Bellingham Technical College (BTC) provides student-centered, high quality professional-technical education for today’s needs and tomorrow’s opportunities. BTC is considered the go-to institution for relevant, effective education and well-trained employees. Our program advisory committees include representatives from industry, local employers and community members who share what the industry expects from its employees and trends in the workforce, so our training and curriculum reflect what students will face in the real world. Hands-on training means graduates are well-prepared to compete in the job market; 81 percent of BTC students are employed within nine months of graduation.

BTC students can prepare for careers in a myriad of fields. From advanced manufacturing to nursing, engineering to culinary arts, IT to veterinary technician, and fisheries to welding degrees — BTC has something for everyone. This includes two Bachelor of Applied Science degrees in Engineering Technology and Operations Management, and new AAS degrees in Business Management, Water & Wastewater Treatment and Cosmetology. The main campus is north of downtown Bellingham with classrooms, high-tech industry labs, and a variety of resources for students. Our off-site locations include the Technology Development Center (a partnership with the Port of Bellingham), the Perry Center for Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences, and our newly opened Railroad Center, home to BTC’s Cosmetology program and Corporate & Continuing Education department in the heart of downtown, adding a deepened connection to our community.

BTC’s extensive student support services include Workforce Funding support, a new financial literacy program called MoneySmarts, veterans priority registration and services, and quick turnaround financial aid processing. STAR and TRiO coaching programs provide one-on-one support services for students who are first generation, academically underprepared, low-income or who have a disability.