

2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 5, 12, 41, 45, 48

Overview

Bellevue College prepares students for what’s next in their lives — whether it’s pursuing a degree pathway, preparing for the academic rigor of a four-year university, advancing in a current career, or simply learning a new skill. With a record of innovation and national recognition for exemplary programs, BC enrolls nearly 20,000 students annually, awarding certificates, associate degrees, and a growing list of bachelor’s degrees in high-demand, specialized career fields. The main campus sits on 100 wooded acres located five miles from downtown Bellevue and ten miles from downtown Seattle.

Meet Florida Cishesa



Born in Bukavu, Ms. Cishesa left the Democratic Republic of Congo at the age of 16 to enroll in the International High School Completion Program at Bellevue College. During her time at BC, Ms. Cishesa volunteered for numerous on-campus organizations and was a 2022 All-Washington Academic Team winner. She served as the valedictorian for the Class of 2022 and received myriad scholarships. Ms. Cishesa is now

pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Legislative Priority: Expand Opportunity for Students and Employers

Fully funding our budget requests will have real returns for students like Florida Cishesa and for the communities and employers in our area. Students will learn from competitively-paid experts who choose to work at Bellevue College rather than pursue higher paying positions with private employers or K-12 schools. Our students will train for careers in robust workforce programs, with modern equipment and learning spaces that mirror their future work environments. We will be able to expand technology to bring a college education to more people in more ways, which is especially important for working adults. And, all our students will benefit from an inclusive environment where they are valued, supported and equipped to reach their goals.

Bellevue College will also receive funding to operate and maintain existing facilities.



Our Students

Total headcount.....	19,765
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	9,909
Full-time	46%
Part-time	54%
Students of color.....	57%

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$353 million is fully funded, Bellevue College will receive approximately \$11.7 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s request is fully funded, Bellevue College will receive approximately \$7,513,600 for operation, maintenance, infrastructure, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities.

