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### Turning 2+2 into Success

Missing or non-transferable credits are probably the most dreaded discovery of any student who wants to transition into a new degree program, so Washington State University is working with other higher education institutions to eliminate barriers in the transfer process. The Office of Academic Programs in the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resources Sciences (CAHNRS) serves as the gateway through which students with associate degrees in agriculture-related fields transfer into a WSU major. [Read More.](#)



### Therapy Garden - Walla Walla Medical Center

As a social worker at the Walla Walla VA Medical Center, I coordinate the Complementary and Alternative Medicine program, which includes a class called "Horticulture Experience". This class takes place in our vegetable garden space on the VA campus, named "The Healing Ground". Veterans are welcome and encouraged to come to the garden during class time starting in March and ending in October. I ask them what they would like to get out of this experience. I commonly hear Veterans say, "Peace and quiet", "Getting my hands dirty in the ground", "I want to enjoy being outside on this sunny day", or "To think about an issue I'm having, with the clarity of fresh air". [Read More.](#)

### Waitsburg FFA Wins 1<sup>st</sup> Place at WA State FFA Convention

At the 2013 Washington State FFA Convention, the Waitsburg FFA watched as several other chapters from Washington State went on stage to accept awards for the Nutrients for Life Foundation's Helping Communities Grow program. After researching the program, we decided it would be a great asset to add to our chapter's Program of Activities for the next year; and that is just what we did. [Read More.](#)



### 2014-2015 Program Guides Include Course Listings



Although the Center's Program Guide has been modified substantially over the past few years to provide a more comprehensive view of the variety of programs available across the State with an expanded list of programs offered at each college, including certificate programs; the Center is currently organizing and planning yet another layout for Washington State's Agriculture and Natural Resource programs. [Read More.](#)

### Bioenergy- Plant Operations

In mid-June, our first cohort of Bioenergy/Plant Operations students completed their first year of studies. For summer, three of our students are embarking on paid summer Internships with industry partners City of Kennewick, CH2MHill, and Pacific Ethanol in wastewater and biofuels Plant Operator positions. [Read More.](#)



### ACE Reflections

The Center has continued to make a presence with its educational and industry partners this past spring. We have completed or made substantial progress on our goals for this year and are already looking ahead as we formulate plans and goals for the next year. We plan to continue searching for efficient and effective methods to close the current skills gap in agriculture, promote the wide diversity the Ag industry offers, and promote economic development. [Read More.](#)