

FOR THE ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY:



FAQs About the new Bellevue College East Campus

What is BC planning at Issaquah?

- Bellevue College will extend the educational services of our main campus by creating the Bellevue College East Campus, which will have credit courses and some programs that will be unique to that location.

Where is it located?

- The site is located up the hill from the new Swedish Hospital Medical Center Issaquah Highlands location, on the east side of Highlands Drive near the Shops at Issaquah Highlands, the City of Issaquah soccer field at Central Park, and Grand Ridge Elementary.

What classes will be offered?

- Instructional planning for the East Campus location is currently under discussion. The public is invited to provide input on what types of classes and programs they would like to see offered at our new campus. We encourage you to provide input by completing our online survey.

What is the timetable?

- Construction could begin in 2012, and classes may begin as soon as 2013.

Why does Bellevue College want a campus in the Issaquah Highlands?

- Issaquah Highlands' multi-generational, multi-cultural and civic-minded character reflects the profile of the educational services we provide, leading to several potential program opportunities for the community.

- The location is well-served by public transportation.
- We already draw many students from the area to our main campus and Continuing Education programs, and expect that the vast majority of students at East Campus will come from within 10 miles of the Issaquah Highlands.

How are you different from a four-year school?

Bellevue College is on the leading edge of a movement to hybrid colleges, because we offer some four-year degrees. But we are still part of the community college system. Community colleges differ in purpose from their four-year counterparts. The state legislature established us specifically to provide an "open access" to education for all.

We also develop our curricula in a different way:

- "Community" colleges are called that because we share our community's values and fit our programs to meet the specific needs of the community we serve.

- This is especially true in our skills training programs, which we tailor to the greatest needs of employers and students, and our Continuing Education programs for lifelong learners in the community.

What makes Bellevue College special?

- Nationally-recognized for its innovative programs, Bellevue College is the third largest educational institution in Washington state, behind only the University of Washington and Washington State University.
- Serving approximately 38,000 students each year, Bellevue College offers educational programs in five general categories:
 - baccalaureate degrees in radiation and imaging sciences and interior design
 - transfer study (the first two years of college) in more than 50 interest areas
 - work-related training through more than 90 associate-degree and certificate programs in healthcare, information technology, business, interior design and other fields
 - adult basic education, including English language training
 - and Continuing Education programs in computing and technology, business and workplace skills (including contract training tailored for the workforces of individual employers), languages, art, travel and personal enrichment.

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