



Bellingham Technical College
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For Immediate Release: Public Service Announcement

BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE DENTAL CLINIC IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER PATIENTS AND OFFERS FREE LIMITED DENTAL SERVICES FOR THE BELLINGHAM COMMUNITY

Bellingham, Washington – March 16, 2022 – Bellingham Technical College is looking for volunteer dental patients at our fully operational dental clinic for exams, x-rays, dental cleanings, some simple fillings, and sealants. These services will be free for eligible patients.

Appointments:

- Appointments are available on Monday and Fridays when the college is in session.
- There are two time slots available: 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Contact our clinic at: dental@btc.edu and indicate what days and times are best for you. You will be placed on our list and contacted.
- Expect your appointment to last 3 hours.

The BTC Dental programs provides affordable dental care at our on-campus dental clinic. The clinic prepares students for their careers in dentistry, providing the opportunity to care for a variety of patients and incorporate classroom learning into real-life, practical applications. Community members benefit by receiving high-quality care at free or reduced fees. Work is performed by both licensed dentists and professionals and students. Dental services provided by students are closely supervised by licensed staff and faculty.

Volunteer Patient Eligibility

We reserve the right to decline any patient that is too difficult for a student including complex medical conditions, behavioral conditions or extensive dental needs. Patients who are experiencing dental pain cannot be seen in our clinic. We do not provide any

emergency dental services. Patients must still have a primary dental facility to provide the rest of their care.

Screenings

You will first receive a limited dental screening to determine if we are able to see you in our clinic. Once you are admitted as a patient of the BTC dental clinic, a complete dental exam and necessary x-rays will be done. After the examination process, you will be presented with what treatment we are able to provide for you in our clinic.

What to Expect

As students are providing services, you can expect longer appointments and thorough care that is supervised and checked by licensed professionals. Children and adolescents may be completed in a single visit. Adults can expect care to take 2-3 appointments of 3 hours each. You will be given an estimate of time needed for treatment once your screening is complete.

How much will this cost?

The limited services that we are able to provide that are recommended for you are **free**. If you are interested, please contact us at: dental@btc.edu and indicate what days and times are best for you. We will place you on our list and contact you as we are able to.

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Photos: Bellingham Technical College Dental Hygiene students training in BTC's Dental Clinic.





About BTC's Dental programs:

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The clinic is located in Building C on BTC's campus. Free parking is available next to the clinic, though visitors are required to sign in for parking in the C Building lobby.

Bellingham Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and offers direct transfer degrees such as pre-engineering, pre-nursing, and business. Completion of these degrees prepares BTC students to transfer with a junior status to participating colleges and universities in Washington State. BTC offers 39 associate degree and 55+ certificate options and two bachelors of

applied science degrees providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs.

For more information, go to www.btc.edu. For more news, events, and photos from the college follow us on www.facebook.com/bellinghamtech, www.twitter.com/bhamtechcollege and www.instagram.com/bellinghamtechcollege.

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