



BC deals on ORCA Cards

Interested in a convenient way to travel to and from campus? Want to head into downtown Seattle for a Seahawks game and not worry about parking? Try taking public transit!

Bellevue College offers deals on ORCA cards to students, faculty, and staff. These cards work on King County Metro, Sound Transit, Community Transit, the Link Light Rail, the West Seattle Water Taxi and more!

Students get double their money back when purchasing an ORCA card through Bellevue College. Pay \$60 and receive \$120 or pay \$120 and receive \$240. Students who are eligible can purchase one ORCA card per quarter. Get started by filling out the application form. ORCA cards can be picked up at the Cashier's Office in the U Building (U107).

Eligible staff and faculty can purchase an unlimited ORCA card for just \$101.50 a year. To check eligibility and get started, please contact payroll@bellevuecollege.edu

Please visit: bellevuecollege.edu/location/bus/ for more information and resources on public transit for Bellevue College or email transportation@bellevuecollege.edu with any questions.

Fall Sustainability Series 2022

The Fall sustainability Series will be back for Fall Quarter 2022. This is an annual series that helps foster a sustainability community at the beginning of each school year. There will be a handful of events scheduled October through December. All events are open to students, staff, and faculty. If you have an idea for a speaker, workshop, activity, etc. please reach out to us at sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu

A full lineup of events will be posted on the Office of Sustainability's social media and website as well as in the BC FYI Email Newsletter!





All Youth Ride Transit for FREE!

BIG NEWS! Starting September 1st, everyone 18 and younger rides transit for free! If you fall into this age category, you no longer need to purchase an ORCA card to ride transit, just show an ID to the driver or tap a current youth ORCA card at no charge (if you have neither of these, you can still ride for free!). Any Youth ORCA card issued by BC during the 2021-22 academic year will continue to work through June 30, 2023. You can register that card at freeyouthtransitpass.com for free rides. On July 1st 2023, youth riders can sign up to receive an official youth transit pass that allows them to tap a card—or eventually their smartphone—to access transit across the region for free.

This change is permanent and was made possible by Move Ahead Washington, a statewide transportation funding package.

For more information visit: <https://info.myorca.com/youth-ride-free/>

CTR Survey

Did you know Bellevue College must comply with Washington State's Commute Trip Reduction law? CTR law was adopted in 1991 and incorporated into the Washington Clean Air Act as RCW 70.94.521 through 70.94.551. The intent of the CTR law is to reduce automobile-related air pollution, traffic congestion, and energy use through employer-based programs that encourage the use of alternative transportation during peak traffic hours. Overall, this law helps Bellevue College reduce single occupancy commuting which is the largest source of Greenhouse gas emissions every year at the college.

As part of this law, Bellevue College must administer commute trip reduction surveys every other year to measure vehicle miles traveled and the mode choices of staff and faculty. WSDOT and King County use these survey results to report on collective progress toward drive-alone and vehicle miles traveled reduction targets. This survey not only has impacts at the state level, but the Office of Sustainability uses the results for GHG reporting and guiding decisions regarding BC's commute benefits and transportation initiatives.

Bellevue College is required to have at least 70% of employees complete the survey, so please do your part to help us reach this mandate! The survey will be going out via email and BC FYI on October 3rd and will stay open until the end of the day on October 17th.





Student Housing Moveout

At the end of the school year many students packed up and moved out of housing. Sometimes residents can't take everything with them and so for those items left behind, we run a donation program!

In housing, the 2nd floor lounge is a donation room where residents can leave items they no longer want or take items they can use. The program overall encourages residents to not trash their unwanted items, but instead give them a second life and reduce the amount of items sent to the landfill, while helping others in need.

This year we saved over 800 pounds from the landfill! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Have a Project Idea to Implement on Campus?

The Student Environment Sustainability Fund (SESF) provides students, faculty, and staff a means to enhance Bellevue College's sustainability efforts and create positive social and environmental change on campus.

Fill out the paper work and present to the SESF committee for the opportunity to get your project funded!

Get started here: bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf

Sustainability Tips

Stop the Block!

Keep the areas clean and clear in front of baseboard and wall heaters, room registers and return air grills. Furnishings, curtains or other objects can block airflow and diminish performance.



Let's Seal the Deal!

Fill, patch or caulk holes in floors and ceilings connected to unheated spaces. Often, large holes can be found in closets. Weather strip or temporarily seal access doors or hatches leading to unheated upper floors or attics.

Be In the Know!

Keep an eye out for the Office of Sustainability's future events, initiatives, and resources through BC's daily FYI Digest, our website and social media.

For any questions feel free to email us! sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu



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