

HELP YVC SHAPE AN ENOLOGY PROGRAM FOR INCUMBENT WORKERS

In association with a National Science Foundation Pacific Northwest Wine Education Collaborative grant program, Yakima Valley College is assessing the need and type of training that would benefit Washington wine industry incumbent workers and employers in the area of enology.

The proposed training would include basic instruction for current employees in the wine industry in:

- wine production
- cellar operation activities
- basic math
- basic writing

The training would model the successful Latino Agriculture Education Program (LAEP) for Viticulture program taught by Wenatchee Valley College in partnership with the Washington Winegrowers Association at the YVC Grandview Campus.

The incumbent worker training would focus on skills and abilities needed by existing employees to help them perform more effectively in their current positions, as well as develop new skills that would provide them the ability for upward mobility within the company.

To help assess the need and the demand for a program, the college is seeking input and guidance on the following questions:

- Who is the target audience and their beginning education level or experience?
- What skills/training do they need?
- What time of the year would be best to offer the classes?
- What might be the beginning education level?

Please provide feedback to [Trent Ball](#), 509-574-6800 x 3285 by the end of May. Meetings are currently being scheduled to gather industry input.