

## LWTC to offer four-year degree

A new era is set to begin at Lake Washington Technical College (LWTC). The state public college recently received approval to begin offering its first four-year degree: a Bachelor of Technology in Applied Design (BTAD).

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, the regional accrediting agency for higher education institutions, recently gave approval for LWTC to begin offering the BTAD degree. It is the first four-year degree to be offered by a Washington state technical college, as well as the first BTAD degree in the state.

The college is planning to start the new degree program in the 2009 fall quarter, with an initial group of 20 students. The program is designed

to help entry-level workers in all types of design fields advance to project management positions, including lead designer.

The program will feature LWTC's popular hybrid/evening format designed for working students. This format allows students to take classes at night and online so they can continue to work during the day.

Students will take mostly technical design skills classes for the first two years of the program.

The second two years of the program focuses on general education and management skills, including classes in business and finance. For more information, interested students can visit [www.lwtc.edu/btad](http://www.lwtc.edu/btad) or call (425) 739-8300.