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College of Western Idaho Partners with Excelsior College

NAMPA —College of Western Idaho (CWI) has announced a partnership with Excelsior College. Under the articulation agreement, CWI graduates can maximize their credits toward a bachelor's degree program at the private, nonprofit, online college based in Albany, New York. Additionally, Excelsior will offer a significant tuition reduction for CWI employees and their immediate family members.

"This articulation agreement with Excelsior College offers an abundance of highly relevant learning and career opportunities for CWI graduates and employees," said David Shellberg, CWI's Executive Vice President of Instruction and Student Services. "We share many core values with Excelsior College, specifically access, affordability, flexibility, and transferability. They truly understand and embrace CWI's mission and vision."

"Excelsior was founded for an essential public purpose – to help adults earn degrees," said Dr. James Baldwin, President of Excelsior College. "This agreement will provide CWI graduates with a seamless transfer experience into our degree programs and positions them closer to their educational goals."

[Excelsior College](#) is an accredited, nonprofit online college founded in 1971 and home to five schools: Business and Technology, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts, Nursing, and Public Service. The College provides degree completion, continuing education, and career readiness solutions. It specializes in serving the needs of working adults via expansive student-centric resources, coaching and advising services, and flexible options to degree completion, including online courses, credit-by-exam program, transfer credit, and the acceptance of corporate and military training programs evaluated as college-level equivalent.

CWI currently offers six associate degrees fully online, along with hundreds of courses available online. The College is seeking to further expand transfer opportunities to online bachelor's degree programs at four-year institutions.

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About College of Western Idaho

College of Western Idaho is a public, open-access, and comprehensive community college committed to providing affordable access to quality teaching and learning opportunities to the residents of its service area in western Idaho. CWI has seven campus locations throughout Southwest Idaho providing higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition. The college is dedicated to improving the community's economic well-being by responding with highly-educated and productive graduates. The foundation for the area's only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. For more information, visit www.cwidaho.cc or call (208) 562-3000.

About Excelsior College

[Excelsior College](http://excelsior.edu) (excelsior.edu) is a regionally accredited, nonprofit online institution focused on helping adults complete their degrees and advance their careers. The College contributes to the development of a diverse, educated, and career-ready society by valuing lifelong learning with an emphasis on serving individuals historically underrepresented in higher education. Founded in 1971, Excelsior meets students where they are – academically and geographically – removing obstacles to the educational goals of adults pursuing continuing education and degree completion. Its pillars include innovation, flexibility, academic excellence, and integrity. Learn more at excelsior.edu.

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