

**WSATC Special Subcommittee for Apprenticeship Preparation  
Report to WSATC on April 15, 2021**

The Special Subcommittee for Apprenticeship Preparation has met twice this quarter. The Subcommittee has worked to:

- Define the purpose of apprenticeship preparation programs, particularly in relation to equity and registered apprenticeship
- Map the existing and anticipated prep programs in Washington, highlighting the diversity of new industries and program models
- Define the benefits and limitations of WSATC recognition and oversight
- Identify stakeholders in the development and outcomes of programs, such as funders, education systems, and possible new federal guidelines
- Explore data needs, systems and barriers
- Identify areas for improvement or clarification in the current apprenticeship preparation policy

This preliminary groundwork will inform the revision of the current policy in the coming months. Once a draft is developed, it will be circulated for public comment.

Several Subcommittee members also met with staff from Senator Murray's office to discuss the pre-apprenticeship sections of the National Apprenticeship Act draft legislation.