ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING ADMISSIONS UPDATE
Priority Admission for Veterans, Eligible Spouses, and Trade Act Workers

This notice is to inform you of a new priority admission opportunity for Veterans, eligible spouses of Veterans, and Trade Act workers.

In October 2013, Bellingham Technical College received a grant from the Department of Labor which has allowed us to expand our Nursing program and provide additional support to nursing students.

As a DOL grantee, BTC is required to provide priority to Veterans, eligible spouses of Veterans, and Trade Act-eligible workers for Nursing program admission beginning Fall 2014.

Students who meet the Eligibility Requirements of one of the categories below, and have submitted a complete application packet, may be eligible for priority admission.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**Veteran**: A person who has served at least one day in the active military, naval or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. This includes full-time federal service in the National Guard or a Reserve component. This does not include full-time duty performed strictly for training purposes (i.e., ‘weekend’ or ‘annual’ training), and does not include National Guard personnel mobilized by State rather than Federal authorities.

**Eligible Spouse of a Veteran**: The spouse of:
1. Any veteran who died of a service-connected disability.
2. Any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for assistance under this section, is listed for a total of more than 90 days:
   - missing in action,
   - captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or
   - forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.
3. Any veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service-connected disability.
4. Any veteran who died while a disability so evaluated was in existence.

**Trade Act Eligible Worker**: persons 20 years of age and older who lost or left jobs because their plant or company closed or moved, there was insufficient work for them to do, or their position or shift was abolished. Worker must be certified for TAA eligibility through the Department of Labor.

**To request priority admission**: Complete all Nursing program admissions requirements and check the appropriate box on the Application Completion Form (available on the Nursing program web page) to indicate your eligibility. You will be contacted by BTC staff to provide supporting documentation to confirm your eligibility for priority admission.

Students applying for the Associate Degree Nursing program must submit their application packet during the posted lottery application dates. Students applying for the LPN-ADN program may submit their complete application packet at any time to be placed on the program wait list.

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