

Koning Willem I College, The Netherlands



What kind of college, what kind of programs and courses?

Koning Willem I College is a Dutch Community College, in fact the first one in the country. It provides a wide variety of occupational programs and courses, ranging from all kinds of technical, IT- and business courses to courses in economics, health care, sports and welfare, architecture, design, fashion, theatre and multimedia. These courses are available at four levels: from assistant to specialist levels and from trainee to entrepreneur.

Educational Programs in more detail

Koning Willem I College offers programs in:

- **Health Careers and Human and Public Services** (Nursing, Care, Media, Arts, Performance, Fashion, Design, Child Care, Sports, Entertainment, Social and Community Work, Interior Design, Hairdressing, Education)
- **Technical and Industrial Careers** (High Tech Metalectro, ICT, Logistics, Mobility, Architecture, Engineering, Construction and Building, Active and practice-oriented training).
- **Economics and Culture** (Hospitality, Finance, Banking & Insurance, International Studies, Marketing, Communication, Trade and Industry, Legal Affairs, Secretarial, Theatre).
- **Adult Education**

Fast facts

Koning Willem I College is a unique regional education center for:

- * primary education
- * professional education (community college)
- * adult education

Enrollments:

* primary education: 400

* Community college:

- 8000 fulltime
- 6000 part-time (apprenticeship system)
- 6000 non-credit

Faculty and staff:

- * fulltime faculty: 800
- * professional staff: 600

Koning Willem I College has three campuses

Coen Free, President Koning Willem I College:

"In 1991, the Dutch Ministry of Education asked me to visit the United States to study their system of higher education. I then visited a number of Community Colleges and universities. My interest turned into enthusiasm. I felt that Koning Willem I College should adopt the system. At that time the system was an unusual concept for the Netherlands and Europe. A campus was not the norm in Europe either, but I saw the importance of it. In my opinion it was an essential precondition to be able to fulfil the concept of a community college. All this resulted in the purchase of an old army base. Now Koning Willem I College is the only community college in the Netherlands with a campus. We feel very strongly about not only the acquisition and transfer of knowledge, but also about the creation of a safe environment for students. The learning environment of our College is as innovative as the learning concept for our students. The transfer of knowledge and acquisition of skills, by making use of the latest technologies and learning strategies, plays an important role in education at Koning Willem I College. Students are trained to be responsible and self-regulating people, in a society which is becoming more and more complex. Students of the 21st century must expand their horizons and Koning Willem I College lends them a helping hand: they are being prepared for a bright future in the international labour market.

And that is Koning Willem I College's task as "The best a school can be!"