

# Centralia College to Host Open Forum on Proposed Degree Program

Cognitive Disabilities: College Seeking Input From Students, Families, Businesses and Service Providers Interested in Offering Internships

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Centralia College will host a community forum to discuss a proposed associate's degree for adults living with cognitive disabilities.

The forum will take place at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the Hanson Administration Building on the college campus.

The college is seeking input from prospective students, families, businesses and service providers interested in supporting potential internships for the individuals with cognitive disabilities.

"We really want input from the public to make sure we are offering the best program for our community," Nancy Keaton, program manager, said.

The degree would focus on life and occupational skills that can lead to successful employment.

"We know this population is very capable of attaining a college degree," Keaton said. "They simply need the information presented in a different manner."

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