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PRE-NURSING
PRACTICAL NURSING

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DENTAL HYGIENE
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RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
SURGERY TECHNOLOGY
VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

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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.

**Nursing & Allied Health Programs at BTC**

BTC’s programs in Nursing & Allied Health are geared for students with an interest in health, wellness, and the medical field.

You’ll learn the high-demand skills needed for a rewarding career in the challenging, highly technical world of healthcare and wellness. You can put your education to work in hospitals, clinics, insurance companies, fire agencies, and wellness centers.

The employment outlook for program graduates is very strong, and students can expect to earn good wages. Skilled workers in Nursing & Health Science programs are in high demand.

**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 technical degree with transferable general education courses that allows you to either go directly into your field or choose to transfer to a specific program at a four-year college or university.

**Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program (DTA/MRP) associate degree:** Allows students to take both General Education courses and major-specific courses in preparation for transfer with junior standing to a four-year college or university.

**Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree:**
A two-year degree that can be added on top of an existing associate degree 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](http://www.btc.edu/Transfers)

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*Wage & Employment Data Sources*

**Earning potential:** Washington State Employment Security Department 2018 Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates (esd.wa.gov) reflect 2014–17 employment; average annual wage reflects the 50th percentile, and earning potential reflects the 75th percentile of annual wages across Washington state.

If you’re interested in building a rewarding career in the field of nursing, then BTC’s Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is for you. Nursing is both an art and a science, and requires specialized knowledge and skills. BTC’s nursing program teaches both, while preparing students to meet the demands of today’s complex and technical healthcare industry. Graduates work in settings such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, surgery centers, clinics, and schools.

With an associate degree in nursing, you’ll be prepared to take the NCLEX-RN (the state exam required for licensure as a nurse), which will qualify you to apply for Registered Nurse (RN) positions.

BTC nursing program graduates interested in advancing their education and transferring into Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs can take advantage of our agreements with various universities (including University of Washington Bothell, Washington State University, Western Washington University, and Western Governors University). Applicants are encouraged to plan early to complete their BSNs by meeting with an admissions adviser at their college of choice.

“Everybody is here to help people; we all have the same goal. I think they do a good job of guiding us in how we can do that effectively.”

— Kyle Servoss, Nursing graduate

BTC’s Nursing program offers advanced placement for current LPNs who wish to earn an associate’s degree, take the NCLEX-RN, and pursue a career as a Registered Nurse.

Today’s healthcare employers are increasingly requiring BSN degrees for RN positions—and now, you can begin your BSN at BTC with this transferable program.

About 97% of BTC Nursing program students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is $78,146, with an earning potential of about $95,285 per year.*
Choose BTC’s Nursing Assistant program and work in a wide variety of medical settings. The knowledge and skills you’ll gain are highly valued by healthcare industry employers such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and home health agencies. Upon completion of the Nursing Assistant program students are eligible for Washington state certification as a CNA.

NURSING ASSISTANT

Nursing Assistant
Certificate of Completion
Program Length: 1 quarter

Practical Nursing
Certificate of Completion
Program Length: 6 quarters – Part Time
After Completion of General Education Courses

This part-time, evening certificate is ideal for students interested in flexibility as they train for a career in Nursing. Curriculum includes classroom lessons and hands-on training in BTC’s Nursing labs, culminating with clinical experience in the industry, with graduates prepared fill a critical need for LPNs in local clinics, assisted living facilities and skilled nursing facilities.

Graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination – Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN). Once graduates become Licensed Practical Nurses and complete 1,000 hours of work as an LPN, they will be able to apply to BTC’s LPN-RN program option to complete the Associate Degree in Nursing Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Ready Pathway (DTA/MRP).

The average annual wage in this field is $29,016, with an earning potential of about $34,590 per year.*

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Choose BTC’s Dental Assisting program to train for a position as a dental assistant. Learn how to provide patient care and perform office duties and lab work, while working alongside dentists as they examine and treat their patients. With an associate degree in Dental Assisting students are eligible to become a registered Dental Assistant in Washington state.

Graduates will find employment opportunities with dental, orthodontic, and periodontal offices, as well as hospitals, public health departments, or clinics.

About 89% of BTC Dental Assisting students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is $41,038, with an earning potential of about $47,986 per year.*
If you’re a Dental Assistant or Dental Hygienist who would like to expand your skills and enhance your career options, then you should check out BTC’s Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) program. EFDA professionals function as integral members of the dental healthcare team, providing advanced care to patients.

BTC’s EFDA certificate program offers classroom, laboratory, and clinical instruction in areas such as placing and contouring restorations, taking final impressions, and performing more advanced procedures under general supervision, such as applying fluoride treatments and sealants.

Graduates gain practical knowledge and hands-on skills that can increase their employment opportunities with private dental practices, public health clinics, hospitals, managed care organizations, and other employers.

With an EFDA certificate, you’ll be prepared for the Washington Restorative Examination (WARE), offered by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), plus the Restorative Section of the Western Regional National Board (WREB).

About 89% of BTC Dental Assisting students are employed within 9 months of graduating. The average annual wage in this field is $41,038 with an earning potential of about $47,986 per year.*

About 99% of BTC Dental Hygiene students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is $92,144, with an earning potential of about $101,587 per year.*
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate of Completion
Program Length: 1 quarter

If you’d like a career in a diverse, highly specialized division of the medical field, then you should consider the Emergency Medical Technician Certificate at BTC. At the end of the training, you’ll be qualified to take the National Registry of EMTs examination.

As a vital member of the emergency healthcare team, you’ll learn to administer advanced life support protocols to patients in pre-hospital settings. Employers who hire graduates from the EMT program include municipal fire departments, ambulance services, hospitals, and certain industrial and manufacturing firms.

The average annual wage in this field is $53,830, with an earning potential of about $87,630 per year.*

This wage is for EMTs who work with Fire/EMS or Municipal systems. Private ambulance EMTs can expect to make a lower wage.

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION

Medical Administration Certificate of Completion
Program Length: 3-4 quarters

Train for a career as a medical records and health information technician, or a billing and posting clerk, through BTC’s Medical Administration program.

Program graduates typically work for hospitals, medical offices, insurance companies, extended care facilities, and home healthcare firms.

About 80% of BTC Radiologic Technology students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is $66,789, with an earning potential of about $78,520 per year.*
**Surgery Technology**

Associate of Applied Science — Transfer Degree

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Length: 3 quarters

After Completion of General Education Courses

If you are interested in being a valuable part of surgery teams and working beside surgeons, nurses, and other medical professionals, you can train for an exciting career as a Surgery Technologist.

With BTC’s high quality education and hands-on training, you’ll gain the valuable skills needed now by hospitals, outpatient surgery centers, and dental surgery offices. An associate degree prepares students for registration as a Surgical Technologist in Washington state.

**Veterinary Technician**

Associate of Applied Science — Transfer Degree

Program Length: 7 quarters

After Completion of General Education Courses

Turn your love of animals into a satisfying career! BTC’s Veterinary Technology program is ideal if you have an aptitude for math and science and are interested in being a valuable part of the veterinary care team. You’ll work with animals and their people in a job that is different every day.

With BTC’s high quality education and hands-on training, you’ll gain the valuable skills needed now by veterinary hospitals, surgery centers, specialty care providers, zoos, and wildlife facilities. An associate degree prepares students to become licensed Veterinary Technicians in WA State.

About 83% of BTC Surgery Technology students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is $53,269, with an earning potential of about $61,443 per year.*

About 97% of BTC Veterinary students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is $36,192, with an earning potential of about $40,144 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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