LPN-RN Nursing Program Option FAQ

1. I'm interested in the BTC LPN-RN Program option. How do I get started?
   - Schedule an appointment with the Nursing Student Navigator by emailing NursingAlliedHealthNav@btc.edu.

2. Who do I reach out to request an audit to make sure I am Program-ready?
   - Applicants are strongly encouraged to request an audit from a Navigator before applying to their intended program. The Navigator will review the applicant's record to ensure completion of prerequisite requirements. To request an audit, email NursingAlliedHealthNav@btc.edu. Include your first and last name, intended program, and last 4 digits of your ctcLink student ID.
   - Audit requests will be fulfilled on a first come first serve basis. Applicants are encouraged to request their audit as early as possible to ensure a timely response. Wait times will be longer as application deadlines approach, and we recommend that applicants request an audit at least 3 weeks before they plan to apply.

3. I heard BTC has an LPN-RN Program option that enters students into the DTA pathway, is that true?
   - Yes. BTC has a part-time, evening program option for LPNs to advance place into the Nursing Program. This option makes it possible for LPN-RN students to receive the DTA Associate Degree once they complete the program.

4. What can I expect in the part-time, evening program option?
   - Students will complete either theory (example: NURS 210) or clinical (example: NURS 215) courses each quarter. Theory courses will be on-campus 1-2 days per week, generally 4p-7:30p. Clinical courses include lab sessions and 8 or 12-hour, evening shift rotations 2-3 days per week at our local hospital. The clinical courses have more hours and require more commitment from students. Students will also complete NUTR, PSYC and PHIL classes online.

5. If I want to go to school full-time instead of part-time, is that still possible?
   - No. BTC is only admitting LPNs into the part-time, evening RN program. This program option is the only way LPN students are eligible for the DTA Associate Degree. This is the only nursing degree BTC offers.

6. Is the COVID-19 vaccine required for clinical placement?
   - Yes. All health students must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by the first day of the quarter in which they start.

7. Are any COVID-19 vaccine exemptions accepted by the program?
   - No. BTC's clinical partner agencies will not accept any exemption to full COVID-19 vaccination. Medical, religious, or philosophical exemptions are not accepted by our clinical partner agencies.

8. Do LPN-RN applicants need to apply to the Annual Program List (APL-N) during the Application Window?
   - Yes.

9. How do apply to the LPN-RN Program?
    - The APL-N will only accept applications during the core program admissions application window. The application window for this program opens in January and will remain open until July. A first sorting of seat offers will happen in February and a second sorting of seat offers will happen in July.
    - More information is posted on the BTC LPN-RN Program website.

10. Is it true that the LPN-RN Program admissions process includes ranking applicants?
    - Yes. Points will be awarded for number of credits of nursing foundational prerequisite courses successfully taken at BTC, completing the Nursing Assistant certificate or another Allied Health Program at BTC, and for having applied previously with a complete application.

11. Does my LPN licensure have to be active in Washington State?
    - Yes. You must have an active, unencumbered Washington State LPN License for the duration of the program.

12. Do I need to get my Healthcare Experience Form "preapproved" before I submit my application?
    - No. As of July 1, 2023, the LPN-RN program no longer requires a specific number of hours worked as an LPN.

13. If I completed Nursing Assistant or another health program at BTC do I still need to submit the Healthcare Experience Verification form?
    - No. This information is on your BTC Unofficial Transcript.

14. Does BTC accept non-BTC graduate LPNs into the program?
    - Yes. BTC does accept non-BTC graduate LPNs into the program.

15. Does the LPN waitlist have veteran preference?
    - No. Veteran students are encouraged to apply but will not be given priority enrollment.

16. If I did graduate from the BTC Practical Nursing Program does that give me priority for a seat?
    - Yes. BTC Practical Nursing graduates are given priority enrollment but there are plenty of seats for non-BTC applicants so these students are encouraged to apply also.

17. Do my general education prerequisite (example: BIOL& 242) courses "expire"?
    - No. General education courses are accepted no matter when they were completed as long as they meet the transfer course requirements.

Have more questions?……..come to a LPN-RN Nursing Info Session!