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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ADEN RIVINIUS Running Start & Process Technologies Program

What is your name and program?

My name is Aden Rivinius and I am in the Process Technologies or PTEC program. I am training to control or operate an industrial-scale system such as a manufacturing or oil refining process. In this course we cover quality control, safety training, drawing and reading of piping and instrumentation diagrams, troubleshooting, and many other useful skills.

How Has Running Start benefited you?

Running Start has been incredibly beneficial to my family in terms of lightening the financial burden that it would have taken to send both my older brother and me through college. The majority of my tuition has been covered by Running Start, and since I made use of scholarships, I have paid zero (or nearly zero) dollars of my own funds for tuition. With this in mind, I would definitely recommend that students take advantage of this opportunity. Not only does the financial side benefit me, but I am also able to graduate high school with my two-year associate's degree, which means I can get to work right away.

What made you decide to attend BTC?

My older brother and a childhood friend both graduated from the HVAC program at BTC a few years before me and they both got jobs within the first few months after graduation. I heard many positive things about the school, and I noticed the practical skills that they were being taught. When it was my turn to decide whether or not to enroll here, it was an easy decision.

What would you tell another student who was wondering if they should attend BTC? I would definitely encourage them to consider going, and to make sure they choose a course thoughtfully. If you can make it through a



full course, I would say that it is one hundred percent worthwhile, but I have seen a lot of people waste their money by jumping into a program and then backing out after a few quarters. BTC is a wonderful school, the classes need to be taken seriously, they provide lots of useful knowledge and experience which you can't just breeze through without effort.

What inspired you to go into the trades?

Well, being a young person still in high school, I knew that I wanted to learn some real-world skills so that I could mature into an employable adult. I had never done much hands-on learning, and a technical program seemed like a good way to get some experience. I wanted to be educated in how the world works, so learning about something mechanical or energy related was definitely one of my top picks as well.

What has been your experience learning at BTC so far?

I have loved my experience at BTC so far, and I am glad that I decided to stick with it. Going through a certificate program like PTEC with a consistent classmate group for the whole time means that I have made many close friends along the way. I can say for sure that I have learned a great deal and I highly value these past two years of my life.

Have you experienced any challenges and, if so, how did you overcome them?

I would say that one of the biggest challenges, since I took a fair number of classes each quarter, was the heavy workload. My winter quarter in particular was by far the hardest. During that period of time, I took engineering physics, calculus, and two PTEC program classes. Each class moved fast, covered a lot of material and new topics each week, so I would spend hours every single day doing homework. It was a struggle, but I had a classmate of whom I would call and work on homework with over the phone every day, and it really helped us both out. I think that the key to making it through that quarter was having a trusted classmate and friend to help keep me motivated.

What have your instructors done to help you be successful?

Throughout all my time here the teachers have been excellent. My PTEC instructors in particular are very knowledgeable and have been helpful because of their connections and experience to the industry before their time at BTC. The instructors have always worked hard to create a good learning environment, they have been flexible and understanding of student's schedules, and very helpful when we have questions. They always make themselves available to call, email, or drop-in for an appointment, and it is greatly appreciated.

How did you hear about BTC?

Originally, I heard about BTC through my brother, who was given a list of possible schools nearby that he could attend for Running Start. We both decided to pursue a technical skill instead of a general education, so this school was the way to go.

What else would you like us to know about your educational journey?

My plans after graduation are to apply to as many places as possible related to my degree and hopefully, with the help of my instructors, I can find a good job right away. However, since I am still young and because I got a transferable degree, I would consider going to a few more years of college to get my bachelors if finding a job proves difficult.

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CHILDBIRTH

Preparation for Course fees waived for those	Childbirth &	Parenting \$199		
M 6/28-8/16	F2 F	6-8:30 p.m.		
W 7/14-9/1	Online	6-8:30 p.m.		
Pregnancy & Childbirth \$149 Course fees waived for those covered by WA Apple Health (Medicaid) waivers.				
T 7/6-8/3		6-8:30 p.m.		
Th 8/5-9/2	Online	6-8:30 p.m.		
Prep. For Childbirth: Weekend Cond. \$149 Course fees waived for those covered by WA Apple Health (Medicaid) waivers.				
SaSu 8/7-8/8 Online 8:30 a.m5:30 p.m. Note: Class times are Sa 8:30 a.m5:30 p.m. and Su 12:30-5:30 p.m.				
Hypnotic Childbirth \$149				
W 7/7-8/4	Online	6-8:30 p.m.		
Comfort Techniques for Labor & Birth *FREE*				
Th 7/8	F2F	6-8:30 p.m.		
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BABY CONNECTIONS				
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Exploring with Toddlers		\$99
M 8/2-8/30	F2F	9-11 a.m.
T 8/3-8/31	Online	9 a.m.
More Than One (0–5)		\$79-\$149
T 8/3-8/31	F2F	6-7:30 p.m.
W 8/4-9/1	F2F	9-11:30 a.m.
Th 8/5-9/2	F2F	9-11:30 a.m.
F 8/6-9/3	Online	9 a.m.

Child & Family Studies has scheduled both online and face-to-face (F2F) classes for summer quarter. Please note that this is subject to change based on State and/or DOH guidelines.

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The Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET) program helps eligible students access education that leads to good jobs. Students who are currently receiving or are eligible to receive federal Basic Food Benefits (SNAP) may be eligible.

Students who participate in BFET may receive the following forms of support:

- Financial assistance with college-related expenses
- Child care subsidy
- Continued Basic Food Benefits while enrolled in school
- Assistance with books for general education and prerequisite classes

The Workforce Funding team within Student Financial Resources is available to assist or answer questions about the program. To apply for funds, schedule an appointment with a BFET Coordinator at **bfet@btc.edu**.

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