

2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 40, 42

Overview

Bellingham Technical College (BTC) has trained students for in-demand, high-paying careers for more than 60 years. We provide hands-on, industry-led instruction in programs such as advanced manufacturing, engineering, nursing and accounting. For example, BTC’s nursing and allied health programs are in high demand by students and by local, regional and state offices and facilities. BTC offers several pathways for students to enter the nursing profession: Associate degree in Nursing full- and part-time options; Nursing LPN to RN, Nursing Assistant and Practical Nursing.

Each year, about 3,790 students of all ages and backgrounds turn to BTC for education and training. Whether students are 16 or 60, just out of high school or working adults, our college prepares them for the next step up in life. As a technical college that serves a large number of lower-income students and students who are the first in their families to attend college, BTC is key to creating social and economic mobility for people throughout our region.

Meet Julián Adame Núñez



Julián and his family immigrated to the United States from Mexico. After serving in the military, Julián worked in the renewable energy field and eventually made the decision to enroll at Bellingham Technical College. Julián received Worker Retraining funding, joined TRIO, and began his Electrician AAS-T degree. Julián understands college has taught him he is capable of accomplishing anything and “There is honor in education.”

Legislative Priority: Expand Opportunity for Students and Employers

Fully funding our budget requests will have real returns for students like Julián Adame Núñez and for the communities and employers in our area. Students will learn from competitively-paid experts who choose to work at Bellingham Technical 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.



Our Students

Total headcount.....	3,784
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	1,723
Full-time	46%
Part-time	54%
Students of color.....	33%

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$353 million is fully funded, Bellingham Technical College will receive approximately \$2.9 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s request is fully funded, Bellingham Technical College will receive approximately \$4,509,000 for operation, maintenance, infrastructure, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities, \$17,359,000 for design and construction of the Engineering Technology Center - Bldg J replacement, and \$9,974,000 for design and construction of the Bldg A renovation and Bldg Y replacement.

