KEY FACTS (DATA FROM 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR. REFLECTS HEADCOUNT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.)

Year Founded
1940

Service Area
Pierce County

Legislative Districts
2, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

Highest Enrolled Programs
- Early Childhood Education
- Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology
- Practical Nurse
- Electrical Construction
- Fire Service
- Welding

Enrollment
Headcount (all sources) 7,166
FTES (all sources) 3,577
Headcount (state-funded) 5,895
FTES (state-funded) 3,049

Students in Selected Programs
- Apprentices 899
- I-BEST 388
- International 8
- Running Start 12
- Worker Retraining 330

STUDENT PROFILE — STATE-FUNDED

Type of Student
- Apprentices: 24%
- I-BEST: 7%
- International: 11%
- Running Start: 6%
- Worker Retraining: 52%

Attendance
- Full-time: 52%
- Part-time: 48%
- Workforce: 0%
- Other: 7%
- Education: 70%

Race/Ethnicity*
- African American: 10%
- Asian: 7%
- Hispanic/Latino: 11%
- Native American: 3%
- Pacific Islander: 2%
- Other, Multiracial: 1%
- White/Caucasian: 68%

Gender
- Female: 55%
- Male: 45%

Median Age: 32

Family and Finances
- Students receiving need-based financial aid in eligible programs: 38%
- Students who work: 52%
- Students with children: 50%

* May not add up to 100% because students may be counted in more than one race. Percentages calculated on reported value.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Apprenticeship Partnerships Prepare Students for High-Demand Careers
Bates Technical College’s close partnerships with a variety of apprenticeship programs and initiatives help connect students to careers that boost the local economy. The TOOL Center is a general construction 12-week pre-apprenticeship program that began as a WorkForce Central initiative formed in partnership with the college and the City of Tacoma. This program addresses a shortage of skilled workers in the construction industry. Bates is also affiliated with nine apprenticeship programs, ranging from the aerospace industry and firefighting to construction fields. As a partner in the first-ever Governor’s Youth Apprenticeship Program, the college helps high school students develop job-ready skills through paid on-the-job training and mentorship.

Breaking Ground on Health Care Facility, Building Partnerships
Bates will begin construction in 2019 on a new educational facility at its downtown campus designed to meet the growing demand for qualified health care employees in the South Sound. The health sciences and technology facility is expected to open in 2021. The Health Careers Collaborative is a partnership with the Tacoma School District, medical facilities and local higher education institutions, aimed at introducing high school students to health care-related careers as they work toward earning their diploma and securing transferable higher education credits.

Technical High School Program Connects Students with Hands-On Education
Located on the Tacoma campuses of Bates Technical College, Bates Technical High School offers a variety of programs to enable students to earn a high school diploma, jumpstart a college education, make up credits, and/or train for a career. Bates Technical High School is a full-time special purpose high school program accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools. This innovative program allows students to earn their high school diploma and an associate degree concurrently and tuition free.