Community Resources

BTC Student Pocket Guide



Bellingham Technical College 3028 Lindbergh Avenue Bellingham, WA 98225 www.btc.edu

Bellingham Technical College is an equal opportunity institution.

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BTC Information

Accessibility Resources: Access and academic accommodations for students with disability challenges (physical, learning, and mental/emotional)

360.752.8450 **Services (CS)** 106

Affirmative Action/Human Resources:

🚺 360.752.8354 🛛 🞗 CS 124

Career Center: Assistance with career planning, job search, mock interviews, resumes, and more.

🚺 360.752.8450 🛛 🞗 CS 106

Counseling Office at BTC: Offers academic, career, and personal counseling. Visit: www.btc.edu/counseling

🛄 360.752.8450 🛛 🙎 CS 106

Office of the VP of Administrative Services:

🗍 360.752.8588 🛛 🙎 CS 209

Office of the VP of Instruction:

🗍 360.752.8332 🛛 🞗 CS 216

Office of the VP of Student Services:

🛄 360.752.8443 🛛 🞗 CS 201

TRIO — Student Support Services Grant:

🛄 360.752.8640 🛛 🙎 Campus Center 218

Workforce Funding & Student Support: Assistance with supplies, tuition, emergency funding, financial literacy, job search, and more.

360.752.8467 SCS 202

Child Care

Child Protective Services:

866.363.4276

Early Head Start: Provides prenatal and child development services for pregnant women and families with children ages birth to three.

360.734.8396 (Whatcom Co.)

Emergency Child Care: Vouchers for families who are homeless or in crisis.

360.734.8396, ext. 227 (Whatcom Co.)



Counseling

Bellingham Vet Center: Provides veteran information, claims assistance, mental health counseling for combat vets; Shelter Plus Program through Housing Authority. Visit: www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5104

3800 Byron Ave., Bellingham, WA 98229
 360.733.9226 or 877.927.8387

Compass Health: Offers comprehensive and personalized mental health and psychiatric outpatient services. Visit the web for all locations: www.compasshealth.org

😕 3645 E. McLeod Road, Bellingham, WA 98226

360.676.2220

Counseling Training Clinic, Western Washington University Psychology Department:

Free counseling is offered to members of the community for individuals and children.

360.650.3164 (Open January – June)

Crisis Intervention

Emergency: Call 911

Volunteers of America Care Crisis Response Services: 24-hour mental health crisis line. Provides assistance in mental health emergencies.

1.800.584.3578

Whatcom County Behavioral Health Triage Center:

Whatcom community detox, crisis intervention, and respite, mental health assessment & referral.

2030 Division St., Bellingham, WA 98226
 360.676.2020 (24 hours)

Whatcom Crisis Services: 24-hour sexual assault program, domestic violence program, legal advocacy, support services.

877.715.1563 (toll free)



Housing: Emergency & Assistance

Agape Home for Women & Children: Emergency shelter and transitional housing for women with or without children, no boys over 12.

910 W. Holly St., Bellingham, WA 98225 (Lighthouse Mission)

360.733.3796

Dorothy Place: Transitional housing and support services for homeless women with or without children who are survivors of domestic violence.

1111 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225
360.734.5121, ext. 370

Lighthouse Mission: Emergency shelter for single men and women. Transitional housing for men. Prepared meals served daily 6:15–6:30am,12:00–12:30pm, and 4:30–5pm M–F & 5:30–6pm Sat–Sun. Dinner served at the Drop-In Center.

910 W. Holly St., Bellingham, WA 98225
360.733.5120

Opportunity Council Transitional Housing: Housing/support services for households with children. Stay is up to two years.

1111 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225
360.734.5121, ext. 370

Employment Assistance

WorkSource: One-stop career center for Employment Security Department and assistance in areas such as job search, training options, out-of-school youth assistance, services for veterans, workshops, Trade Act Programs, and offender resources. Visit: www.worksourcewa.com

101 Prospect St., Bellingham, WA 98225
 360.676.1521 or 711 Relay Service

Visas & Immigration

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services: For help with immigration and visas. Visit www.uscis.gov

- 2 12500 Tukwila International Blvd., Seattle, WA 98168 (Local field office)
- 800.375.5283

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project: Provides comprehensive immigration legal services and community education to advance the human rights and well-being of low-income immigrants and refugees. Visit www.nwirp.org

206.587.4009 or 800.445.5771



Food & Nutrition

Basic Food Outreach: Information and assistance to help families and individuals obtain food stamps.

360.734.5121, ext. 224 (Whatcom Co.)

360.679.6577 or **800.317.5427** (Island Co.)

Bellingham Food Bank: Open M, W, F: 12:30–3pm; W: 5–7pm. Visit: www.bellinghamfoodbank.org

🞗 1824 Ellis St., Bellingham, WA 98225

360.676.0392

Child Nutrition Program: Nutritious meals and snacks are reimbursed for children in licensed child care homes.

360.734.8396, ext. 426

📘 1.888.444.1862, ext. 426

Hope House: Clothing, household items, emergency food, shower passes to YMCA. Hrs. M, T, Th: 9–11:30am, F: 12–3:30pm. Limited financial assistance on M, Th: 9am and F: 12pm. Visit: www.ccsww.org/hopehouse

207 Kentucky St., Bellingham, WA 98225
 360.671.8702

Maple Alley Inn: Prepares and serves hot, nutritious meals on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

360.734.5121



Health Services

Alcohol & Drug 24-hour Help Line:

800.622.2255

Bellingham Technical College Dental Clinic:

Reduced cost dental services for uninsured patients. Accepts WA Apple for children 0–18yrs, or reduced fee.

S 3028 Lindbergh Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225

360.752.8349 Open September–July

Department of Social & Health Services:

800.737.0617

HIV/AIDS 101: Information and resources on human immunodeficiency virus and AIDS. Visit: https://aids.gov

Unity Care NW: Medical Care, mental health specialists, dental care for children, limited adult dental care, prescription assistance, sliding scale fee for those without insurance. Visit: www.unitycarenw.org

🞗 220 Unity St., Bellingham, WA 98225

360.676.6177

Lummi Tribal Health Center (LTHC): General medical and dental, mental health and substance abuse counseling, WIC, family planning, community health outreach (CHR) and health education. Visit: www.lummi-nsn.org/website/dept_pages/health/ healthcenter.shtml

2592 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226
 360.384.0464

Health Services

Mount Baker Planned Parenthood: Provides healthcare and education in areas of pregnancy, birth control, pregnancy testing, options counseling, yearly exams, HIV/AIDS & STD testing.

Visit: www.plannedparenthood.org/mbpp

🞗 1530 Ellis St., Bellingham, WA 98225

360.734.9095

Nooksack Health Center: Provides health services for Native Americans.

🞗 2510 Sulwhanon Drive, Everson, WA 98247

360.966.2106

Walk-In Health Clinic: Medical and urgent medical care. Washington Apple Health accepted. Visit: www.walkinhealthclinic.com

2220 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226

360.734.2330

Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement

(WAHA): Connects people to healthcare services and insurance options. Visit: whatcomalliance.org

800 E. Chestnut St., Lower Level, Suite 2, Bellingham, WA 98225

360.788.6594

Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic: Pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, EWLY parenting classes, free and confidential services. Visit: www.whatcomclinic.com

1310 N. State St., Bellingham, WA 98225
360.671.9057

Legal Assistance

CLEAR (Coordinated Legal Education, Advice &

Referral): NW Justice Project's phone services for eligible low income people to obtain free legal assistance with civil legal problems. Visit: nwjustice.org

888.201.1014 or 800.833.6384 (TTY)

Crime Victims Service Center/Families & Friends of Violent Crime Victims: Criminal justice system advocacy, resources, referrals, educational and support services for victims of crimes and their families. Visit: victimsupportservices.org

360.756.1780 *or* **888.288.9221** 24-hour crisis line

Domestic Violence Specialist—Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney: Assists victims of crime with the court process. Special assistance for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Visit: www.co.whatcom. wa.us/304/prosecuting-attorney

311 Grand Ave. #201, Bellingham, WA 98225
 360.676.6784

Suicide Prevention

Call 911 or National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

1.800.273.TALK (8255) or 800.799.4TTY (4889)

Veterans Crisis Line: A national veterans suicide prevention hotline for veterans and their families. Visit: www.veteranscrisisline.net

800.273.8255 press 1 *or* Text 838255

Victim Advocacy

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services (DV-

SAS) of Whatcom County: Offers emergency support, safety planning, prevention education, legal advocacy and information to anyone affected by domestic abuse and/or sexual assault. Visit: www.dvsas.org

360.671.5714 or **360.715.1563** 24-hour hotline

Safe Shelter:

2 1407 Commercial St., Bellingham, WA 98225

Lummi Victims of Crime (LVOC): Advocacy for victims of crime: child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, sexual assault. Emergency shelter for Native women with or without children who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Visit: www.lummi-nsn.org

2665 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226
 360.312.2015

National Domestic Violence Hotline: Provides crisis intervention and referrals. Visit: www.thehotline.org

800.799.7233 24-hour hotline. Habla Español.
 800.878.3224 (TTY)

National Sexual Assault Hotline:

800.656.HOPE (4673) toll-free

Washington State Domestic Violence Hotline:

Phone counseling and referrals to all state domestic violence programs. Visit: wscadv.org/get-help-now

800.562.6025 (24-hour hotline)