# Bellingham TECHNICAL COLLEGE Pre-Nursing Transfer Degree Checklist

Associate Degree in Direct Transfer/Major Related Program (DTA/MRP)

## Getting Started at BTC

<b>Activate BTC Student ID (SID)</b> Brand new students, who have never taken courses at BTC or students who had not taken courses at BTC in the last 12 months:						
<ul> <li>Apply to the college through the <u>Web Admissions Center</u> use the same link to reapply</li> </ul>						
Complete Transcript Evaluation Process: any official transcripts for courses taken at other institutions						
submitted to and evaluated by BTC Admissions (Transfer Students only) <u>Transfer Student</u>						
Submit evidence of High School graduation or equivalent to BTC Admissions or take the ACCUPLACER						
Placement Assessment						
Meet with a Nursing Student Navigator, email advising@btc.edu to schedule an appointment						
Attend GET Session (for students new to BTC) with your Student Navigator						
Apply for Financial Aid <u>Student Financial Resources</u>						

#### Degree Core Courses

Meet with your College Navigator to plan a course of study. Courses do not need to be taken in the order listed here. Some courses listed below are prerequisites for other courses on the list. Your Navigator will create an academic plan to help you navigate the degree course requirements.

Natural Science: 35 credits (25 credits of lab-based)				Social Science: 15 credits			
Biology				Psychology			
General Biology w/Lab	BIOL& 160			General Psychology	PSYC& 100		
Human A&P 1	BIOL& 241			Lifespan Psychology	PSYC& 200		
Human A&P 2	Human A&P 2 BIOL& 242			Sociology			
Microbiology	BIOL& 260			Intro to Sociology	SOC& 101		
Chemistry			Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning: 5 credits				
Intro to Chemistry	CHEM& 121			Introduction to Statist	ics MATH& 146		
Intro to Organic/Bio-Chemistry CHEM& 131			Communication Skills: 10 credits				
Nutrition				English Composition I	ENGL& 101		
Human Nutrition	NUTR& 101			English Composition II	ENGL& 102		
Humanities: 15 credits				Electives: 10 credits			
Public Speaking CMST& 220 (preferred) OR Interpersonal Communication CMST& 210			Select two courses from the <u>BTC Gen Ed Transfer</u> <u>Course list</u> (write in courses below)				
Language Electives: SPAN&	121, SPAN&122						
Additional Humanities Elec HIST&147, HIST&148, HUM	•						

Advisor Notes:

#### **General Information**

The Pre-Nursing Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Ready Pathway (DTA/MRP) associate degree is intended for students looking to directly transfer to WA State universities to complete their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Students enrolled in this 90-credit degree program receive instruction in English, psychology, mathematics, and science to prepare them to enter select Washington State four-year pre-licensure Nursing programs as a junior.

- > BTC's Pre-Nursing DTA/MRP agreement meets all requirements of Washington's Direct Transfer Agreement, between accepting baccalaureate institutions offering a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing program (BSN).
- > Students are responsible for knowing transfer requirements and policies and should consult the institution to which they plan to transfer. Some majors at four-year colleges have special requirements.
- > This degree alone will not make the BTC graduate eligible to sit for the Registered Nurse National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Graduates will need to complete their BSN degree at a university before they can become a Registered Nurse.
- All students interested in the Pre-Nursing DTA Associates Degree should meet with the Nursing Student Navigator, to schedule an appointment email <a href="mailto:advising@btc.edu">advising@btc.edu</a>.

#### Degree and Course Requirements

- > A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for all BTC coursework and in all coursework applied to this degree.
- > A minimum of 50% of degree credits, including the last quarter, must be completed at BTC.
- A course may be credited toward only one distribution area. Pass or S grades are not allowed.
- > Students must complete a graduation application form the first week of the quarter in which they plan to complete their degree.
- Course transferability must be coordinated between you and the institution to which you plan to transfer. Completion of degree requirements, official evaluation requests, and graduation application are the student's responsibility.

### **Advising Notes and Recommendations**

- > Completing this degree does not guarantee admissions to any baccalaureate university; thoughtful additional planning is required. Rules for successful degree completion and credit transfer to other institutions are complex; students should meet with the Nursing Student Navigator to develop an education plan.
- > Students should meet with a transfer advisor at the institution to which they intend to transfer. This advisor at the institution students intend to apply to can aid in developing an educational plan, course selections, and entrance requirements such as minimum GPA, a higher GPA in a selected group of courses or a specific minimum grade in one or more courses and specific course choices where options are available.
- Note that many four-year institutions require students to have completed some foreign language credits for admission and/or graduation please check with the four-year institution to which you plan on transferring.
- For admission to Nursing as a major, it is critical to note that grade point average requirements vary and admission is often competitive.

## **Transferring Credits**

- Students seeking credit for completed coursework from other colleges or universities should submit a sealed Official Transcript(s) from the prior institution(s) to the BTC Admissions Office for evaluation.
- Partially completed BTC DTA/MRP coursework will be evaluated on a class-by-class basis by other institutions for transfer credit consideration. Receiving institutions have their own transfer policies and students should consult a counselor/advisor at the college or university they plan to attend after BTC.
- A fully completed BTC DTA/MRP program is accepted in its entirety by participating institutions (completed BTC classes are not viewed individually).