

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT VIII
Bellevue Community College
Bellevue, Washington**

OVERVIEW

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education offers a wide array of opportunities for the lifelong learner. Classes are designed to meet the needs of working professionals, developing businesses, technology enthusiasts, retirees, and casual learners seeking personal enrichment. As practitioners in their respective fields, BC Continuing Education instructors bring valuable experience and expertise to the classroom. Instruction options range from three-hour workshops to ten-week classes with new offerings starting throughout the quarter. There is a class or certificate path to suit virtually every interest and scheduling requirement.

Bruce Riveland will provide an overview of Continuing Education program offerings, the evolution toward a focus on more workforce certificate programs, adapting to the gen x audience and the related shift in market position

Prepared by Bruce Riveland
Dean of Continuing Education
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Health Sciences Education and Wellness Institute

The Health Sciences Education and Wellness Institute (HSEWI) at Bellevue College offers a diverse array of programs and course offerings. Programs, classes, and workshops provide instruction and preparation for licensing and certifying examinations, and for expanding knowledge and skills in the changing healthcare fields.

Sheryl Berman will provide an overview of the HSEWI, including the programs, certificates and degrees offered.

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Executive Director of the Health Sciences Education and Wellness Institute
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FINANCIAL AID

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) approved new tuition rates at their May 6, 2009 meeting. These increases were adopted by the BC Board of Trustees at its May 20 meeting and are reflected in the Bellevue College 2009-10 budget being presented for approval today.

The new rates include a seven percent tuition increase for lower division resident students. Lower division nonresident rates are raised by the same dollar amounts as resident student rates. Upper division applied baccalaureate tuition rates were increased by 14 percent for both resident and non-resident students.

A seven percent tuition increase will cost a full time resident student an additional \$191 a year. A fourteen percent tuition increase would cost a full time resident upper division student an additional \$653 a year.

The Board of Trustees and college staff are very concerned about the impact of increased tuition rates and the Board has requested additional information concerning the availability of financial aid for BC students.

Increased financial aid from state and federal sources could offset some of the impact on the students. The federal government has increased the maximum Pell grant by \$619 per year next year, from the current \$4,731 to \$5,350 in 2009-10 and to \$5500 for 2010-11. In addition, a new federal tax credit will help reduce educational costs for low income students who do not receive Pell grants.

The 2009-11 operating budget bill adopted by the Legislature increases the State Need Grant to keep pace with tuition increases, and retains eligibility for students/families whose incomes are at or below 70% of median family income (\$52,500 for a family of four).

Rachel Solemsaas and Sherri Ballantyne will brief the board on the College's financial aid and waiver activities and how well they address BC student need. .

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