



Bellingham Technical College
Public Service Announcement

May 8, 2018

Media Contact:

Marni Saling Mayer, Director of Communications

Phone: 360.752.8325 Email: msmayer@btc.edu

For Immediate Release

BTC & BIAWC OFFER NEW CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE THIS SUMMER TO MEET CRITICAL NEED FOR SKILLED WORKERS

NEW COURSE AT BTC — As construction is picking up pace throughout Bellingham and beyond, Bellingham Technical College (BTC) and the Building Industry Association of Whatcom County (BIAWC) have teamed up to offer a new Construction Core Curriculum short certificate this summer to meet the industry's need for skilled workers.

Courses for the new certificate will run from July 9 through August 24 and will give students basic skills in residential and commercial construction to prepare them for entry-level construction jobs.

"We are eager to have students complete this core skills class so they are ready to start a career in our thriving industry," said Chris Knudsen, President of BIAWC. "If you are planning a career in construction, BTC's introductory construction certificate is a must have. You would not be able to walk on the jobsite without the knowledge gained in this class."

"BTC is excited to be able to offer this certificate to respond to the intense demand for skilled workers in the construction industry," said Walter Hudsick, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Learning at BTC. "Our goal is to provide our students training with a quick turnaround that gives them the foundation they need to go further in their education or enter the job market."

Students who take this certificate will be trained in: basic construction site safety; introduction to materials handling; identification and use of hand and power tools; employability skills for the construction industry; construction math; and leadership, critical thinking and jobsite communication. Classes will also include jobsite tours that give students an opportunity to meet with local employers and see construction work up close.

The certificate is accredited with the National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER). NCCER offers comprehensive training that supports development of a safe and productive workforce. By completing BTC's initial NCCER Construction Core Curriculum certificate, students will fulfill the necessary prerequisite to continue their education with other trades-related and management courses offered by NCCER,

including alternative energy, carpentry, boilermaking, electrical, drywall and cabinetry. Once students have completed the NCCER Construction Core Curriculum, they'll be eligible to enroll in BTC's new Advanced Construction Technology certificate, which will provide more in-depth training on the fundamentals taught in the core curriculum certificate.

Class details: The Construction Core Curriculum Certificate runs from **July 9-Aug. 24.**

Class dates & times: Mondays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: BTC's Construction Pavilion

Cost: \$1,375 (this includes NCCER certification and materials, and a basic toolkit) Limited scholarships are available through the BIAWC; email elliots@biawc.com for more information.

How to register: Registration for this certificate will open on June 4.

Contact Registration at BTC to get started now:

Registration@btc.edu | **360.752.8350**

Visit our website to find links to online registration, the registration form, helpful instructions and more: www.btc.edu/Register Register for Item #3900

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers seven transfer degrees such as pre-engineering, pre-nursing, computer science 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 37 associate degree, 51 certificate options and two bachelor of applied science degrees providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.edu.

For more news, events, and photos from the college follow us on www.facebook.com/bellinghamtech, www.twitter.com/bhamtechcollege and www.instagram.com/bellinghamtechcollege.

#