



Bellingham Technical College
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BTC & BIAWC EXPAND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION OFFERINGS FOR FALL QUARTER

NEW COURSE AT BTC — Bellingham Technical College (BTC) is expanding its construction industry certifications to meet demand in the industry for more trained workers.

Starting this Fall Quarter, BTC is partnering with the Building Industry Association of Whatcom County to offer the **Construction Technologies: Craft Laborer 1** industry certification to build on the foundational knowledge taught in this summer's Construction Core Curriculum course. The Construction Core Curriculum course is a prerequisite for the Craft Laborer 1 course and will be taught online in fall for students interested in taking both.

Courses for the Craft Laborer 1 certification will run from September 18 through December 7 and will cover National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) Craft Laborer I modules along with several modules from Construction Technologies.

“Offering this new industry certification is just one more way that BTC is working to give our students more skills and increase their employability,” said Kathryn Mathews, Director of Contract Training, Business Engagement and Continuing Education. “The construction industry is clamoring to hire students with these skills.”

Modules will include:

- Orientation to the Trade
- Floor Systems
- Ceiling Joist and Roof Framing
- Roofing Applications
- Wall Systems
- Exterior Finishing
- Basic Stair Layout
- Cabinet Installation
- Building Fasteners and Adhesives
- Properties of Concrete

- Site Layout
- Handling and Placing Concrete
- Foundations and Slab-on Grade

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 certification, students will fulfill the necessary prerequisite to earn other trades-related and management certifications offered by NCCER, including the Craft Laborer 1 certification and courses in alternative energy, carpentry, boilermaking, electrical, drywall and cabinetry.

Class details:

The Construction Technologies: Craft Laborer 1 course runs **Sept. 18–Dec. 7**
Class days & times: Mondays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: BTC's Construction Pavilion

Cost: \$2,775 (this includes NCCER certification and materials)

Register for this course using Item #3901

The Construction Core Curriculum course will run **online starting Sept. 18**

Cost: \$1,375

Location: Online

Register for this course using Item #3900

How to register:

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

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.

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