# 540.030 CLASSIFIED PROMOTIONAL POLICY

To the extent that this policy addresses terms or provisions covered under collective bargaining agreements for represented employees, the terms of the collective bargaining agreement will control for those represented classified employees.

## A. PURPOSE

The college recognizes the value to employees and the organization of investing in our employees´ development and in providing opportunities for career growth within the organization, and as such, recognizes the importance of promotional opportunities for qualified employees. This policy addresses requirements of [WAC 356-16-150](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=357-16-150) by defining promotional candidate, promotional units and preference in the recruitment and certification process. This policy is one tool to use in encouraging employee engagement within the organization and is to be used in conjunction with the college’s certification procedure and associated Chapter 357 WACs and college policies and procedures.

## B. PROMOTIONAL CANDIDATE

To be considered a promotional candidate, an employee must apply for the position, meet the competencies and other requirements of the position, successfully pass any required examination, and be:

### 1. A current classified employee of Wenatchee Valley College who applies for appointment with the college to a class with a higher salary range maximum; or

### 2. A former permanent employee of the college seeking to return from separation due to disability or layoff within two years of separation.

## C. PROMOTIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT(S)

In accordance with [WAC 357-16-055](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=357-16-055), Wenatchee Valley College has established the following promotional organizational units for the purpose of promotional recruitment and hiring:

### 1. College-wide (internal)

## D. PROMOTION PREFERENCE

Recruitment for new and vacant positions is typically open to internal and external audiences. If the college limits recruitment to a promotional organizational unit, the college will identify the promotional organizational unit in the recruitment notice.

The college may also make organizational unit promotion postings available to other organizational applicants as follows:

### 1. Classified employees in the unit who wish to transfer, move laterally or voluntarily demote; or

### 2. Professional staff who wish to apply for a classified position.

The application of an internal classified employee will be considered before those of other applicants provided the individual meet all job competency and skill requirements. Such consideration does not extend to include any preference in the selection and hiring process.

If the college is not able to fill a position from the organizational promotion applicant pool, the position may be reposted without the organizational unit promotion restriction.

## E. APPLICANT POOL DURATION

The duration of an applicant pool is generally no more or less than three months from the initial certification date. An applicant pool can be canceled or extended at the discretion of the chief human resources officer or designee.

## F. EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to this policy may be granted in accordance with the WAC and college procedures when they are determined to be in the best interest of the college.

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Related policies and procedures

1540.020 [Classified Recruitment and Assessment Procedure](https://www.wvc.edu/humanresources/policies-procedures/500-human-resources/1540.020-classified-recruitment-assessment.html)

1540.040 [Classified Certification Procedure](https://www.wvc.edu/humanresources/policies-procedures/500-human-resources/1540.040-classified-certification.html)