



Diversity at BTC!

Welcome!

At BTC, we are committed to promoting and providing a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students, including students who identify LGBTQ. We appreciate and honor diversity and we need your input! Collecting data regarding gender expression and sexual orientation will allow us to know more about our students. In turn, this may help us be better prepared to design and develop curricular and co-curricular programs that reflect students' diverse perspectives and experiences.

We believe the implementation of this new process will serve as a testimony of our commitment to diversity, academic achievement and student success.

When students register November of 2013 for Winter 2014 classes at Bellingham Technical College, they will see two new questions on the registration form:

1. What is your sexual orientation?

- Bisexual
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Queer
- Straight/heterosexual
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

2. What is your gender identity?

- Feminine
- Masculine
- Androgynous
- Gender neutral
- Transgender
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

These questions will be asked each quarter before moving on to course registration. But keep in mind, BTC is committed to keeping all personal information confidential. We intend to use this information to help design and implement programs and services that provide meaningful and rewarding learning opportunities for all students.

For more information on the history, planning and implementation of this new initiative please follow the links, below:

<http://www.btc.ctc.edu/General/Publications/LGBTQ-History-Background.pdf>

<http://www.btc.ctc.edu/General/Publications/Equity-article-LGBTQ.pdf>

For more information, please contact the Admissions and Student Resource Center.

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