

# Bellingham Technical College

## **Nursing Programs**



**Associate in Nursing (RN)**  
**Advanced Placement Nursing (LPN-RN)**  
**Practical Nursing (PN)**  
**Nursing Assistant (NA)**

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*You've always wanted a career where you can make a difference, but you weren't sure how you'd fit classes into your busy schedule. BTC's Nursing program gives you the full- and part-time options and support you need to make your dream job a reality, no matter what life throws your way.*

## **Nursing**

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***Interest in health, wellness, and the medical field.***

### **► Practical & Professional**

*You'll get hands-on learning in labs that mirror the healthcare environment and use high-tech equipment. You'll also participate in real-life clinical rotations and learn from instructors with industry experience.*

### **► Built-in Community**

*BTC's Nursing programs offer cohorts and small classes, so you'll build a supportive community of classmates who will be there for you throughout your studies.*

### **► Return on Investment**

*With strong financial support for students and shorter certificates and two-year degrees, you'll graduate with less debt and ready to join the healthcare 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.**

*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 s?éməš (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 Nursing Program is geared towards students with

***an interest in health, wellness, and the medical field.***

**You'll learn the high-demand skills** needed for a rewarding career in the challenging, highly technical world of healthcare and wellness. You can put your education to work in hospitals, clinics, insurance companies, surgery centers, and wellness centers.

**The employment outlook** for program graduates is very strong, and students can expect to earn good wages. Skilled Nursing graduates are in high demand.

## BTC Degree Options

### **Associate Degree Nursing (DTA/MRP)**

With your Direct Transfer Agreement in Major-Related Program (DTA/MRP), you can earn your associate degree at BTC, and then have the option to transfer directly to a respected Washington State school to pursue your bachelor's degree. This associate degree offers several pathways for students to graduate and be qualified to sit for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN): full-time, part-time, and LPN-RN for current Practical Nurses.

### **Certificates**

Shorter programs that qualify graduates to sit for licensure as a Practical Nurse or to test for certification as a Nursing Assistant.

**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](mailto:admissions@btc.edu) or call 360.752.8345.

Learn more: [www.btc.edu/Transfers](http://www.btc.edu/Transfers)

\*Wage & Employment Data Sources

Earning potential: Washington State Employment Security Department 2021 Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates ([esd.wa.gov](http://esd.wa.gov)) reflect 2018–21 employment; average annual wage reflects the 50th percentile, and earning potential reflects the 75th percentile of annual wages across Washington state.

Employment data come from the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and reflect WA/OR employment for students enrolled in BTC between 2017-18 and 2019-20.

# be you



*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.***



## Associate in Nursing (RN)

Associate Degree Nursing – Direct Transfer Agreement in a Major-Related Program (DTA/MRP)

**Program length: 6 quarters full-time or 12 quarters part-time**

*After Completion of General Education Courses*

If you are interested in building a rewarding career in the high demand field of nursing, then BTC's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is for you. Flexible options include full-time and part-time programs. Nursing is both an art and a science, and requires specialized knowledge and skills. BTC's nursing program teaches both, while preparing students to meet the demands of today's complex and technical healthcare industry. Graduates work in settings such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, surgery centers, clinics, and schools.

With an associate degree in nursing, you'll be prepared to take the NCLEX-RN (the national exam required for licensure as a nurse), which will qualify you to apply for Registered Nursing (RN) positions.

BTC nursing program graduates interested in advancing their education and transferring into Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs can take advantage of our agreements with various universities (including University of Washington Bothell, Washington State University, Western Washington University, and Western Governors University). Applicants are encouraged to plan early to complete their BSNs by meeting with an admissions adviser at their college of choice.



## Advanced Placement Nursing (LPN to RN)

Associate Degree Nursing – Direct Transfer Agreement in a Major-Related Program (DTA/MRP)

**Program Length: 6 quarters – Part Time**  
*After Completion of General Education Courses*

BTC's Nursing program offers advanced placement into a part-time option for for current LPNs with a Washington State License who wish to earn an associate's degree, take the NCLEX-RN, and pursue a career as a Registered Nurse.

Today's healthcare employers are increasingly requiring a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) for RN positions—and now, you can begin your pathway to BSN at BTC with this transferable program.



*About 92% of BTC's Nursing program students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is \$96,990, with an earning potential of about \$103,210 per year.\**

## Practical Nursing (PN)

### Practical Nursing

#### Certificate of Completion

**Program Length: 6 quarters – Part Time**

*After Completion of General Education Courses*

This part-time, evening certificate is ideal for students interested in flexibility as they train for a career in Nursing. Curriculum includes classroom lessons and hands-on training in BTC's Nursing labs, culminating with clinical experience in the industry. Graduates are prepared to fill a critical need for LPNs in local clinics, assisted living facilities, and skilled nursing facilities.

Graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination – Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN). Once graduates pass their licensing exam and become Licensed Practical Nurses, they will be able to apply to BTC's LPN-RN program option to complete the Associate Degree in Nursing Direct Transfer Agreement/ Major Related Program (DTA/MRP).



*The average annual wage in this field is \$61,152, with an earning potential of about \$72,966 per year.\**

## Nursing Assistant (NA)

### Nursing Assistant

#### Certificate of Completion

**Program Length: 1 quarter**

Choose BTC's Nursing Assistant program and work in a wide variety of medical settings. The knowledge and skills you'll gain are highly valued by healthcare industry employers such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and home health agencies. Upon completion of the Nursing Assistant program students are eligible for Washington state certification as a CNA.



*The average annual wage in this field is \$37,149, with an earning potential of about \$43,077 per year.\**



Find more information:

[www.btc.edu/admissions](http://www.btc.edu/admissions)

Admissions & Funding checklist:

[www.btc.edu/admissionsteps](http://www.btc.edu/admissionsteps)

## Apply to BTC

Apply at [www.btc.edu/applyonline](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:admissions@btc.edu) or call **360.752.8345**.

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