



## Bellingham Technical College

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### *For Immediate Release*

### **BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE, WHATCOM COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. SPONSOR FREE ADULT VACCINE CLINIC ON MARCH 19 IN BTC'S HASKELL CENTER**

Bellingham, Washington – Bellingham Technical College (BTC) and Whatcom County Health Department are sponsoring a free immunization clinic from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in BTC's Haskell Center, Room 111. Students in BTC's Registered Nursing program will administer the vaccines, including the measles vaccine, with supervision by a registered nurse.

This clinic is for adults 19 and older who are uninsured or underinsured (their insurance doesn't cover vaccines). Walk-ins are welcome.

The following vaccines will be offered to eligible adults while supplies last:

1. Influenza (ages 19-64 years)
2. Hepatitis A – Hep A
3. Hepatitis B – Hep B
4. Human Papillomavirus Vaccine — HPV (women & men 19-26 years)
5. Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis — Tdap
6. Measles, Mumps, Rubella — MMR
7. A limited number of shingles vaccines will be available for older adults on a first-come first-served basis.

Clinic staff will use the Washington State Immunization Registry to avoid duplication of vaccines and document all shots given.

“Bellingham Technical College's nursing program is delighted to partner with the Whatcom County Health Department to provide opportunities for immunization updates for qualifying adults,” says BTC Associate Dean of Nursing Cindy Hollinsworth, MSN RN. “We are working very hard to develop new models of clinical teaching that promote skill development for the nursing students as well as meet the healthcare needs of our community. By participating in immunization clinics, student nurses enhance their teamwork skills, communication and problem-solving skills, cross-cultural skills and patient coaching skills in addition to the mechanical skill of administering the injection. Partnering with community agencies ensures that the healthcare system provides accessible care to all and leads to improved health in our community along with valuable learning environments for Bellingham Technical College Registered Nursing students.”

### **Where & When:**

Bellingham Technical College's Haskell Center, Room 111

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, March 19

3028 Lindbergh Ave.

Bellingham, Washington—Walk-Ins Welcome!!

**About BTC's Nursing options:** BTC offers an Associate of Applied Science-Transfer degree in Nursing that prepares students to take the NCLEX-RN and begin careers as registered nurses; additionally, they are prepared to transfer to four-year colleges to complete their Bachelor of Science in Nursing. About 97 percent of BTC Nursing program students are employed within nine months of graduation. Graduates work in a variety of settings including acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, skilled home care, hospice, clinics, day-surgery centers, schools, and public health.

### **About Bellingham Technical College**

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and 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.ctc.edu](http://www.btc.ctc.edu). For more news, events, and photos from the college follow us on [www.facebook.com/bellinghamtech](http://www.facebook.com/bellinghamtech), [www.twitter.com/bhamtechcollege](http://www.twitter.com/bhamtechcollege) and [www.instagram.com/bellinghamtechcollege](http://www.instagram.com/bellinghamtechcollege).

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