



Bellingham Technical College  
**Public Service Announcement**

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***For Immediate Release***

**BTC JOINS WHATCOM ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH ADVANCEMENT FOR HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT EVENT JAN. 12**

**What:** Need help choosing and signing up for a health insurance plan? You don't have to go through the process alone. Bellingham Technical College has partnered with Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA) to host a health insurance enrollment event with certified experts from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, in Campus Center, Room 200. This event is free and open to students and members of the community. Community members attending this event can park in the Upper and Lower General Parking Lots (entrance off of West Illinois St.).

Attendees will need to bring:

- Names, dates of birth, & Social Security numbers for all members of your household;
- Proof of income; and
- Immigration documents (if applicable)

Open Enrollment for 2017 coverage runs from Nov. 1, 2016, through Jan. 31, 2017. Eight out of 10 people who enrolled in health coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder qualified for financial help to make their monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs more affordable. Those who choose not to buy health insurance this year may need to pay a fine on their taxes.

**Where & When:** Bellingham Technical College  
Campus Center, second floor, room 200  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12

**Contact:** For more information, contact BTC's Melisa Nelson at 360.752.8443

**About Bellingham Technical College**

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers seven direct transfer degrees such as pre-engineering, pre-nursing, electronics, technology and business. Completion of these degrees prepares BTC students to transfer with a junior status to participating colleges and universities in

Washington State. BTC offers 37 associate degree and 51 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to [www.btc.edu](http://www.btc.edu). For more news, events, and photos from the college follow us on [www.facebook.com/bellinghamtech](https://www.facebook.com/bellinghamtech), [www.twitter.com/bhamtechcollege](https://www.twitter.com/bhamtechcollege) and [www.instagram.com/bellinghamtechcollege](https://www.instagram.com/bellinghamtechcollege).

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