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BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE HOSTS A FREE TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA AND PERTUSSIS VACCINE CLINIC ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Bellingham Washington – October 5, 2012 – Bellingham Technical College (BTC) is partnering with Whatcom County Health Department to hold a vaccine clinic on BTC's campus. Teams from the Whatcom County Health Department and BTC's nursing department students will administer the vaccines.

Pertussis, also known as Whooping Cough, continues to spread in Whatcom County. Adults need a booster shot because immunity wanes over time. This clinic is for uninsured or underinsured adults (age 19 and over) who have not received a Tdap vaccine and those that are pregnant in the third trimester. Walk-ins are welcome.

"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. 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 Nursing Students," says BTC Nursing Director Cindy Hollinsworth, MSN RN.

Where & When:

BTC Campus: Haskell Center, room 111
Tuesday, October 16 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
3028 Lindbergh Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers 34 associate degree and 55 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.ctc.edu

Directions to BTC Campus:

<http://www.btc.ctc.edu/welcome/CampusDirectory.asp>

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