

TRANSPORTATION IN THE UNITED STATES



Everything you need to know
about transportation in the
United States for your time at
Bellevue College!



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TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS



› DRIVING A CAR & PARKING AT BC

If you are planning to drive a car and park at the BC campus, you will need to buy a parking permit from BC.

BC parking information may be found here: www.bellevuecollege.edu/publicsafety/parking/

› TAKING A METRO BUS

King County Metro Transit is popular locally and admired nationwide for its innovative transit services, pioneering green practices, and visionary approach to meeting the transportation needs of the county's growing population.

In a service area of more than 2,000 square miles and 2 million residents, Metro operates 214 bus, trolley and dial-a-ride-transit routes that serve destinations across the county. Every bus is equipped with a bicycle rack and a wheelchair lift. For additional information, please visit the King Metro website: <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/>

Plan Your Trip

We are served by a number of bus lines running throughout the area; for details, check the **Bellevue College Bus and Bicycle Map**. 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.

› GETTING A COMMUTER ORCA CARD

Bellevue College will offer an exclusive Commuter Check Card for ORCA to students, staff, and faculty. Enjoy rides on Metro Transit and Sound Transit, and other Puget Sound modes of transportation.

How It Works

- Bellevue College will double your bus money on a transit restricted debit card at the options outlined below.
- Load the transit debit card value onto your personal ORCA card to use as an "e-purse" that deducts fares with each ride or purchase a "pass" and use the remainder as e-purse. For more information, go to: <http://s.bellevuecollege.edu/wp/sites/104/2014/05/Commuter-Check-simple.pdf> or <http://s.bellevuecollege.edu/wp/sites/104/2014/05/Commuter-CheckTrouble-Shooting.pdf>.
- Student, Staff, and Faculty riders at Bellevue College have a variety of options available. Please see the table on the next page to find the best option for you.

› ORCA PASSPORT FOR BC EMPLOYEES

Enjoy unlimited rides on **Metro Transit** and **Sound Transit**, plus other modes of community transportation with the ORCA Passport card. With this card, you'll get:

- All regular and express buses, commuter and light rail in the Puget Sound region (does not include special service routes for events).
- Easy to use card — just tap your card on card readers.
- Deactivation on the card when reported lost, stolen or damaged card.
- \$20 fee on replacement cards regardless of the date replaced.

Rates for Employees

\$17.00 per month up to a max of \$96 for 2014-2015. Rates are subject to change.

Terms

- Your employee ORCA card is yours alone, and is not transferable to another person, i.e., a family member or friend.
- Only one card sale per person per year.
- You must be a full-time benefited employee working 35 hours or more hours per week, or if you're a part-time faculty member: the ORCA card may be purchased quarterly when teaching two or more classes.
- The employee ORCA program is subject to change.

How to Purchase an ORCA card

Pay for your card via a payroll deduction. It's an easy 2-step process!

- Print and sign the [Employee ORCA Commute Passport Cardholders Rules of Use](#)
- Hand-deliver or mail the signed form to Payroll in A101. If mailed in your card will be delivered to you via campus mail.

Get More Information

- Contact Patrick Green in the Sustainability office with transportation questions at (425) 564-3342.
- Contact Delores Hebert in the finance office with ORCA service questions at (425) 564-4287.

ORCA PASSPORT FOR BC STUDENTS

ORCA Plus Questions

What is Orca Plus?

The ORCA Plus card replaces the Commuter Check for ORCA program, but only for adult and youth sales. ORCA Plus cards are simply pre-loaded Orca Cards that a student can purchase and use immediately on a bus/train/ferry. The ORCA Plus program is specific to Bellevue College.

How much do the cards cost?

Students pay ONLY \$120 for Orca Blue and \$60 for Orca Silver. Students will NOT pay the \$5 Orca card fee for Orca Plus cards. Please note: Orca Blue cards are not sold during Summer Quarters.

Do students need to purchase a new Orca Plus card every quarter?

Yes. Students must purchase a new Orca Plus card each quarter, similar to how they purchased a new Commuter Check card each quarter in the past.

Are Orca Plus cards reusable?

Yes. If the pre-loaded funds run out, the student can load funds out-of-pocket on to the card, just like they do now. However, the student must purchase a new Orca Plus card during the next quarter in order to get the subsidized value.

Will students still fill out contracts?

Yes. We will still require a signed contract for the Orca Plus cards. We will also be recording Orca card numbers. A new contract format will be used.

Will students need to register Orca Plus cards?

Registration of Orca Plus cards is HIGHLY recommended! Orca Plus cards become the property of the student once purchased, and only registered cards can be reimbursed if they become lost or stolen.

ORCA LIFT Questions

How do BC students receive reduced fare through ORCA LIFT?

Beginning March of 2015, ORCA LIFT program offers reduced fares at \$1.50. Students who qualify for the program at 200% of the federal poverty level can enroll in the program at *King County Public Health in Eastgate*, a short distance from Bellevue College. Once the student qualifies for ORCA LIFT the student can purchase a Commuter Check Card at the Cashier's Office (B 126)

How can a student demonstrate eligibility?

See the [ORCA LIFT website](#) for a full list of documents that can demonstrate eligibility.

Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) Questions

Who is eligible for the RRFP?

Students 65 years of age and above as well as students with students with a disability are eligible.

How can a student apply for the RRFP?

Students must enroll in-person at the Metro Customer Service Office in King Street Station, Seattle. See the Metro RRFP website for a complete list of directions.

How can students use the RRFP at Bellevue College?

First, students should confirm their enrollment with RRFP program and purchase a RRFP ORCA Card. Second, students can purchase a Commuter

OPTION	COST	ELIGIBILITY	HOW TO PURCHASE
ORCA Plus Blue	\$240 value (purchased for \$120)	Requires registration in 10 or more credits.	Cashier's Office (B126)
ORCA Plus Silver	\$120 value (purchased for \$60)	Requires registration in 5 or more credits.	Cashier's Office (B126)
ORCA LIFT	\$240 and \$120 Commuter Checks available <i>Confirm Orca LIFT eligibility prior to purchasing the Commuter Check.</i>	200% of the federal poverty Level. Learn more on Metro's ORCA LIFT website. <i>Commuter Check require the same credit load as ORCA Plus.</i>	Qualify at King County Public Health in Eastgate, minutes from campus. <i>Purchase Commuter Check at Cashier's Office (B126).</i>
Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP)	\$240 and \$120 Commuter Checks available. <i>Confirm RRFP eligibility prior to purchasing the Commuter Check.</i>	For seniors (above 65 years of age) and disabled students. Visit Metro's RRFP website. <i>Commuter Check require the same credit load as ORCA Plus.</i>	Qualify at ORCA Customer Service in King Street Station, Seattle. <i>Purchase Commuter Check at Cashier's Office (B126).</i>

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