



Computer and Software Technician (CAST) Program

In partnership with Computing for All, the Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center (YV Tech), Yakima Valley College, the South Central STEM Network, and its partners have developed the Computer and Software Technician (CAST) program. The CAST program received Career Launch endorsement in June of 2021 from the State Board of Career and Technical Colleges and Connect Washington. The CAST program was introduced in the fall of 2021 at YV-Tech. In the fall of 2022, students at the West Valley School District Innovation Center will also have the opportunity to begin this program. The program provides students with the opportunity to earn an Industry Recognized Credential in IT (CompTIA A+ Certification) and the opportunity to interview for an 8 week paid summer internship with local employers that could possibly lead to full-time employment. Each CAST intern will gain up to 540 hours of classroom instruction in core competencies and up to 400 hours of work-based learning.

In addition to the Computer and Software Technician program, The STEM Network and its partners are developing a new program in Cyber Security at YV-TECH that will align with the CAST program to create a new 2-yr. CTE Graduation Pathway in IT.