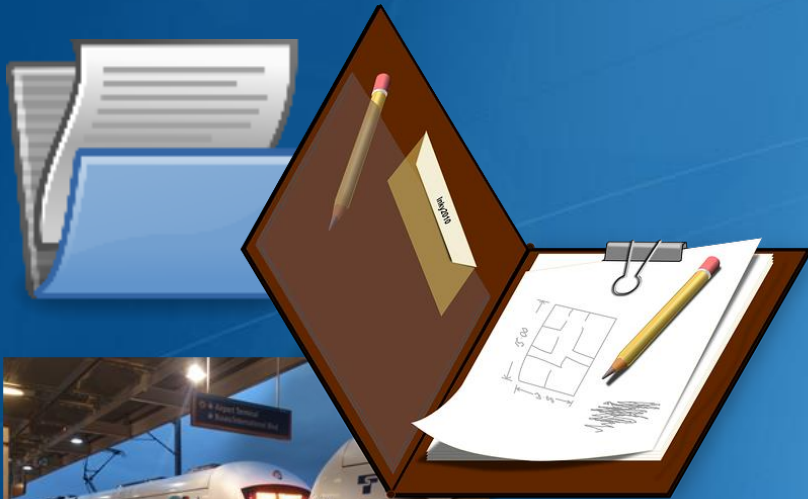# BELLEVUE COLLEGE

6 **Other Recommended Documentation and Transportation**

Other Recommended Documentation to Bring with You to the US

- Did you attend at an accredited college/university at your home country or other country?

If YES, see next step

- Did you earn any college/university-level credits at that school?

If YES, see next step

- Do you want to have your transcript reviewed and evaluated? (e.g., you might be able to get some credits transferred)

Bring your college/university official transcript

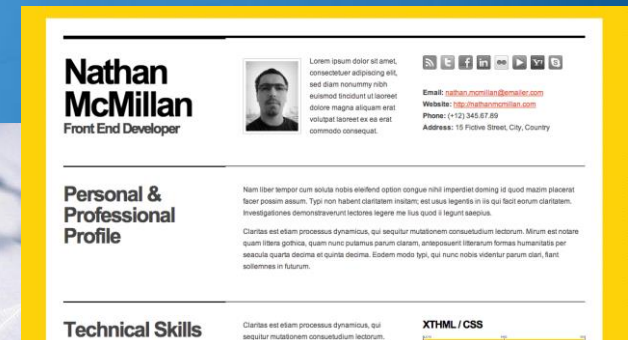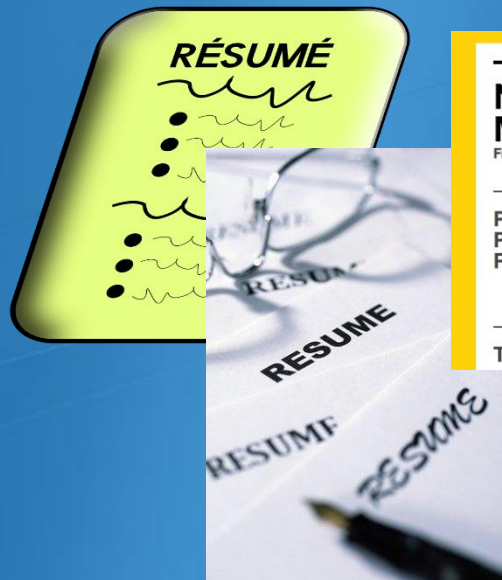# Other Recommended Documentation *(Cont'd)*

- **Official College/University Transcripts:**
  - Bring several sets of official transcripts (i.e., report cards)
  - Transcript must be in English and in a <u>sealed</u> envelope
  - Bring the Course Description (in English) of each course you took at the college/university
  - Upon enrollment at BC, you can discuss with your OIE advisor and request an evaluation for transfer credits
  - **Notes:** The Credit Evaluation process might take up to 3 or 4 months. It is strongly recommended to start your request (if you decide to do so) as soon as possible during your first quarter in the College program at BC.

- No need to bring Official College/University transcript(s) if you have not attended a college or do not wish to transfer credits from another college/university.

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Other Recommended Documentation *(Cont'd)*

- **Résumé and Recommendation Letters**
  - Bring several sets of recommendation letters and résumés in English → *you may need these when you are eligible to do an internship or work on-campus.*

Documentation to Bring to Orientation

Passport and Visa

I-20 form

- A complete local address, telephone number, and emergency contact information.
- Any updated admission documents (e.g. proof of high school graduation, final O-level test results, etc.)

Transportation – Driving a Car

If You Plan to Drive a Car while in the U.S.

- First thing you need is to have a valid Driver's License. You have 2 options:
  - Get an **International** Driver's License BEFORE you leave your home country.

  OR

  - Apply for a Washington State Driver's License AFTER the second week of your first quarter at BC.

    → More details about *How-To Get a Washington State Driver's License* will be given at the Orientation.

- Secondly, you need to pay for a Parking Permit from BC to park your car at the BC campus.
  - BC parking information may be found here: http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/publicsafety/parking/

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Transportation – Riding a Bike

If You Ride a Bicycle (or Bike) to Bellevue College

- Bicycle (or bike) parking across campus is free
- Fixit Repair Station is at the Parking garage
- Free lockers and showers are available in the Gym (G Building)
- BC Campus Bicycle Parking Map information may be found here: http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/location/maps/alternative/

Click it to enlarge the map
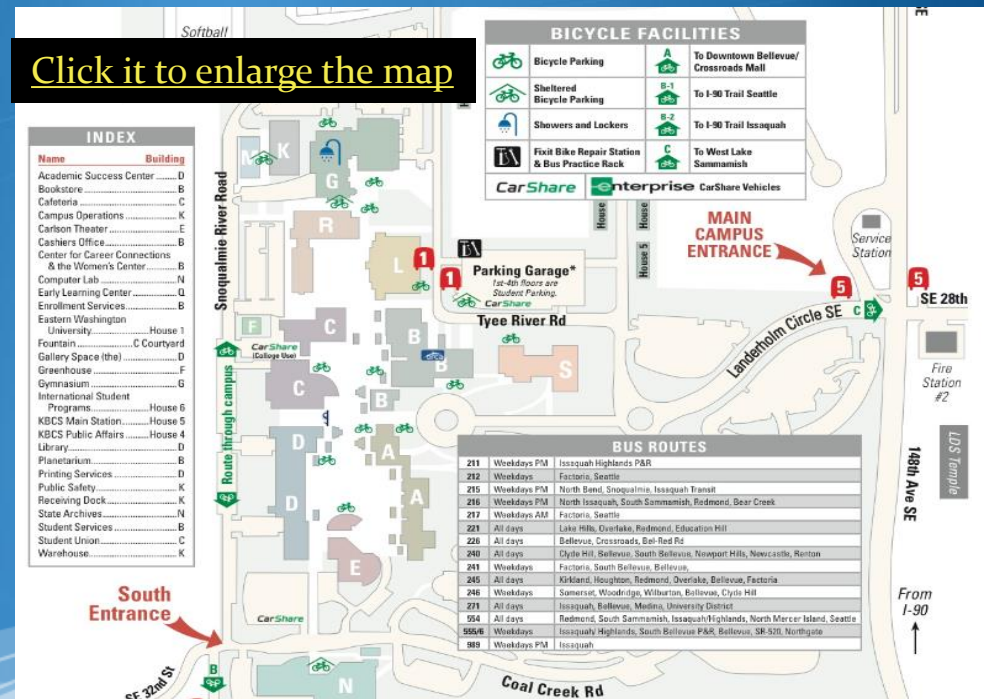
Transportation – Taking the Bus

If You Take a Metro Bus to Bellevue College

- You can purchase a BC Student ORCA card at the Cashier's Office after you register for your classes. Check out the following information for more details of how the ORCA card works:
  - [Read instructions](#) (PDF)
  - [Troubleshooting Guide](#) (PDF)
- Check the [Bellevue College Bus and Bicycle Map](#) for all bus lines running throughout the area
- If you aren't sure which route fits your needs, check out these tools:
  - **Trip Planners** let you plan your trip based on where you need to be and when.

    Hint: Enter both "Bellevue College" and "Eastgate" as your destination.

  - **The List of Bus Routes** serving Eastgate Neighborhood, home of Bellevue College, is the best place to find route maps and schedules.
  - **One Bus Away** (available online or on a smartphone) updates you with real-time bus arrival data, so you never miss a bus or waste time waiting.
- More detailed information about the ORCA card will be given at the Orientation

That's it!
You're now well prepared and ready to start your adventure in the US!

If you still have any questions, please contact
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SEE YOU AT ORIENTATION!!!

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