



Culinary Arts



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About Bellingham Technical College



Bellingham Technical College is a leading educational institution and the only technical college in northwest Washington State. BTC offers high-quality education in a supportive, student-first environment.

At our vibrant campus, conveniently located in the heart of Bellingham, we educate a diverse population of over 8,000 students in more than thirty associate degree and fifty certificate programs.

BTC students prepare for careers in many fields, from advanced manufacturing to accounting; process technology to precision machining; registered nursing to radiologic technology.

Our approach is high-tech, hands-on, and student-centered. Smaller classes mean your instructors really know you, and most programs are structured so you'll remain with your group throughout. At every step, you'll know that BTC faculty and staff are here to support you in pursuit of your goals.

Bellingham Technical College provides equal opportunity in education, employment and access to all persons. Inquiries regarding compliance with access, equal opportunity and/or grievance procedures should be directed to the Human Resources Office, Building A, Room A2, or call 360.752.8354 or 752.8515/TTY.

Culinary Arts at BTC

BTC's programs in Culinary Arts are ideal for students with a passion for food and pastry and an interest in the fast-growing food service industry.

You'll be taught by an award-winning faculty, and learn the skills you need to function as a professional in this fast-paced field. BTC's Culinary Arts program offers the highest quality culinary education available, and you can put yours to work in a wide range of restaurants, bakeries, pastry shops, schools and universities, hospitals, and catering companies.

The employment outlook for program graduates is very strong, and students can expect to earn excellent wages. Skilled workers in Culinary Arts are in high demand, with an average placement rate of 100% within nine months of graduation.*

By providing hands-on, high-tech training and solid academic instruction, we help our students reach their goals of high-wage careers, personal satisfaction, and employment stability.

In helping our students fulfill their potential, we also contribute to our community's economic development. BTC's administration collaborates with local industry, employers, and our state and local governments to determine the skills our workforce requires to keep the economy strong. Then, we develop programs around these local employer needs that will place our students in high-skill, high-wage jobs—right here in our community.

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES

BTC offers Associate of Applied Science -Transfer Degrees—so you can start your college education here at BTC, with the possibility for transferring to a four-year institution in our state or around the country.

Please see our website for complete information: **<http://www.btc.ctc.edu/StuServices/TransferOptions/TransferOptions.asp>**

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- Certificate of Completion
- Associate of Applied Science Degree
- Associate of Applied Science – Transfer Degree

Program Length: Approx. 3-7 quarters

If you grew up with a love of cooking and are now a Food Network fan, then BTC's Culinary Arts program may be just the one for you. Enter the exciting, fast-paced world of the food service industry through this program; then, launch your career wherever you want to go.

Culinary Arts program graduates prepare for careers as sous chefs, line, pantry and prep cooks, bakers, deli workers, food managers, and caterers. The nearly unlimited list of potential food service employers includes restaurants, hotels, catering companies, industrial cafeterias, hospitals, schools, bakeries, and pastry shops.

Culinary Arts graduates are in high demand. The average placement rate for program graduates is 100%, and mean starting wages for this field are around \$13 per hour, with an earning potential of approximately \$33 per hour.*

This program's entry points are typically fall and winter quarters. General education and program-specific classes are offered days, evenings, and online. Check our website for this program's specific class times.





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- Certificate of Completion

Program Length: Approx. 1-2 quarters

If your dreams are covered in chocolate and filled with ganache, then you should check out BTC's Pastry program! You'll learn the basics of food and beverage service, as well as specialty courses in breads, tarts, pies, desserts, and chocolates. You'll be well-prepared to mix up an exciting career as a pastry chef, baker, or caterer, for employers such as restaurants, hotels, catering companies, industrial cafeterias, hospitals, schools, bakeries, and pastry shops.

General education and program-specific classes are offered days, evenings, and online. Check our website for this program's specific class times.

Your Career Starts Here

Washington State will need almost 33,000 workers with one to two years of post high school training by 2012 to fill jobs like surgical technician, welder, auto mechanic, dental hygienist and accounting technician. Employers are having difficulty finding workers with the strong education and training they need.

90% of the nation's fastest growing jobs require some form of postsecondary education.***

Here at BTC, we are providing that education, so our students are ready with the skills employers want now.

www.btc.ctc.edu

Wage Source

* For details regarding BTC career wages and placement, visit www.btc.ctc.edu/careerservices . U.S. Department of Labor

** Sources: US Chamber of Commerce, Career & Technical Education, US Department of Labor; America's Forgotten Jobs: 200, EMSI's January 2009 Investment, Innovation, Impact study, www.workforceexplorer.com.

*** U.S. Department of Labor

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Getting Started at BTC

Admissions Office: College Services, Room 102

Ph. 360.752.8345 www.btc.ctc.edu/StuServices/Admissions

Career and Counseling Services

If you are unsure of your educational goals and would like assistance in career exploration contact the Counseling and Career Center at 360.752.8450.

Admission & Registration Steps

- 1 Fill out the Admissions Application form** and submit to admissions. There is no application fee. Some programs have additional admissions requirements. See our website for a complete list, or call 360.752.8345.
- 2 Take our Assessment Test**
All new BTC students seeking a degree or certificate must demonstrate their english and math proficiency level. Call Admissions & Advising to schedule an appointment at 360.752.8345.
- 3 Apply for Financial Aid**
Complete the Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA). See our website <http://www.btc.ctc.edu/StuServices/FinancialResources/FinancialAid.asp> for all financial aid steps.
- 4 Register**
To register visit <https://www.ctc.edu/~btcwts/wts/students/webreg/waci221.html>.
Students must register and pay tuition and fees by the due date specified on the College Calendar posted on the BTC website under *quicklinks*. For assistance email: registration@btc.ctc.edu or call 360.752.8350.
- 5 Pay Tuition and Fees**
Once registered, you will need to pay tuition and fees at <https://www.ctc.edu/~btcwts/wts/students/wccba/index.html> or at the cashier's window (College Services Building).
- 6 Attend a GET READY! Orientation**
Contact Admissions Outreach at 360.752.8483 for the GET READY! schedule.
- 7 Purchase Books**
Take your printed class schedule and the Bookstore staff will help find your required books.
- 8 Student ID Card**
Purchase your student ID card at the bookstore. You'll need a Student ID Card OR photo ID for certain registration transactions and when using the BTC library. Many local businesses offer student discounts with a student ID.

BTC Mission

Bellingham Technical College delivers superior professional technical education for today's needs and tomorrow's opportunities.

BTC Vision

Bellingham Technical College will be a recognized leader in providing innovative and effective technical education, creating options for career success, and developing a competitive workforce.



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