

Why Choose Bellevue College

Established in 1966, Bellevue College (BC) is the largest college and the third largest higher education institution in Washington State. BC offers intensive English program (ESL), transfer associate degree programs, International High School Completion Programs (IHSC), prof/tech associate degree programs, bachelor's programs, certificate programs.

LOCATION

Bellevue, WA is located within a 15 min. drive to Downtown Seattle, surrounded by iconic corporations such as Microsoft, Expedia, T-Mobile and Amazon.

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

High transfer rates to University of Washington and Washington State University, as well as to TOP universities throughout the US, including Columbia, Cornell, Purdue, Berkeley, UCLA and many others.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

International students have numerous opportunities to develop leadership skills by getting involved in student clubs, programs and on-campus employment, and can contribute to the diversity and multiculturalism of BC by becoming peer-mentors or Global Leaders.



Summer Greetings from Bellevue College

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Small classes, dedicated faculty committed to student success, and rich student resources and services including free tutoring, personal counseling services, and comprehensive career resources.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

Comprehensive support by International Education, from admission to extracurricular activities and cultural adjustment as well as individual advising on immigration and academic issues by experienced international advisors.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline for Fall Quarter

- Outside US - August 10
- Already in the US - September 4

New Student Orientation for Fall Quarter

- Credit & IHSC - September 10
- ESL & Bridge - September 14

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MEET THE RECRUITMENT TEAM



Lei He, Assistant Director of International Recruitment

Lei He serves as Assistant Director of International Recruitment and head of the recruitment team. He holds an LLM degree from University of Groningen in the Netherlands and worked in China for 16 years before moving to the US. Lei worked in recruitment, school partnership and student advising at a variety of private education companies and colleges throughout the US and traveled in 10+ countries for recruitment. Lei supervises the operation of the recruitment team and covers China (mainland), Taiwan and Mongolia directly.



Beata Anderson, International Recruiter

Beata Anderson is an International Recruiter in the International Education Department at Bellevue College. She focuses on markets in Europe, South America, Africa and Canada. She is originally from Poland and moved to the United States in her early adulthood. First, she lived in Chicago, Illinois before moving to Eugene, Oregon. She now lives in the greater Seattle area.

Beata holds a bachelor's degree of Arts in General Social Science from University of Oregon and is pursuing a master's degree in Adult and Higher Education from Oregon State University. Beata has worked in higher education for ten years and enjoys helping students succeed. She has experience working at different types of institutions, including private and public universities as well as community and four-year colleges. Beata loves to travel, and she has been to different parts of the world including Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Germany, United Kingdom, Philippines, Vietnam and Canada. In her free time Beata likes to read, dance and learn new things.



Sandra Bonifield, International Recruiter

From the far-off land of mystery, spices and Java, I came to the land of avocados and strawberries in search of a good eggs benedict-- and of course to pursue my MA degree at Monterey Institute of International Studies. Little did I know, this decision would completely change the course of my life that I had intended. I met my special someone and moved to a cheerfully bright and rainy place known as Seattle.

We live the American dream, in a house with white picket fence, a son and a daughter and pets. Our yards are full of fruit trees and sweet-smelling flowers - all thanks to my husband's green thumb! Our family loves to travel, and we have taken the kids with us to many countries. My husband and I have gone to school or worked in Singapore, China, France, South Korea and Finland; I leave you to guess who did what.

Weekends in my house are filled with music, laughter, fun and are spent promoting Indonesian Culture through the nonprofit association of which I am the head.

I just love working with international students - there is never a dull moment. It is a very rewarding experience to see the transformation of a shy international student into an outgoing, active and successful one.

The Overseas Online Program for Accepted Students

Starting in Summer 2020, International Education allows qualified new students to take one course online/remotely prior to their arrival in the US as a BC F-1 student.

Students can take one, 5-credit course per quarter or one Intensive English Course to gradually get accustomed to the

U.S. higher education learning system. International Education will review each request on a case-by-case basis. Please read respective program details [here](#) and then contact the Director of International Education at kazumi.hada@bellevuecollege.edu We are accepting Fall 2020 Overseas Online enrollment request now!

Course Delivery Methods

Asynchronous learning means students learn the same materials at different times and locations on their own without real-time interaction.

Synchronous learning means students learn the same materials at the same time (real-time) by attending lectures and discussion groups

Blended learning includes both asynchronous and synchronous methods.

New Interim President

Governor Gary Locke began his term as Interim President at Bellevue College on June 15, 2020. He is a nontraditional college president candidate with a passion for education policy. During his tenure at the College, Governor Locke wants to encourage a cultural shift on campus, provide stability, and elevate the college’s stature as it searches for a permanent president.

Governor Locke is the first Chinese American to be elected governor in United States history and the first Asian American governor on the mainland. In his two terms as Governor, Washington was ranked one of America’s four best-managed states.



Interim President Gary Locke

IIE Scholarships

The Institute of International Education has committed to offer \$1 million to help international students in the US who are caught in a difficult situation due to the coronavirus pandemic. The \$1 million covers approximately 300 emergency grants to meet the immediate needs of international students. Two students from Bellevue College have been awarded this scholarship (\$2,500 per student) so far.

The Institute of International Education (IIE) was established in 1919 with a mission to help people and organizations in international education.

Francois Mukaba



Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BS-CS)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

“Bellevue College (BC) has taught me proactivity and diversity. Through frequent extracurricular activities with other students and faculty members, I have learned to value different cultures and backgrounds. After spending four years at BC, I am not only leaving with competent knowledge, but also a heart filled with love, compassion and a great vision for the future.”

FEATURED PROGRAMS

International High School Completion Program

This program is only available in Washington State. It is designed for academically motivated students age 16 to 17-year-old who have not yet earned a high school diploma in their home country. Students will earn both the High School Diploma and the Associate Degree at the same time, taking courses that count for both programs, which saves the student time and money. The average time to complete both the high school degree and associate degree is 2 years. We encourage students who have completed the 10th grade and feel confident in their ability to take college-level classes to apply. Students may also begin in the Intensive English program to prepare for academic English. Students will work closely with an assigned advisor to map out their academic plan which will guide students to transfer to their dream university.

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Do you know that BC offers 12 bachelor's programs? BC offers the most bachelor's programs compared to the other 33 Community Colleges in Washington state. Our Bachelor's Program in Computer Science has been gaining popularity with international students.

This degree program teaches students the necessary skills to be fully prepared to enter the field. BC's Bachelor's in Computer Science is a more affordable option compared to a 4-year university in the area or out of state.

Attending BC to earn your BS will cost half as much as earning BS at universities in the area.

Transfer Associate in Arts and Science Degree

(admitted by BS Informatics, UW Seattle)

China

"It's enjoyable to study at Bellevue College. The harmony environment here takes in every international student. Colorful events allow me to enjoy diverse cultures. Various student' clubs let me explore my interest and make friends. Multiple workshops help me enrich my skills and built my leadership. More importantly, advisors provided professional advice on my study life, which helped me achieve my academic goal and built confidence in my future learning journey."

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