

Bellingham Technical College

Allied Health Programs



Dental Assisting
Dental Hygiene
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
Medical Administration
Radiologic Technology
Surgery Technology
Veterinary Technician

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You've always wanted a career where you could help other people. In BTC's Allied Health programs, you can find an affordable two-year degree that gives you the skills you need for a meaningful career.

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***Interest in health, wellness,
and the medical field.***

▶ Practical & Professional

You'll learn by doing, with labs that mirror the healthcare environment, high-tech equipment, clinicals and instructors with industry experience.

▶ Built-in Community

BTC's Allied Health programs offer cohorts and small classes, so you'll build a supportive community of classmates who will be there for you throughout your studies.

▶ Return on Investment

With strong financial support for students and shorter certificates and two-year degrees, you'll graduate with less debt and ready to join the healthcare workforce.



About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College has been training students for in-demand, high-paying careers for more than 65 years. At BTC, the focus is always on our students and helping them succeed. We're proud to have one of the highest graduation rates of all public two-year colleges in Washington state, as well as high job-placement rates for our graduates.

At our vibrant campus in the heart of Bellingham, we educate a diverse population of over 3,700 students in 50 degrees, 41 certificate programs and two bachelor of applied science degrees.

Bellingham Technical College's mission is to provide student-centered, high-quality professional technical education for today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities.

BTC students prepare for careers in many areas, including high-demand fields such as advanced manufacturing, engineering, nursing, accounting and more.

Smaller classes mean your instructors really know you, and our lectures are reinforced in the lab, whether it is in a fast-paced kitchen, on the welding floor, or in a salmon hatchery.

At every step, you'll know that BTC's faculty and employees are here to support you in pursuit of your professional goals.

Bellingham Technical College would like to acknowledge that our service area today is within the usual and accustomed lands of the Lhaq'temish or Xwlemi (Lummi) Nation, and of the Noxws'á?aq (NookSack) Tribe of the Coast Salish peoples, as well as the original territory of the s?éməš (Samish) Indian Tribe. Our respect and gratitude go to our indigenous neighbors, whose care and protection of the land and water continues to this day.

BTC's Allied Health Programs are geared towards students with

an interest in health, wellness, and the medical field.

You'll learn the high-demand skills needed for a rewarding career in the challenging, highly technical world of healthcare and wellness. You can put your education to work in hospitals, clinics, insurance companies, fire agencies, and wellness centers.

The employment outlook for program graduates is very strong, and students can expect to earn good wages. Skilled workers in Allied Health programs are in high demand.

BTC Degree Options

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree:

A two-year associate degree that allows you to go directly to work in your field.

Associate of Applied Science-Transfer (AAS-T) degree:

A two-year technical degree with transferable general education courses that allows you to either go directly into your field or choose to transfer to a specific program at a four-year college or university.

Transitioning to BTC: BTC accepts both traditional and non-traditional credit for equivalency to BTC courses on a case-by-case basis. Contact Admissions at admissions@btc.edu or call 360.752.8345.

Learn more: www.btc.edu/Transfers

*Wage & Employment Data Sources

Earning potential: Washington State Employment Security Department 2021 Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates (esd.wa.gov) reflect 2018–21 employment; average annual wage reflects the 50th percentile, and earning potential reflects the 75th percentile of annual wages across Washington state.

Employment data come from the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and reflect WA/OR employment for students enrolled in BTC between 2017-18 and 2019-20.

Dental Assisting

Dental Assisting Certificate of Completion

Program Length: 2 quarters

Choose BTC's Dental Assisting program to train for a position as a dental assistant. Learn how to provide quality patient care and perform office duties and lab work, while working alongside dentists as they examine and treat their patients. With a certificate in Dental Assisting students are eligible to become a registered Dental Assistant in Washington state.

Graduates will find employment opportunities with dental, orthodontic, and periodontal offices, as well as hospitals, public health departments, or clinics.



*About 92% of BTC's Dental Assisting students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is \$46,634, with an earning potential of about \$48,485 per year.**

Dental Hygiene

Associate of Applied Science – Transfer Degree

Program Length: 7 quarters

After Completion of General Education Courses

If you are interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare industry as a dental hygienist, then look into BTC's Dental Hygiene program. You'll learn the clinical skills and core professional values needed to launch a rewarding career in private and public settings, such as dental offices and public health clinics. With an associate degree in Dental Hygiene you will qualify for all national and regional examinations required to practice as a Registered Dental Hygienist in Washington state.

Dental hygiene students learn under the supervision of licensed dentists and dental hygienists on state-of-the-art equipment in BTC's on-campus dental clinic. Program graduates are well-positioned for employment with the hands-on clinical experience employers need today.



CODA*
Commission on Dental Accreditation

*About 99% of BTC's Dental Hygiene students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is \$92,144, with an earning potential of about \$101,587 per year.**



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*You've never shied away from a challenge, but the idea of a college degree always seemed out of reach. At BTC, you found affordable technical education to launch your career, with high wages and the flexibility to take you where you want to go. **FORGE YOUR OWN PATH. BE YOU.***



Bellingham TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate of Completion

Program Length: 1 quarter

If you'd like a career in a diverse, highly specialized division of the medical field, then you should consider the Emergency Medical Technician Certificate at BTC. At the end of the training, you'll be qualified to take the National Registry of EMTs examination.

As a vital member of the emergency healthcare team, you'll learn to administer basic life support protocols to patients in pre-hospital and emergency settings. Employers who hire graduates from the EMT program include fire departments, ambulance services, hospitals, and certain industrial manufacturing firms.



Medical Administration

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Associate of Applied Science – Transfer Degree

Program Length: 6 quarters

Medical Office Support Certificate of Completion

Program Length: 3 quarters

Train for a career as a medical records and health information technician, or a billing and posting clerk, through BTC's Medical Administration program. Students will gain a broad base of knowledge in general office skills, along with the required background in medical insurance billing and coding procedures.

Program graduates typically work for hospitals, medical offices, insurance companies, extended care facilities, and home healthcare firms.



Radiologic Technology

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Associate of Applied Science – Transfer Degree

Program Length: 7 quarters

After Completion of General Education Courses

If you would enjoy working with people in a medical setting, you should check out the Radiologic Technology program at BTC!

Choose this program to prepare for a rewarding career as a radiologic technologist. You'll learn the latest technology used in the field and gain skills that are in demand at hospitals, imaging centers, and clinics. An associate degree at BTC prepares students for the national American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification examination and employment in Washington state.



*About 80% of BTC's Radiologic Technology students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is \$66,789, with an earning potential of about \$78,520 per year.**

Surgery Technology

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Associate of Applied Science – Transfer Degree

Program Length: 3 quarters

After Completion of General Education Courses

If you are interested in being a valuable part of surgery teams and working beside surgeons, nurses, and other medical professionals, you can train for an exciting career as a Surgery Technologist.

With BTC's high quality education and hands-on training, you'll gain the valuable skills needed now by hospitals, outpatient surgery centers, and dental surgery offices. An associate degree prepares students for registration as a Surgical Technologist in Washington state.



*About 83% of BTC's Surgery Technology students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is \$53,269, with an earning potential of about \$61,443 per year.**

Veterinary Technician

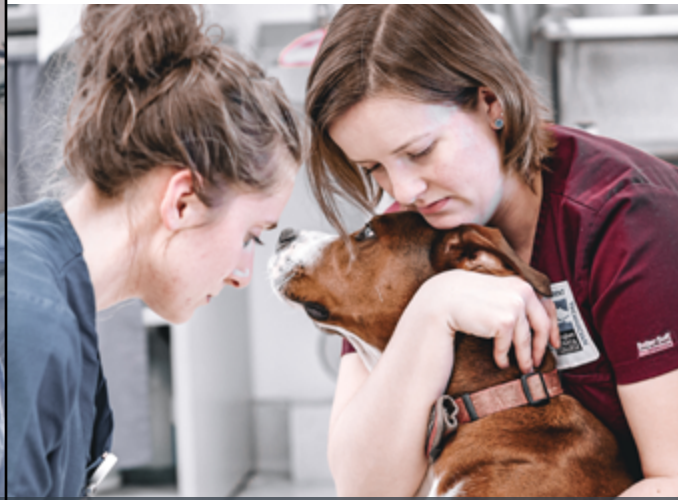
Associate of Applied Science – Transfer Degree

Program Length: 7 quarters

After Completion of General Education Courses

Turn your love of animals into a satisfying career! BTC's Veterinary Technology program is ideal if you have an aptitude for math and science and are interested in being a valuable part of the veterinary care team. You'll work with animals and their people in a job that is different every day.

With BTC's high quality education and hands-on training, you'll gain the valuable skills needed now by veterinary hospitals, surgery centers, specialty care providers, zoos, research labs, and other industry positions such as animal nutrition or pharmaceuticals. An associate degree prepares students to become licensed Veterinary Technicians in WA State.



*About 100% of BTC's Veterinary students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is \$47,008 with an earning potential of about \$48,526 per year.**



Find more information:

www.btc.edu/admissions

Admissions & Funding checklist:

www.btc.edu/admissionsteps

Apply to BTC

Apply at www.btc.edu/applyonline and get your ctcLink ID number.

Apply for Financial Aid

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if you are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.

<https://studentaid.gov>.

File the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) if you are not eligible to complete the FAFSA.

<https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa>

For other funding resources, visit:

www.btc.edu/financialresources

Assess Your Starting Point

Degree- and certificate-seeking students need to determine their math and English starting points.

BTC offers multiple options to determine where you start in those classes. Visit: www.btc.edu/assessment

Meet Your Navigator & Register for Classes

Students will meet with College Navigators for a mandatory GET Started appointment: navigate Goals, create an Education plan, become Tech ready, and register for classes.

Contact Admissions & Registration to schedule your appointment: admissions@btc.edu or call **360.752.8345**.

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