1. How do I apply to the BTC Nursing Program?
   - The APL-N will only accept applications during the core program admissions application window. The application window for this program opens in January and will remain open until July 31. The first sorting of seat offers will happen in April and a second sorting of seat offers will happen in July.
   More information is posted on the BTC RN Program website.

2. Who do I reach out to request an audit to make sure I am Program-ready?
   - Students are encouraged to conduct a self-audit before submitting their application to their intended program. These **Self-Audit Instructions** serve as a guide to ensure they meet all requirements and are fully prepared to apply.

3. How does the online application work? Will I need to upload any documents?
   - No. Applicants will not need to upload any documents. The online application is a form that applicants fill out online from any location and is mobile-friendly.

4. If I will not be done with my foundational coursework before the Application Window opens, should I wait until I have finished to apply to the program?
   - Yes. All applicants must be *Program-Ready* before they may apply.

5. Is it true that the BTC Nursing Program admissions process includes ranking applicants?
   - Yes. Points will be awarded for the number of credits of nursing foundational prerequisite courses successfully taken at BTC, completing the Nursing Assistant certificate or another Allied Health Program at BTC, and for having applied previously with a complete application.

6. Does BTC rank applicants by grade point average or previous degree?
   - No. BTC does not rank applicants by their overall GPA or whether or not they have a previous degree.

7. Does BTC offer veteran students an additional point on the application?
   - No. While Bellingham Technical College does allow veterans early course registration, this does not apply to the Nursing Program which uses an application process.

8. If I have never taken any classes at BTC, will I still be able to apply to the Nursing Program?
   - Yes. While the majority of cohort seats will be offered to those who applied first and took classes at BTC, some cohort seats may be available for those who have not.

9. Is the COVID-19 vaccine required for clinical placement?
   - Yes. All health students must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by the first day of the quarter in which they start. You will be required to obtain a yearly COVID-19 vaccine during respiratory illness season. Proof of vaccination must include current season, the date of vaccination, and practitioner/location where your vaccination was administered.

10. Are any COVID-19 vaccine exemptions accepted by the program?
    Personal exemptions are accepted in place of yearly COVID-19 vaccination. Contact clinicalinfo@btc.edu for information about the personal exemption.

11. What qualifies as Healthcare Experience?
    - Nursing Assistant
    - Paramedic
    - Radiology Technologist
    - Medical Assistant
    - Emergency Medical Technician
    - Surgical Technologist
    - Home Care Aid
    - Emergency Medical Responder
    - Healthcare Specialist
    - Other healthcare experience will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

12. Does healthcare experience training expire?
    - Yes. Starting in October 2021 applicants must have completed their training in an allied health field in the last five years.

13. Does my healthcare certification have to be active in Washington State?
    - No. If you have held a medical related certification **in the past five years** but it is no longer active it will still qualify as medical experience for application to the nursing program as long as no action has been taken against that certification.

14. Do I need to get my Healthcare Experience Form "preapproved" before I submit my application?
    - Yes. You are required to email your form and attached documents to the Nursing Program before you apply. **Healthcare Experience forms must be submitted before applying to the program.**

15. If I completed Nursing Assistant or another health program at BTC, do I still need to submit the Healthcare Experience Verification form?
    - No. This information is in your BTC Unofficial Transcript.

16. Does my Healthcare Experience Verification form approval expire?
    - Yes. Once your Healthcare Experience Verification form has be approved by the Nursing Program it is valid for five years from approval date.

17. Do I need to complete the transcript evaluation process before I submit my application?
    - Yes. For students taking courses at another college. Visit the BTC Future Students website for details. Plan ahead as it can take BTC ten business days to evaluate your transcripts and additional time for the sending school to process your request. **All transcripts must be submitted prior to applying to the program.**
    - **Please note that it takes 6-8 weeks to process transcripts once they arrive at BTC.**

18. Does my general education prerequisite (example: BIOL& 242) courses "expire"?
    - No. General education courses are accepted no matter when they are completed as long as they meet the transfer course requirements.

19. What does a limited waitlist mean?
    - The Annual Program-Ready List for Nursing (APL-N) is a limited waitlist because the list is only maintained for one academic year. At the end of that academic year, the waitlist is closed and wiped. Applicants not awarded cohort seats will need to reapply online during next year's Application Window.

20. Can I defer my enrollment to a different quarter if I can't begin the quarter, you've offered me?
    - No. The Part-time RN program only runs in the fall. Students can reapply for the following year.

21. Can I know where I am on the program waitlist?
    - We are unable to disclose waitlist information to applicants.

Have more questions?……..come to a Nursing Info Session!