

Bellingham Technical College

**The future
is technical.**

www.btc.edu



**Get ready for
it at BTC!**

BTC

Who we are.

BTC provides student-centered, high-quality professional technical education for today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities.

82%

of BTC grads have a job within 9 months of graduation

\$62,748

average wage for BTC degree-related careers in WA

34%

of BTC students are the first in their family to attend college

89%

of surveyed employers agree or strongly agree that BTC grads have the technical skills needed to do their work



BTC's instructors bring industry knowledge to prepare students for what they'll see on the job

367

business and industry reps serve on advisory committees to keep BTC's programs tapped in to industry best practices and what employers need

3,045

average students/quarter



BTC's programs are cohort based, so you'll stay with your classmates to build a strong support network

2ND HIGHEST

graduation rate of all public two-year colleges in WA

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Hands-on

**Get technical
about your career.**

High-tech



Our programs.

Your career!

Advanced Manufacturing

Industrial Maintenance & Mechatronics
Instrumentation & Control Technology
Machining
Process Technology
Water & Wastewater Treatment
Welding & Fabricating Technology: General
Welding & Fabricating Technology: Pipe

Certificates

Basic Welding Skills
Certified Production Technician
Machine Maintenance
Principles of Machining & CNC Operation
Quality Assurance for Machining

Bachelor of Applied Science

Operations Management (*online*)
Engineering Technology

Business & IT

Accounting Technician
Administrative Assistant
Business
Business Management
Computer Networking
Computer Science
Computer Software Support
Legal Administrative Assistant

Certificates

Accounting Assistant
Cloud Computing
Computer Applications Specialist
Computer Network Support
Computer Programming
Data Entry Specialist
Health Information Technology
Human Resources Specialist
Intro to Business & Computing
Medical Coding & Billing Generalist
Medical Receptionist
Network Management
Office Assistant
Operations Management
Project Management
Receptionist
Social Media Marketing

Child & Family Studies

Early Learning Certificate

Culinary Arts

Culinary Arts
Pastry Arts Certificate

Engineering

Engineering Technology: Civil
Engineering Technology: Clean Energy
Engineering Technology: Composites
Engineering Technology: Electronics
Engineering Technology: Geomatics
Engineering Technology: Mechanical Design

Certificates

Clean Energy Technology
Electronics Engineering Technician
Engineering Technology: AutoCAD
Engineering Technology: SolidWorks

Fisheries & Aquaculture Sciences

Fisheries & Aquaculture Sciences
Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences
Fisheries Aquaculture Technique Certificate

Industrial Technology

Electrician
HVAC & Refrigeration

Certificates

Electrical Construction
Residential Home Inspection

Health

Cosmetology
Dental Assisting
Dental Hygiene
Nursing
Paramedic
Radiologic Technology
Surgery Technology
Veterinary Technician

Health *continued*

Certificates

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary (EFDA)
Hypnotherapy
Nursing Assistant
Personal Fitness Trainer
Phlebotomy
Veterinary Assistant

Transportation

Auto Collision Repair Technology
Automotive Technology
Diesel Technology

Certificates

Auto Collision: Non-Structural Repair
Diesel Drive Train/Brakes/Suspension/
Steering/Electrical/Electronic System
Diesel Engine & Electrical/Electronic Systems
Diesel Hydraulics Preventative Maintenance
General Automotive Repair
Vehicle Service Technician

General Education & Transfer

Biology (<i>includes Anatomy & Physiology</i>)	English (<i>includes Reading</i>)
Business	History
Chemistry	Humanities
College Success	Mathematics
Communication	Physics
Studies	Political Science
Economics	Psychology
Engineering	Sociology
	Spanish

www.btc.edu/genedtransfer

Transfer Options

Associate in Business
Associate in Computer Science
Associate in Pre-Nursing
Associate in Nursing
Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences AAS-T
(*transfers to Western Washington University & Northwest Indian College*)

Find all BTC's transfer options:

www.btc.edu/transferoptions

39 + 55

Degrees

Certificates

and counting...



Hands-on learning in high-tech
labs to prepare you for your career

Explore all program openings:

[www.btc.edu/](http://www.btc.edu/programs)
programs

You can afford college today.

BTC can help. Here's how!

Financial Aid

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): FAFSA is easy and should take only about 30 min. to complete online: www.fafsa.gov (BTC College Code 016227) **Apply early for priority consideration!**

WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid): WASFA helps provide funding for DREAMers, who aren't eligible for federal financial aid because of immigration status.

Find out more: www.btc.edu/dreamers

BTC Financial Aid Snapshot: 2017–18

61%

of degree-seeking students at BTC received financial aid

1,873

total students at BTC received financial aid

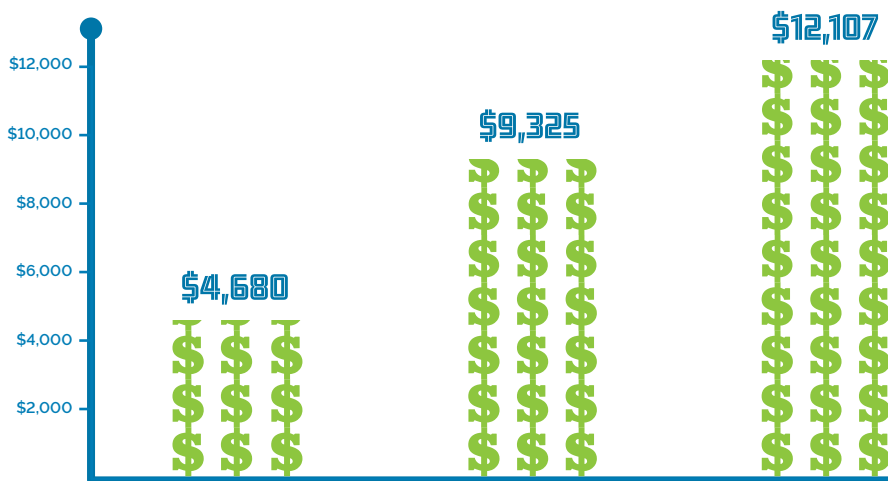
1,363

students received the Pell Grant, and over **\$5 Million** was distributed

Contact us for more help: **360.752.8564** • finaid@btc.edu • www.btc.edu/financialaid

Tuition Comparison

One of the biggest questions students have when they're considering college is: *how am I going to pay for this?* BTC answers that question with a responsive Financial Aid department, scholarships from the BTC Foundation and Workforce Funding, in addition to cheaper tuition costs. **Take a look at the 2018–19 costs for yourself!**



* These are average costs. Supply costs vary for each program.



Tuition + fees: \$3,600 • Books + supplies: \$1,080*
BTC Total: \$4,680



Tuition + fees: \$8,401 • Books + supplies: \$924
WWU Total: \$9,325



Tuition + fees: \$11,207 • Books + supplies: \$900
UW Total: \$12,107



Save Money with Scholarships

Scholarships are another source of free money to help pay for school.

- BTC Scholarships are provided by BTC's Foundation and other organizations and donors, based on certain criteria. **BTC Foundation scholarships open in April and close June 30 each year. Find out more: www.btc.edu/foundation**
- **Check out scholarships from off-campus organizations: www.btc.edu/scholarships**
- If you are a recipient of the College Bound Scholarship, check with Financial Aid to make sure your account is accurate

Did you know? BTC's Foundation gave more than \$360,000 in scholarships in 2018 to more than 300 students. Of those who apply, over 53% receive money.

Workforce Funding

BTC's Workforce Funding department offers grants for students depending on their situation. Explore our funding options to see if you are eligible.

Learn more: www.btc.edu/workforcefunding

- **Basic Food, Employment & Training (BFET):** for recipients of Federal Food Benefits through DSHS
- **Opportunity Grant:** for low-income students training for high-demand occupations
- **Passport to College:** for former foster youth
- **Worker Retraining:** for people facing layoffs, those receiving unemployment within the last four years, displaced homemakers, or veterans discharged from the military within the last four years
- **WorkFirst:** for recipients of TANF through DSHS

Did you know? Workforce Funding & Student Support provided over \$610,000 in support to students in 2017–18, including assistance with tuition, books, tools, bus passes and emergency support.

“There are so many more resources than I imagined. Pretty much any issue you can have, there's somebody there who can help you: tutoring, scholarships, time management, financial aid.”

— Kala Brood, BTC student

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Join us: your career starts at BTC.



Get started at BTC!

Learn more: www.btc.edu/admissions

Print a checklist: www.btc.edu/admissionsteps

1 Apply to BTC & Apply for Financial Aid

Apply online: www.btc.edu/applyonline

You'll get your Student Identification Number (SID).

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online: www.btc.edu/financialaid (BTC college code 016227)

2 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. Learn more: www.btc.edu/assessment

3 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 the Admissions & Student Resource Center to schedule your appointment: [360.752.8345](tel:360.752.8345)

4 Prepare to Attend BTC

Attend New Student Orientation to connect with staff and fellow students, meet program faculty, tour your program, and learn about campus resources and what to expect before your first quarter.

Sign up: www.btc.edu/orientation

Pay tuition and fees: www.btc.edu/tuition

Buy textbooks: www.btc.edu/campusstore

“You get real, applicable skills that you can take on the job.”

— Ross Hunnicutt,
Civil Engineering Technology graduate



We're here to help you succeed.

Find helpful BTC resources:
www.btc.edu/students

Here at BTC, we understand many of our students have a lot more than just classwork on their plate. We know it can be difficult to juggle it all — families, jobs, responsibilities and school work — but we are here to help support you every step of the way.

Accessibility Resources

Accessibility Resources (AR) is a center of disability education and resources for students, staff, and faculty. AR staff act as facilitators for students to obtain and utilize accommodations necessary to ensure equal access for participation in campus programs and activities. [360.752.8450](tel:360.752.8450) • ar@btc.edu • www.btc.edu/ar

Advising & Career Services

BTC's Advising staff is here to make sure you have everything you need to be successful as a student and a graduate. Advisors help you explore careers to determine which one is right for you and can help you plan your classes to prepare you for the program that fits your career goals. As you're getting ready to graduate, they'll prepare you for the job search as you're entering your field. [360.752.8345](tel:360.752.8345) • advising@btc.edu • www.btc.edu/advising

Tutoring Center

This free service can help you increase your understanding in your classes and achieve success in math, accounting, chemistry, biology, writing, and other subjects as needed. [360.752.8499](tel:360.752.8499) • tutoring@btc.edu • www.btc.edu/tutoring

Student Coaching

Success starts here. The TRIO and STAR programs provide personalized guidance to help students adjust to college life, succeed in their classes, graduate with a degree or certificate, and start their career or transfer to a four-year university.

TRIO Student Support Services provides coaching and support services to students who are the first in their family to attend college, students with limited income, and students with disabilities. [360.752.8640](tel:360.752.8640) • trio@btc.edu • www.btc.edu/trio

STAR: Success coaching. Tutoring. Academic support. Resources. provides coaching services to students looking for additional skills, support, and resources to achieve their academic, career, and personal goals. [360.752.8645](tel:360.752.8645) • star@btc.edu • www.btc.edu/star

Veterans Support Services

All of BTC's degree and certificate programs are eligible for veteran education benefits. BTC awards college credit for military training, so you may be eligible for academic credits based on your specialized military coursework. Find details on funding and enrollment for VA education benefits on our website. [360.752.8345](tel:360.752.8345) • veterans@btc.edu • www.btc.edu/veterans 

Learn outside the lines.

College is a prime opportunity to develop new job skills, but some of today's most valuable workplace skills — leadership, team-building, collaboration — are learned outside the classroom. Whether it's through clubs and campus groups or opportunities available within our programs, our students are having experiences they'll remember for a lifetime — and getting skills that set them up for success.

Get Involved

ASBTC Student Government

promotes school spirit, leadership, and citizenship. Want a say in events, activities, and opportunities for students on campus?

Membership is open to all degree and certificate students. Create your own clubs or join one of the established clubs on BTC's campus, ranging from BTC's chapter of the Student Veterans of America to the Student Nurse Organization and more!

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society of two-year colleges. PTK recognizes and encourages leadership among associate degree students who achieve academic excellence.

Student Life is a great way to build community on campus. BTC hosts dozens of events for students each year, including career fairs, financial wellness workshops, cultural events, free movie nights and more.

“I like that BTC incorporates more hands-on work. They want you to know your theory but be hands on. You're getting a more well-rounded education.

ASBTC is really cool. They've been doing so many cool events this year: sea kayaking, Bike to Work and School Day, the end of year barbecue. It's really nice to see the student body come together.”

— Ganiv Kaur Kahlon, Nursing student



“The program here is absolutely phenomenal. The class sizes are small. You get the attention you need. You get the assistance you need... I love the way they do the didactic training and clinicals simultaneously so we're doing the book-learning and the hands-on learning.”

—Amanda Pennell, Radiologic Technology graduate

Oh, the places you could go!

Automotive Technology students travel to the SEMA Show in **Las Vegas** to explore the latest car trends.

Culinary Arts students have the opportunity to compete against other culinary schools in **American Culinary Federation competitions** at the state and regional level. Culinary students also run BTC's highly regarded Café Culinaire to learn every aspect of the restaurant business, from hosting and serving, to cooking and creating a menu.

Nursing students have traveled to the **Dominican Republic** to provide medical care to remote regions, gaining experience, perspective and cultural competency.

Dental Hygiene students travel to **Jamaica** to provide free dental care for low-income communities. Students also get hands-on experience in BTC's on-campus dental clinic.

Instrumentation & Control Technology students have the opportunity to compete in the ISA Student Games held each spring at the **Southern Alberta Institute of Technology** (SAIT). BTC has been the only US college on the west coast to attend this competition for the past several years.

Process Technology students head to **Texas** every year to tour College of the Mainland and get a look at the region's booming refinery industry.





Earn college credit in high school!

Get Ahead & Save Money with Dual Credit

BTC offers two dual-credit programs that can give students high school credit and college credit at the same time. Check out our interactive dual-enrollment website intended to help students, parents and school counselors figure out what dual-credit options are available for students at each school in Whatcom County. **Learn more:** www.btc.edu/dualenrollment

- **Running Start:** Juniors and seniors can take classes on the BTC campus and earn credits toward high school and college general education classes, or get a headstart on one of our 38 career-ready degree programs. **Sign up for a Running Start Info Session:** www.btc.edu/rsevents
- **Career & Technical Education (CTE) Dual Credit:** High school students (9th – 12th grade) can take certain CTE classes at their high school for college credit. **Find course availability and program requirements:** www.btc.edu/ctedualcredit

“When I heard about BTC through a Try-A-Trade day, I couldn't shake my attraction to the idea that I could graduate in two years with an associate degree and start work in a high-paying job with no debt and years of my life opened up that I would have otherwise spent at a four-year university racking up debt.”

— Tate Garrett,
Running Start &

Process Technology graduate

Get ready for your future at BTC.

Transitional Studies

Work at your own pace to learn the skills you'll need to pursue your goals, with a focus on basic reading, writing, math, workplace skills, GED preparation, and high school completion. Learn more: [360.752.8341](tel:360.752.8341) • ts@btc.edu • www.btc.edu/transitionalstudies

- **College Readiness:** Work at your own pace to learn the skills you'll need to pursue your goals. The focus is on basic reading, writing, math, and GED preparation.
- **English Language Acquisition (ELA/ESL):** Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced classes for students who need to improve their English skills.
- **GED:** Prepare to take your GED.
- **High School Completion (HS21+):** Use life, work and previous education experience to earn credit toward your diploma.
- **I-BEST(Integrated Basic Education Skills Training):** I-BEST students work with two teachers in the classroom, one a specialist in their technical field of study, the other a specialist in basic academic skills.
- **IMPACT! Youth Re-engagement:** If you are 16–21 years old and have left high school early or are significantly behind in credits, this program offers an opportunity for a fresh start to succeed and provides free BTC tuition to work toward a high school diploma, GED, or a certificate or associate degree.

“Getting to complete a college degree isn't something everyone gets to do so I feel proud of my hard work and blessed because I was given the opportunity to thrive. BTC has taken a lot of the uncertainty out of my future, and I'll always be thankful for all the help I was given along the way.”

— Alyssa Willis,
Running Start &
Process Technology graduate

IMPACT! Program Snapshot

Served	Awarded
395	125
students in 2017–18	GEDs in 2017–18

Want to take a class to build your skills? Explore our **Corporate & Continuing Education** options, from parenting to professional development: www.btc.edu/cce



Visit BTC!



Sign up today for a BTC Campus Tour to explore our classes, labs, and program spaces: www.btc.edu/campustour

Check out BTC events, info sessions, and more: www.btc.edu/events

Contact BTC's Admissions & Student Resource Center: admissions@btc.edu • College Services 106



Bellingham Technical College is perfectly located between Seattle, WA, and Vancouver, BC. Join us in a beautiful college-friendly town with plenty of outdoor activities!



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