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***For Immediate Release***

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR BTC'S COSMETOLOGY DEGREE IN SALON SPACE ON RAILROAD AVE. STARTING FALL QUARTER 2018**

**Bellingham, Washington – August 14, 2018** – Registration is now open for the new Cosmetology program starting in Fall Quarter at Bellingham Technical College (BTC).

BTC received its final approval and license for the Cosmetology program from the Washington State Department of Licensing on August 10, and the college began registering students for Fall Quarter on Tuesday, August 14.

“BTC is excited to launch our new Cosmetology program. We know there is great interest for this program in the community, and we had more than 110 students attend the information sessions earlier this month,” said Dr. Kimberly Perry, President of Bellingham Technical College.

BTC will register 20 students for Fall. The program will accept 20 new students each quarter, and they will register according to the BTC registration dates for those quarters.

The Cosmetology program will be located at 1411 Railroad Ave. in downtown Bellingham, in the space previously occupied by a private cosmetology school that closed in 2017. BTC's new program has been approved by the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges and the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

BTC's Cosmetology program is designed to be completed full-time in five academic quarters, including summer instruction. Students who complete the program will be awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree and will be prepared to take Washington state licensing exams and begin work as cosmetologists. The program will also be open to high school Running Start students who want to get a head start on their cosmetology career training.

The demand for cosmetologists is high in the current job market, and BTC Cosmetology program graduates will be prepared for success, with hands-on training in cutting and styling, basic skin and nail care, tinting and bleaching, and cosmetic chemistry. They'll also gain experience in salon management, retail selling, safety, and customer service. Cosmetology students will be eligible for financial aid, and BTC's Foundation is making scholarships available for students starting in the 2018-19 school year.

## How to Get Started:

### Step 1: Apply

- Apply at [www.btc.edu/ApplyOnline](http://www.btc.edu/ApplyOnline) and indicate your program of interest as Cosmetology
- You will receive an email with your Student Identification Number (SID) within three (3) business days of application.

### Step 2: Assess Your Starting Point and Meet Minimum Entry Requirements

Students registering for Cosmetology 101 will need to meet the minimum requirements for the course.

Placement may be determined using **one or more** of the following:

- Take the ACCUPLACER Placement Assessment: Learn more at [www.btc.edu/Assessment](http://www.btc.edu/Assessment)
- Submit High School English and/or math GPAs from within the last five (5) years for evaluation
- Submit transcripts from other colleges attended for evaluation.
- Submit test scores (Previous college placement, Advanced Placement (AP), SAT, ACT, Smarter Balance (SBAC) GED)

### Step 3: Register for the Class

After steps one and two are complete, students are ready to register at [www.btc.edu/mybtc](http://www.btc.edu/mybtc).

Learn more about BTC's new Cosmetology program at [www.btc.edu/cosmetology](http://www.btc.edu/cosmetology)

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### 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 38 associate degrees, 60 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](http://www.btc.edu).

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