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} changes the world by changing lives,
} learner by learner

– *vision statement*

} All future students are encouraged to visit
} Bristol Community College.

Here's how:

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BCC main number 508.678.2811

Contact the Office of Admissions

To take a campus tour or attend an information session, contact Admissions or call 508.678.2811, ext. 2947, or visit us at www.BristolCC.edu/admissions

Campus Tours

Visit BCC to learn more about us. We offer scheduled campus tours and Information Sessions throughout the year. Check out our new state-of-the-art classrooms, visit our computer labs, beautiful arts center, engineering labs, fitness center, and scenic half-mile walking path around our on-campus pond. Come learn about the opportunities we offer students. Campus tours provide a thorough guided tour of our classrooms and facilities as well as an opportunity to learn more about the admissions process.

Information sessions are hosted by our Admissions staff and provide an overview of the College and our many degree and certificate programs. We encourage you to bring your questions. To take a campus tour or attend an information session, contact Admissions or call 508.678.2811, ext. 2947.

Web site

Visit Bristol Community College at our website, www.BristolCC.edu.

Office of Disability Services

If you need accommodations to access college events, please contact Sue.Boissoneault@bristolcc.edu BCC Office of Disability Services at 508.678.2811, ext. 2955. Room B104.

If you need an ASL interpreter, CART or ALD, please contact julie.jodoin@bristolcc.edu at ext. 2568 or VP 508.689.7616.

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Invest in You, Improved.

Concerned about your future in our dramatically changing world?

The best way to weather the uncertainty ahead is to make a great investment in yourself.

As you think about your future, consider what a college education can do. You can gain the tools you need to withstand an uncertain economy and chart a bright, successful road ahead.

Yes, college can be expensive. It costs money and time and energy.

Is it worth it?

Absolutely. Statistically, those with a two-year degree earn an average of \$400,000* more in a lifetime than those with only a high school diploma.

- An education makes you more marketable, more employable, more flexible, more able to weather economic cycles, and helps you keep learning and growing.
- A good college education makes you think and challenge the status quo.
- With a good college education, you can change the world.

How's that for return on investment?

It's your education. Do it on your own terms.

You want the education but you don't want to be saddled with student loans. *No problem.*

That's where Bristol Community College comes in. At Bristol Community College, you can earn an education in a way that works for you. You don't have to mortgage your future to get it.

Take time to consider why so many students just like you come to Bristol Community College. That place nearby, the one you've heard about, can lead to... *You, Improved!*



What can you find at Bristol Community College?

Opportunity

Find the tools you need to make a great future. Compare our resources, our faculty, and our services to those of other colleges – there's no better choice for getting started and getting ahead. Students of all abilities can find their way at BCC.

Affordable costs

We've all heard the stories on the news about the high cost of education. Well, not at Bristol Community College! This year, a full-time (30 credits) course load at BCC costs about \$4,600. Compare that to other public or private colleges. You'd save a lot of money by spending your first two years of a four-year degree at BCC. Major magazines, including U.S. News and World Report and Fortune, say that community colleges are the best way to get the most for your college tuition.

The path to transfer

Earn the first two years of a four-year degree at Bristol Community College, and you are likely to find yourself actively recruited by great colleges and universities. Students who earned an associate degree at Bristol have transferred to such institutions as Brown University, Northeastern University, University of Massachusetts, Bridgewater

State College, Bryant University, Wellesley College, Roger Williams University, Boston University, New York University, Providence College, and many others. Many colleges offer special scholarships and financial aid for community college graduates.

You...Make it happen at Bristol Community College.

More and more high-achieving students find Bristol Community College a great choice. For these competitive students we have an active Commonwealth Honors Program, where students build one-on-one mentoring relationships with faculty, and the Presidential Scholars program that helps connect transfer students to selective colleges.

If you have dreamed about college but think it can't be done, take a look at BCC. It will be hard work – possibly the greatest challenge you've ever faced.

**Our students demonstrate
that it's all worthwhile.**

*U.S. Census Data



Facilities for learning

BCC offers students access to some of the most modern equipment and resources available.

The Fall River Campus includes these nine buildings:

The Margaret L. Jackson Arts Center

With the professionally-equipped, 700-seat theater, complete with dressing rooms, a scene shop, and costume and makeup rooms, the Jackson Arts center also features art studios, a graphic design computer lab, and exhibit space. The Grimshaw-Gudewicz Art Gallery is also located here, offering public art exhibits of many types. In the College's television studio and post-production facility, students in the College's Communication program use the professional three-camera studio, digital portable cameras, and digital editing workstations. The facility is also headquarters for Greater Fall River Public Access Television, where students learn production. Free wireless Internet is available.

The Commonwealth College Center

The Lash Enrollment Center is located here, housing Admissions, Advisement, Counseling, Financial Aid, Health Services, Placement Testing, Registration, Records, and Student Accounts. Student offices, the BCC Bookstore, Fitness Center, Student Engagement office, cafeteria and lounge are also here. Free wireless access is also available.

The Siegel Health Technologies Building

Health Sciences programs are based here, with the BCC Child Care Center, Nursing lab, Occupational Therapy Assisting lab, Dental Hygiene clinic, a massage clinic, and College snack bar.

The Robert F. Stoico/FIRSTFED Business Technologies Building

Free wireless access is here for your use. Find a 60-station open computer lab for student use and a computer help desk for any computer-related problem. Six networked computer labs for business, office administration, and computer information systems, including a full multimedia learning lab, are here.

The Eileen T. Farley Learning Resources Center

The Eileen T. Farley Learning Resources Center houses the Fall River Campus Library, the Lash Center for Teaching and Learning, Information Technology Services, eLearning and the Center for Instruction Technology Expertise. The Rodgers Cyber Café is a warm, comfortable lounge with free wireless access and refreshments available for purchase.

The Engineering Building

Access computer integrated manufacturing, soil, hydraulics, and pneumatics labs, computer-aided design (CAD) stations, and a robotics lab are all based here. Academic support programs in the Center for Developmental Education are also located here, including the Tutoring and Academic Support Center (TASC) and Office of Disability Services (ODS), and the Writing Center.

The Hudnall Administration Building

Administrative offices, including the BCC Foundation and Campus Security, are found here.

The Science Building

Physics, chemistry, and biology labs, the Koppelman Greenhouse, the planetarium, and aquaculture lab are available to students here.

The Mathematics and Science Building

This building houses dedicated science labs, a multidisciplinary computer lab, environmental technology learning center, community services, and an interactive lecture hall.



The New Bedford Campus

This Campus offers a comprehensive collection of day, evening, and weekend classes and services to support student success.

The space in the former Star Store offers classrooms, two multidisciplinary computer labs, a science lab, and a library learning commons on a Campus center conveniently located near public transportation and public parking in downtown New Bedford. In addition, state-of-the-art learning spaces are available at the eHealthCareers space. Free tutoring and academic, career, and transfer counseling are available to students.

BCC at Attleboro

This Center offers day and evening classes. Located in downtown Attleboro, the newly renovated site is handicap accessible, with ample and convenient parking space. All classrooms are SMART classrooms, with biology, chemistry, and health labs. Other campus facilities include a library, auditorium, cafeteria, bookstore, and conference room. The Center also includes faculty offices and a combined tutoring center and writing lab. Students receive full academic support services, including academic, career, and personal counseling with small classes and personal attention.

Satellites

Evening classes are held in centers at The Friedman Middle School in Taunton and Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.



New Bedford Community College



The Faculty

Fellow learners committed to teaching

Learning is at the heart of all we do. That love of learning is led by a faculty with advanced degrees and professional experience that translate into real-life preparation for your future. And while their credentials alone make them impressive, it is their commitment to teaching and to the community college student that really sets them apart.

BCC faculty includes published playwrights, business consultants, working artists, active healthcare providers, and many others – professionals who are admired for their expertise. They teach at Bristol Community College because they want to share with you all that they have learned to prepare you for a satisfying future.

Keeping pace with technology

The College's high-tech labs and courses stay up-to-date with the rapidly changing environment. Ample on-campus computer facilities, updated science labs, wireless access, SMART classrooms, and the latest in teaching technology are just some ways that BCC helps you to take maximum advantage of technology's power. Technology also enables you to take courses from wherever you are. We have eLearning courses where you can learn via the Web and experience individualized, student-centered instruction. See eLearning elsewhere in this catalog.





The Eileen T. Farley Learning Resources Center

Library Services

Comprehensive library services are available at three campus locations including Fall River, New Bedford, and Attleboro. Located in the center of the Fall River Campus, the Farley Learning Resources Center houses the library on the first floor and is the central repository of the College's print and media collections. The New Bedford Campus Library Learning Commons is located in Room 168 and the Attleboro Center Library is located in Room 107. BCC Libraries provide access to an extensive collection of print and electronic resources which can be accessed from the Library home page.

Resources

- The Fall River Library has over 60,000 print titles and over 400 journals and newspapers. Resources from the Fall River Library are sent to the Attleboro and New Bedford Campuses via campus mail.
- Access to over 22,000 electronic books.
- Access to over 15,000 videotapes, CDs, and DVDs.
- Extensive collections of print and electronic reference resources are available at all three campus libraries.
- More than three million titles are available through the SAILS online library network and can be requested from all three campus libraries.
- Access to 75 databases covering a wide range of disciplines.
- The College Archive houses works by faculty and staff, College publications, and the Lizzie Borden Collection.
- Public workstations and wireless Internet access are available at the three library locations.
- Media equipment including voice recorders, laptops, graphic calculators, and headphones are available for student use.
- The Fall River Library houses the Rodgers Cyber Café which provides refreshments and lounge space for studying, relaxing, or meeting with work groups.

Services

- Individual assistance with research and academic assignments from professional librarians is available at all three campus libraries.
- Circulation services and course reserves are available at all three campus libraries.
- Information Literacy Instruction sessions are available on request.
- Reference services are available by phone, chat, and email.
- Inter-library loan services provide students and faculty access to resources from other state and national libraries.
- Remote access to electronic resources is available for databases and eBooks.





The Tutoring and Academic Support Center

Extra support when you need it

Located in the Engineering building at the Fall River Campus, the TASC provides tutoring for almost every College course and training in general study skills. Tutoring and learning resources are also offered at the New Bedford Campus and the Attleboro Center. Academic computing labs can be found for every major discipline and give students access to the technology they need to master their material. Technology stays up-to-date, and generous lab hours offer students ample access. Every student receives a free email address for personal and academic use.

Learning made real

Classroom learning is infused with practical experience that prepares you for your next step after BCC. Programs incorporate real-time learning experiences, whether you're working with a local business to develop a Web site, preparing a marketing proposal, practicing clinical skills, or whatever you can imagine. In most programs you can take advantage of internships, field placements, and optional Cooperative Education positions where you earn wages and credit toward your degree and experience toward your résumé. The College's Service-Learning program also gives you opportunity to earn class credit for meaningful community experiences that help you and others.

After BCC

As much as you'll enjoy your time with us, we know you're preparing to move on. From the moment you step on campus, we'll work with you to plan your next step. With a broad range of student services in financial aid, academic advisement, career planning, transfer counseling, and job placement, we can help you plan your career at BCC to best support your goals—or to help you figure out what those goals should be.

Making a smart choice

Still have questions or concerns?

Come talk to us.

Make the choice that leads to You, Improved.

