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Bristol Community College receives some of its funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is subsidized by state tax revenues. This means that students pay only a portion of the total cost of a BCC education.

TUITION AND COLLEGE FEES PER CREDIT HOUR

Massachusetts and nearby Rhode Island residents

Tuition	\$ 24/credit
College Fee	\$122/credit
Total	\$146/credit

Many nearby eastern Rhode Island residents pay in-state tuition and fee rates under the New England Regional Student Program. See *Admissions for details*.

The New England Regional Student Program allows out-of-state students from New England to enroll in BCC programs at in-state tuition if the public colleges and universities in the student's home state do not offer the program. In addition, the College accepts students for day classes from nearby eastern Rhode Island (Adamsville, Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Warren, RI) at in-state tuition rates. The Admissions office and the NERSP Web site at www.nebhe.org have additional information. Students enrolling in evening and weekend classes have no residency requirement and are charged the same cost per credit as in-state students.

All other students

Tuition	\$230/credit
College Fee	\$122/credit
Total	\$352/credit

Tuition is set by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.

The College Fee portion of the per credit charge is collected from all students and used to pay for general College operations not funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These include, but are not limited to, instructional computer equipment, educational supplies, audio-visual aids, library books, and laboratory supplies.

OTHER REQUIRED FEES

Student Support Fee **\$37/semester**
(non-refundable)

Registration deposit **\$ 50/year**
(non-refundable and applied to the total semester charge)

Registration deposit for students admitted to Nursing and Dental Hygiene Programs **\$200/year**
(non-refundable and applied to the total semester charge)

Student Health Insurance **\$823/year**
(non-refundable) (may be waived)

Insurance cost for the Spring semester is **\$564**

Mass PIRG (non-refundable) **\$ 9/semester**
(may be waived)

Application fee (non-refundable)

Massachusetts and nearby Rhode Island residents **\$10/one time**
Out-of-state residents **\$35/one time**

ADDITIONAL FEES AS REQUIRED

Instructional Support Fee

This fee is charged for courses with high personnel, technology, or materials costs. Courses that carry this fee are identified in the course description with

the sentence "Instructional Support Fee applies." Instructional Support Fee (only for those courses that carry it):

1 credit	\$ 9
2 credits	\$18
3 credits	\$27
4 credits	\$36
5 credits	\$45
6 credits	\$54
7 credits	\$63
8 credits	\$72
9 credits	\$81

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COSTS (approximate)

Clinical Laboratory Science	\$600
Culinary Arts	\$1,250
Dental Hygiene	\$2,000
Healthcare Information	\$500
Medical Assisting	\$400
Nursing	\$850
Phlebotomy	\$600
Occupational Therapy Assistant	\$800
Therapeutic Massage	\$500

Tuition may be modified by action of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education after publication of this catalog. Fees may be modified by the College Board of Trustees. Because of changing costs and/or state and legislative actions, adjustments may be required after publication of this catalog. Bristol Community College reserves the right to make these adjustments, and tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR A BCC EDUCATION

The table below gives you an idea of the actual cost of a BCC education for a Massachusetts resident taking 30 undergraduate credit hours over two semesters.

Full operating costs per student	\$7,500
Less State Operating Subsidy	\$5,069
Tuition and Mandatory Fees	\$3,885
Less Direct Student Aid (avg.)*	\$3,510
Average Net Charge to Student	\$2,806
Average Federal Tax Credit (Hope)	\$1,000
Net Student Cost	\$1,806

* includes tuition and fee waivers and directly-applied institution, state and federal financial aid.

POLICIES

Once a student registers, he/she is responsible for payment in full of all tuition and fee charges. Students must fulfill all financial obligations to the College. Overdue student accounts will be sufficient cause for administrative withdrawal from the College, and/or other administrative penalties by the College. Unpaid accounts will be referred for collection, and the student will bear all costs and charges incurred in the collection, and/or litigation.

The Massachusetts Health Insurance Law requires that all students enrolled in nine or more credits are required to have basic health insurance. By law, Bristol Community College automatically charges all students who are registered for nine or more credits with this health insurance fee. The annual fee may be waived

APPLY ON THE WEB

To get a fast response regarding your financial aid eligibility, go to www.BristolCC.edu/financial_aid/

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions about tuition and fees, contact the Student Accounts Office at ext. 2160.

before school begins (usually when you register), documenting comparable health insurance coverage. You must complete the waiver online at www.University-HealthPlans.com; click on Massachusetts Community Colleges; click on Bristol Community College; click on Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan. The waiver form is listed on the left. A waiver must be complete in order for this charge to be removed from the student's account and the online waiver is the only accepted method to waive coverage.

Students purchase their own textbooks, materials, and supplies, all available at the College Bookstore. Students should estimate transportation and food costs in calculating their expenses for the year.

A financial statement of the College is available in the Administration office.

REFUND POLICY FOR STUDENTS WITHDRAWING FROM ALL CREDIT COURSES

Students must follow College withdrawal procedures to receive a refund. See the "Withdrawal Policy" in the Academic Information section of this catalog.

Tuition refunds for all credit courses are as follows:

- If a student withdraws from the College prior to the beginning of classes or during the first two weeks of classes, the student will receive a 100 percent refund less the \$37 non-refundable student support fee.
- If a student withdraws from the College during the third week of classes, the student will receive a 50 percent refund of all charges less the \$37 non-refundable student support fee.
- If a student withdraws after the third week of classes, there will be no tuition or college fee refunds.

REFUND POLICY FOR STUDENTS NOT COMPLETELY WITHDRAWING FROM ALL CREDIT COURSES

If a student withdraws from a course(s) prior to the beginning of classes or during the first two weeks of classes, the student will receive a 100 percent refund for the credits from which s/he withdraws. If a student withdraws from a course(s) during the third week of classes, the student will receive a 50 percent refund for the credits from which s/he withdraws. If the student withdraws from a course(s) after the first three weeks of classes there will be no refund. *It takes 4 to 6 weeks for the refund to process.*

TUITION EXEMPTIONS

Completed waiver applications must be submitted at the time of registration. For any waiver, the appropriate waiver forms must be presented at the time of registration. No refunds are given if eligibility forms are submitted late. Tuition waivers cannot be used for credit by examination, directed study or contract learning. [Waiver may not be used for ed2go classes, the noncredit Paralegal course, or the credit Medical Billing and Coding Program.]

National Guard

Active members of the Massachusetts Army or Air National Guard are eligible for a full tuition and fee waiver. This waiver applies to all qualified students, full- and part-time, and for all credit and certificate courses up to a maximum of 130 semester credit hours per student. Eligible students must present a valid (bearing a raised seal) Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Military Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

State Employee waiver

At the time of registration a student must present a completed Tuition Remission Authorization form with appropriate signatures. Any additional charges must be paid at registration. Billing is unavailable.

Senior citizen waiver

Students age 60 and older who are Massachusetts residents are eligible for a tuition waiver. All other fees must be paid at registration. Billing is unavailable. Senior citizen waivers are accepted one week before classes begin on a space available basis only. No late fee is charged. Waiver may not be used for Workforce Development courses.

Veteran Waiver

Veterans who are Massachusetts residents may be eligible for a tuition waiver. Those eligible must submit form DD-214 (long form) for review and approval prior to registering. Waiver is for credit courses only. For more information, please call the Enrollment Center.

THIRD-PARTY PAYMENT

Students whose courses will be paid by a third party such as their employer, an agency, or military branch must submit the appropriate documentation or authorizing letters prior to, or at the time of, registration. (Note: Students who will receive reimbursement contingent upon completion of their course must pay in full at the time of registration.)

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP (EDUCATION TAX CREDIT)

Students enrolled in six credits or more in the first two years of an undergraduate program day or evening are eligible for the Hope Scholarship, a federal tax credit. Students pay for their tuition and fees, and then can claim a tax credit against their tax liability. Students may take a credit of 100 percent of the first \$1,000, and 50 percent of the next \$1,000, for a maximum in any tax year of \$1,500. Students are eligible for the credit for two years. The Financial Aid Office and Student Accounts Office (formerly the Bursar's office) have more information on this tax credit, but for specific information consult a tax advisor.