Bellingham Technical College

Information Technology

Computer Networking

Computer Networking Articulation to Western Washington University Cybersecurity Bachelor of Science

Computer Support Specialist

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Technological aptitude with interest in troubleshooting and working with computers.

You're the one everyone turns to when they've got tech issues. In BTC's two-year Information Technology programs, you'll deepen your skills and earn the credentials that will get you jobs as soon as you graduate.

▶ Practical & Professional
With hands-on learning to re-enforce classroom lessons, you'll learn the skills you need for your career from instructors with industry experience.

▶ Built-in Community
BTC's Information Technology programs offer small classes sizes, so you'll build a supportive community of classmates and get plenty of one-on-one time with instructors.

▶ Return on Investment
With strong financial support for students and shorter certificates and two-year degrees, you'll graduate with less debt ready to join the tech workforce.

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College has been training students for in-demand, high-paying careers for more than 65 years. At BTC, the focus is always on our students and helping them succeed. We're proud to have one of the highest graduation rates of all public two-year colleges in Washington state, as well as high job-placement rates for our graduates.

At our vibrant campus in the heart of Bellingham, we educate a diverse population of over 3,700 students in 50 degrees, 41 certificate programs and two bachelor of applied science degrees.

Bellingham Technical College's mission is to provide student-centered, high-quality professional technical education for today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities.

BTC students prepare for careers in many areas, including high-demand fields such as advanced manufacturing, engineering, nursing, accounting and more.

Smaller classes mean your instructors really know you, and our lectures are reinforced in the lab, whether it is in a fast-paced kitchen, on the welding floor, or in a salmon hatchery.

At every step, you'll know that BTC's faculty and employees are here to support you in pursuit of your professional goals.

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Bellingham Technical College would like to acknowledge that our service area today is within the usual and accustomed lands of the Lhaq'temish or Xwlemi (Lummi) Nation, and of the Noxws'á?aq (NookSack) Tribe of the Coast Salish peoples, as well as the original territory of the sʔéməš (Samish) Indian Tribe. Our respect and gratitude go to our indigenous neighbors, whose care and protection of the land and water continues to this day.

BTC's Information Technology programs are ideal for students with

technological aptitude with interest in troubleshooting and working with computers.

You'll learn skills needed for a rewarding career with computer support firms or with small- to large-sized companies that use computer networks, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, schools, hospitals, and universities, as well as federal, state, and local government agencies.

The employment outlook for program graduates is strong, and students can expect to earn excellent wages. In addition to providing hands-on training and solid academic instruction, BTC's administration collaborates with local industry, employers, and our state and local governments to determine the skills our workforce requires to keep the economy strong.

BTC Degree Options

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree:
A two-year associate degree that allows you to go directly to work in your field.

Associate of Applied Science-Transfer (AAS-T) degree:
A two-year associate degree with transferable general education courses that allows you to either go directly into your field, transfer to a specific program at a four-year college or university, or prepare for your bachelor of applied science degree at BTC.

Transitioning to BTC: BTC accepts both traditional and non-traditional credit for equivalency to BTC courses on a case-by-case basis. Contact Admissions at admissions@btc.edu or call 360.752.8345.
Learn more: **www.btc.edu/transfers**

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You've never shied away from a challenge, but the idea of a college degree always seemed out of reach. At BTC, you found affordable technical education to launch your career, with high wages and the flexibility to take you where you want to go. **FORGE YOUR OWN PATH. BE YOU.**

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Computer Networking
Associate of Applied Science Degree
Associate of Applied Science – Transfer Degree
Associate of Applied Science – Articulation to WWU Cybersecurity Bachelor of Science degree
Program Length: 6 quarters

Certificates of Completion Options:

Computer Network Support
Program Length: 3-4 quarters

Cloud Computing
Program Length: 3 classes over 3 quarters

Computer Programming
Program Length: 3 classes over 3 quarters

Network Management
Program Length: 3 classes over 3 quarters

Choose BTC's Computer Networking program to train for positions such as system administrator, IT support technician, computer technician, network technician, network specialist, network administrator, network security administrator, help desk specialist, or Local Area Network (LAN) technician. Learn how to manage computer networks and cloud services, troubleshoot and repair computer systems, and design, install, and maintain computer systems and services.

In addition to the required core classes, students choose from one of three specialty tracks — Cloud Computing, Computer Programming, Network Management — each comprising three specialty classes, or Generalist. Stand-alone certificates in these specialty tracks are also available for incumbent workers interested in upskilling (additional course prerequisites may be required).

BTC's Computer Networking AAS-T Articulation to Western Washington University Cybersecurity Bachelor of Science degree.
To be eligible, students must achieve a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all classes (including CS& 131, CS 132, and MATH& 151 or recognized equivalents) with the exception of B (3.0) or higher in IT 210 – Information Security; and achieve a minimum college GPA of 2.5.

The average annual wage in this field is $79,867, with an earning potential of about $94,358 per year.*

Computer Support Specialist

Associate of Applied Science Degree
Associate of Applied Science – Transfer Degree

Program Length: 5-6 quarters

Computer Support Specialist
Certificate of Completion
Program Length: 3-4 quarters

If you enjoy combining technical and customer service skills in a variety of business and office settings, here's a program to consider.

Our Computer Support Specialist program will train you for a rewarding career as a computer support specialist, software specialist, help desk specialist, training and support coordinator, or PC support specialist.

You'll learn valuable skills needed by companies ranging from hospitals to financial institutions, large corporations, school districts, and universities. Hardware and software manufacturers also hire program graduates to work as customer service representatives and help desk personnel.

The average annual wage in this field is $61,090, with an earning potential of about $76,918.

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Find more information:
www.btc.edu/admissions
Admissions & Funding checklist:
www.btc.edu/admissionsteps

Apply to BTC
Apply at **www.btc.edu/applyonline** and get your ctcLink ID number.

Apply for Financial Aid
File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if you are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. **https://studentaid.gov**.

File the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) if you are not eligible to complete the FAFSA. **https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa**

For other funding resources, visit: **www.btc.edu/financialresources**

Assess Your Starting Point
Degree- and certificate-seeking students need to determine their math and English starting points.

BTC offers multiple options to determine where you start in those classes. Visit: **www.btc.edu/assessment**

Meet Your Navigator & Register for Classes
Students will meet with College Navigators for a mandatory GET Started appointment: navigate Goals, create an Education plan, become Tech ready, and register for classes.

Contact Admissions & Registration to schedule your appointment: **admissions@btc.edu** or call **360.752.8345**.

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