

STEPS TO BECOMING A CARDINAL



The following steps are required for students seeking a degree or certificate from Skagit Valley College. Students who would like to take courses but are not seeking a degree or certificate should contact Mount Vernon Campus (360) 416-7700, Whidbey Island Campus (360) 675-5319, South Whidbey Campus (360) 341-2324, or San Juan Center (360) 378-3220.

For assistance with any of the steps below, visit one of our campuses or centers : Mount Vernon Student Success Lab - Lewis Hall Room 114 (M-Th: 1:30PM to 4:30PM), Whidbey Island - SVC Library in Hayes Hall, San Juan Center - Main Office (221 Weber Way, Friday Harbor).

1 Apply and learn

(Can be completed at your own pace at home online.)

Complete an Application

- Apply online at www.skagit.edu/getstarted. Go to "Apply" and click on "Washington State Community & Technical College Web Admissions Center."

Fill out the Application Supplement

- Check your email for a link to the SVC online application supplement which helps us learn more your goals at SVC. Complete and submit the supplement.

Apply for Financial Aid

- Complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) at www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa SVC's school code is #003792. *This process can take approximately 6-8 weeks.*
- See www.skagit.edu/financialaid for workshop schedules and more information.

Activate your MySVC Account

- Once admitted you will receive an SVC email account (also called a MySVC account). Information regarding setting up this account is provided with your admissions packet. Visit www.skagit.edu/createmysvc.

Participate in Cardinal Pre-Flight Online Orientation

- All students must complete the SVC online orientation once their MySVC account is activated. It is self-paced and can be completed from any computer or phone with internet access. It will take approximately 1 to 2 hours to complete.
- Go to www.skagit.edu/canvas and use your MySVC email and password to log in. Click Courses, click Pre-Flight Orientation.

2 Assess and sign up

(Can be completed online. For assistance, visit the Student Success Lab.)

Determine and Complete Your Assessment Method

- Information regarding your individual assessment method is provided in the Pre-Flight Orientation. You can also view the assessment methods online at: www.skagit.edu/placement
- Turn in any high school transcripts, Smarter Balanced scores, official AP scores or previous college transcripts at the Enrollment Services Office.
- If taking an assessment test is required, sign up online for an assessment or call:
 - » **Mount Vernon Campus:** www.skagit.edu/assessment
 - » **Whidbey Island Campus:** www.skagit.edu/assessmentwic
 - » **San Juan Center:** 360-378-3220
 - » **South Whidbey Center:** 360-341-2324
- Attend your scheduled assessment.

Check on your Financial Aid Status

- You will receive a data sheet from the SVC Financial Aid office. Complete this form and return it to the financial aid office.
- Use the Financial Aid Portal to check your status at www.skagit.edu/financialaid.

Sign up for a Cardinal Take-Off Session

- Contact an Enrollment Services office to make an appointment for a Cardinal Take-Off Group Advising Session:
 - » **Mount Vernon:** 360-416-7700
 - » **Whidbey Island:** 360-679-5319
 - » **San Juan Center:** 360-378-3220
 - » **South Whidbey:** 360-341-2324

3 Connect and attend

(Will take approximately 2-3 hours to complete advising & registration.)

Attend your Cardinal Take-Off Session & Register for Classes

- In this 2-hour session, you will learn about class options, registration tools, and sign up for classes. Advisors will assist you in creating an educational plan.

Pay for classes

- Tuition and fees must be paid at the time of registration or by the payment due date.
- Pay online using MasterCard or Visa.
- Pay in person at the Cashier office with Check, Money Order or Cash.
- Sponsored Agency authorizations should be submitted to the Enrollment Services Office.

Acquire Books and Supplies

- Books, supplies and other materials can be purchased or rented through the Cardinal Bookstore on campus or on our website at www.cardinalbookstore.com.

Attend New Student Cardinal Kick-Off

Attend Class!

- Print your schedule the day before the quarter starts so you know where to find your classes.
- If you have an online course, you'll find it in Canvas. Make sure to log in on the first day of class.