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BTC HIGHLIGHTS AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAMS & CAREER OPTIONS WITH FREE INFO SESSIONS APRIL 12 & MAY 2

FREE EVENTS —

Community members interested in training for a career in the automotive industry can learn more about Bellingham Technical College's automotive programs at two Transportation Information Sessions scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, and Tuesday, May 2. Both sessions will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in BTC's Settlemyer Hall.



The Info Sessions coincide with exciting changes in BTC's **Automotive Collision Repair Technology** program that will allow students to finish the program more quickly with new certifications sought after by employers. The updates to this program include:

- Updated curriculum to address current industry demands
- Increased shop experience that more closely mirrors the work world for second-year students to better prepare them for internships
- Students will graduate with four I-CAR certifications:
 - I-CAR Pro Level One, Non-Structural Body Certification
 - I-CAR Refinishing Certification
 - I-CAR Aluminum Welding Certification
 - I-CAR Steel Welding Certification

About the Transportation Info Sessions:

Wednesday, April 12, + Tuesday, May 2

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Settlemyer Hall in BTC's Campus Center building

The sessions start with speakers at 5:30, followed by tours of BTC's Transportation program shops and an opportunity to talk with faculty.

Free refreshments provided!

Those interested can sign up now at www.btc.edu/autoinfosessions

About BTC's Transportation programs:

-*Automotive Collision Repair*: Newly redesigned program offers in-demand repair skills, shop experience and I-CAR professional certifications.

-*Automotive Technology*: Get hands-on experience diagnosing and repairing every aspect of today's increasingly high-tech vehicles.

-*Diesel Technology*: Gain a deep knowledge of diesel equipment fleet maintenance and repair to prepare for careers in industries ranging from marine to construction.

Career paths for these programs include:

- Collision Repair & Refinishing Technician
- Diesel Equipment Repair Technician in a variety of industries
- Automotive Repair Technician
- Insurance Adjustor or Estimator
- Powder coating in construction industry
- Carbon fiber work in aerospace
- Sign painting

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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, and two Bachelor of Applied Science degrees. BTC offers 38 associate degree and 51 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs.

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