

# WCU Resource Pantry

## Referral Guide

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### What is the WCU Resource Pantry?

The WCU Resource Pantry eliminates barriers to degree completion for students with financial need by providing access to resources, while empowering students to learn independent living skills and achieve long-term stability. The Pantry offers non-perishable food, fresh produce, personal care items, school supplies, as well as professional and winter attire.

### How does it work?

The Pantry does not require any kind of documentation or proof of income. Students only need to know their WCU ID number. No student will be turned away from utilizing the Pantry. Students who are new to the pantry will be asked to fill out a first-time intake form during their initial visit. After that, they will be provided a tour of the pantry. When they are finished shopping, the checkout process includes recording the quantities of all items.

### Who can shop at the Pantry?

Any WCU student (undergraduate & graduate) currently enrolled in classes is welcome to shop at the Pantry. Also, there is no limit to how frequently a student can shop.

### Where is the Pantry located?

The Resource Pantry is housed in the Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs in Commonwealth Hall, accessible through the "Student Health Services" entrance on the ground floor.

### What else does the Pantry offer?

The Pantry collaborates with offices across campus to co-host and promote programs. These programs include financial literacy workshops, career readiness workshops, nutrition & cooking demonstrations, and more. The Pantry's professional staff act as referral agents to on campus resources as well as to nonprofit organizations in the local area such as, Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM), West Chester Food Cupboard, Wings for Success, and more allowing students to receive additional assistance that extends beyond our campus.

### How can you support the Pantry?

As a fairly new service on campus, the best way to support our students is to make sure they know about the Pantry. Spreading awareness also helps to normalize the experience and reduces the stigma of asking for help. When students have access to basic necessities and are given opportunities to learn holistic skills to support their long-term success, they have the tools to thrive.

