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**BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPROVED FOR SECOND BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**

Bellingham, Washington — Aug. 25, 2016 — Students who come to Bellingham Technical College (BTC) to start their engineering career will now be able to stay at the college for their bachelor's degree, as BTC received approval earlier this month to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering Technology.

The new Engineering Technology BAS degree is slated to start in Fall Quarter 2017, though students may start prerequisites earlier to prepare to enter the degree's junior year. The degree includes seven quarters of classes and a combination of online and in-person instruction.

"BTC is excited to offer this new bachelor of applied science degree for our students," BTC President Kimberly Perry said. "Having a bachelor's degree will expand our students' career options and allow them to apply for higher paying engineering jobs. This BAS provides a wonderful opportunity to enrich our students and fill the growing need for engineers in Washington's economy."

BTC currently offers a variety of Engineering Technology associate degrees and transfer options, including Civil Engineering, Clean Energy, Composites, Electronics, Geomatics and Mechanical Design, in addition to Pre-Engineering transfer degrees. Clean Energy starts this fall and is the newest of our associate degrees, with an option for students to transfer to Western Washington University's Institute for Energy Studies for a bachelor's degree.

BTC receives final approval for its BAS degrees from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. This Engineering Technology bachelor of applied science was approved on Aug. 10, joining Operations Management as BTC's second BAS degree.

**About Bellingham Technical College**

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers seven direct transfer degrees such as pre-engineering, pre-nursing, electronics, mechanical engineering, and technology and business. Completion of these degrees prepares BTC students to transfer with a junior status to participating colleges and universities in Washington State. BTC offers 38 associate degree and 51 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to [www.btc.edu](http://www.btc.edu).

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