. Our students will train for careers in robust workforce programs, with modern equipment and learning spaces that mirror their future work environments. We will be able to expand technology to bring a college education to more people in more ways, which is especially important for working adults. And, all our students will benefit from an inclusive environment where they are valued, supported and equipped to reach their goals.

Highline College will also receive funding to operate and maintain existing facilities and to design and build both its Welcome Center for Student Success and Academic Pathways and Technology Center.



Our Students

Total headcount.....	12,983
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	5,994
Full-time	36%
Part-time	64%
Students of color.....	77%

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$353 million is fully funded, Highline College will receive approximately \$9.1 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s request is fully funded, Highline College will receive approximately \$11,174,000 for operation, maintenance, infrastructure, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities, \$44,401,000 for design and construction of the Welcome Center for Student Success, and \$45,124,000 for design and construction of the Academic Pathways and Technology Center.

