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About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College has been training students for in-demand, high-paying careers for more than 60 years. At BTC, the focus is always on our students and helping them succeed. We’re proud to have one of the highest graduation rates of all public two-year colleges in Washington state, as well as high job-placement rates for our graduates.

On our vibrant campus in the heart of Bellingham, we educate a diverse population of over 5,000 students in 39 associate degrees, 55 certificate programs and two bachelor of applied science degrees.

BTC students prepare for careers in many areas, including high-demand fields such as advanced manufacturing, engineering, nursing, accounting and more.

Our approach is high-tech, hands-on, and student-centered. Smaller classes mean our dedicated instructors really know you, and our lectures are reinforced in the lab, whether it is in a fast-paced kitchen, on the welding floor, or in the nursing simulation lab.

At every step, you’ll know that BTC faculty and employees are here to support you in pursuit of your goals.

Mission:
Bellingham Technical College provides student-centered, high-quality professional technical education for today’s needs and tomorrow’s opportunities.

Culinary Arts at BTC

BTC’s programs in Culinary Arts are ideal for students with a passion for food and pastry and an interest in the fast-growing food service industry.

You’ll be taught by an award-winning faculty and learn the skills you need to function as a professional in this fast-paced field. BTC’s Culinary Arts program offers the highest quality culinary education available, and you can put yours to work in a wide range of restaurants, bakeries, pastry shops, schools and universities, hospitals, and catering companies.

The employment outlook for program graduates is very strong, and students can expect to earn excellent wages. Skilled workers in Culinary Arts are in high demand, with an average placement rate of 83% within nine months of graduation. *

BTC Degree Options

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree:
A two-year associate degree that allows you to go directly to work in your field.

Associate of Applied Science-Transfer (AAS-T) degree:
A two-year associate degree with transferable general education courses that allows you to either go directly into your field, transfer to a specific program at a four-year college or university, or prepare for your bachelor of applied science degree at BTC.

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree:
A two-year bachelor’s degree that can be added on top of an existing associate degree from an accredited college, or even a previous bachelor’s degree.

Transitioning to BTC:
BTC accepts both traditional and non-traditional credit for equivalency to BTC courses on a case-by-case basis. Contact Admissions at admissions@btc.edu or call 360.752.8345.

Learn more: www.btc.edu/transfers

*Wage & Employment Data Sources

If you spent hours in the kitchen as a kid and are now a Food Network fan, then BTC’s Culinary Arts program may be just the one for you. Enter the exciting, fast-paced world of the food industry through this program; then, launch your career wherever you want to go.

Culinary Arts program graduates prepare for careers as sous-chefs; line, pantry, and prep cooks; bakers; deli workers; food managers; and caterers. The nearly unlimited list of potential food service employers includes restaurants, hotels, catering companies, industrial cafeterias, hospitals, schools, bakeries, and pastry shops.

About 83% of BTC Culinary Arts students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is $38,845, with an earning potential of about $51,168 per year.*
Do you consider extravagant dessert buffets, one-of-a-kind wedding cakes, and fondant-covered cupcakes to be works of art? If so, then the expanded Pastry Arts certificate program is for you.

In this program, you’ll learn the skills you need to break into or advance in a culinary arts career. Then, you’ll apply your new talents to create specialty desserts, cakes, breads, and more—everything from pies and puddings to tortes and truffles.

BTC’s Pastry Arts certificate program covers the basics of the baking profession and delves deeper into the theory and art behind artisan breads, pastries, cakes, and sugar arts. You’ll learn basic mise en place and knife skills, and progress to the principles behind commercial baking, classic pastries, restaurant desserts, artisan breads, chocolates, and wedding cakes. This lab-intensive program offers hands-on practice throughout, so you’ll develop solid, job-ready skills.

In addition to pastry-related instruction, you’ll further round out your education with vital courses in interpersonal, oral, and written communications, that will prepare you for a successful culinary career as a pastry arts chef, professional baker, or cupcake designer. General education and program-specific classes are offered days, evenings, and online.

The average annual wage in this field is $27,631, with an earning potential of about $34,902 per year.*
Get started at BTC today!
Find more information: www.btc.edu/admissions
Print a checklist: www.btc.edu/admissionsteps

Apply to BTC & Apply for Financial Aid
Apply at www.btc.edu/applyonline and get your Student Identification Number (SID).
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.btc.edu/financialaid
Use BTC college code 016227.

Assess Your Starting Point
Degree- and certificate-seeking students need to determine their math and English starting points.
Some programs require certain placement scores before starting program classes. BTC uses multiple measures to determine placement, including assessment testing. Visit: www.btc.edu/assessment

Advising & Registration
Students will meet with Advising and Career Services staff for a mandatory GET Started appointment:
navigate Goals, create an Education Plan, become Tech Ready, and register for classes. Contact Admissions & Advising to schedule your appointment: admissions@btc.edu or call 360.752.8345.

Prepare to Attend
Participate in New Student Orientation to learn about campus resources and what to expect before your first quarter.
Sign up: www.btc.edu/events
Pay tuition and fees: www.btc.edu/tuition
Buy textbooks: www.btc.edu/campusstore

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