BTC STEPS FOR SUCCESS

Admissions & Student Resource Center, College Services Building – RM 106
Admissions@btc.edu or 360.752.8345

Apply to BTC

☐ Before you start, review the certificates and degrees BTC offers and choose your program of study.
  • Check out www.btc.edu/DegreesCertificates
  • Attend a Career Exploration Workshop
  • Take a Campus Tour
    Find a listing of all upcoming tours at www.btc.edu/entryservices

☐ Apply for admissions www.btc.edu/applyonline
  • Be sure to complete all fields so your application can be processed quickly
  • You will be emailed a Student Identification Number (SID) within two business days of application. Your default pin is your DOB (MMDDYY).
  • Call the Admissions office if you have questions: 360-752-8345; located in CS Building, Rm CS106

Apply for Financial Aid

☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) as soon as possible www.fafsa.gov
  • BTC College Code 016227
  • You will need a FSA ID from the Department of Education site for identification. Get your FSA ID at www.btc.edu/FSAID
  • Call the Financial Aid office if you have questions: 360-752-8564; located in CS Building, RM 101

☐ Check FAFSA status and submit any additional paperwork required at your Financial Aid Portal
☐ Explore other funding options:
  • BTC Workforce Funding and Student Support: 360-752-8564; located in CS Building, RM 102
  • Find scholarships such as the BTC Foundation or the New Student Scholarship at: www.btc.edu/scholarships

Assess Your Starting Point

☐ Degree or certificate seeking students need to determine their math and English starting points. Placement may be determined using previous college transcripts, placement assessments you have already taken, or by taking the ACCUPLACER assessment. Check out our website for study guides and resources! www.btc.edu/furturestudents
  • Exception: BTC accepts high school transcripts and Smarter Balance scores up to five years after high school graduation.
  
  Contact your prior schools/college(s) to request official transcripts and/or assessment scores, complete the Credit Evaluation Form and submit it to the Admissions in CS Building, Rm 106, find more information at: www.btc.edu/TransferStudentEvaluation

☐ Before testing, pay the $25 fee to the BTC Cashier, Campus Store, or Campus Store Online.

Attend an Advising & Registration Session

☐ It is required that new students attend an advising and registration session, where you will learn to navigate the BTC website and have help registering for classes.
  • Schedule your session online yourself at www.btc.edu/entryservices
    OR Contact Admissions at 360-752-8345
  • You are strongly encouraged to complete the College Student Inventory before your Advising Session: www.btc.edu/CSIFTF

Attend New Student Orientation Kickoff

☐ The mandatory New Student Orientation Kickoff is for new students to make connections with students, staff, and faculty. Students will learn about college resources available, gain useful tips for college success, tour program areas and classrooms, and meet their faculty.

☐ Register for the Kickoff at our Entry Services Calendar, www.btc.edu/entryservices

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