

Attleboro Center

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Bristol Community College Attleboro "An educational force in the community"

Bristol Community College fosters student engagement by providing various services to its students, through collaborations with community partners as well as BCC internal organizations. In 2012-2013 BCC Attleboro provided students with connections to over 22 colleges and universities through its annual transfer fair in February, a study abroad spring break trip to Rome and Florence, as well as a karaoke and hot dog end of the year celebration in May. The 2013-2014 academic year student engagement is continuing to provide the Attleboro Campus student the opportunity to be involved in community events. Highlighted events for this academic year have been sponsoring a square dance in conjunction with the city of Attleboro's Public Library "ABC Big Read", a service learning project coordinating the

Fall 2013 Highlights

BCC's newest satellite will open in Spring 2014 in Taunton at the former Cohannet School.

Two additional full-time professional staff have been added to our team at BCC/Attleboro: Tim Cabral (financial aid counselor) and Lisa Richter (librarian).

Nearly 200 tickets were sold for the international Manhattan Short film festival held in our Auditorium.

More Highlights

Enrollment for Spring 2014 is ahead of where we were a year ago on this date. Advising & registration began in November, and is held 7 days per week.

Eleven full-time faculty members taught classes at BCC/Attleboro this semester.

A new classroom was created on the 1st floor and was outfitted with brand new furniture.

Due to the success of our STEM Workshop for area middle school students in May, plans are already underway for another session next May.

Our advisory board held meetings throughout the year where focus was placed on business & community outreach, educational program development, and government & community relations.

In addition to President Sbrega's visit, three different academic deans held office hours in BCC/Attleboro this semester.

annual blood drive, a planned holiday festivity in December, the annual transfer fair scheduled for February 5, 2014, the Study Abroad spring break trip to Barcelona in March 2014, as well as complimentary YMCA passes provided by the YMCA Pleasant Street branch for students. Students who are interested in sports and clubs are encouraged to join organizations and clubs on campus as well as developing their own organization under the guidance of a BCC staff member.

Bristol Community College Attleboro is also planning to offer a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Workshop for Attleboro area middle school students in the spring of 2014. We held our first middle school STEM Workshop for middle school students in May 2013. Over 160 participants from area middle schools participated in a fun filled educational day. Students were introduced to topics such as Exploring DNA, Analyzing Owl Pellets, Engineering and Wind Power, Computer Forensics, and Bug Watch: One Key to Watershed Education. The energy and excitement generated by our 2012 STEM Workshop was amazing and due to the success we decided to make this an annual event.

For more information on specific activities please feel free to contact Joe Yasaian, Director of Campus Services Attleboro at 508-678-2811 ext. 3534.



Peter Tarsi, Guest Speaker, Attleboro High School Teacher, Recipient of Teacher in Excellence Award for his contributions to student achievement in Math and Science.

NEW YEAR, NEW SATELLITE

Bristol Community College's Taunton-Cohannet Satellite is open and ready for the Spring 2014 semester. Daytime courses being offered include College Success Seminar (CSS 101), a requirement for most associate degree programs; Fundamentals of Public Speaking (COM 101); Composition I (ENG 101); General Psychology (PSY 101); US History from 1877 (HST 114); Elementary Spanish I (SPA 101); Modern College Mathematics (MTH 125); as well as developmental courses, Basic Writing Skills (ENG 090) and Foundations of Mathematics (MTH 011).

We are also running CUL 140 Sanitation for Culinaricians (CUL 140) which focuses on the safe and sanitary operation of a restaurant and pastry shop using the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point System (HACCP), as well as safe and sanitary purchasing, receiving, storing, cooling, and reheating of meats, produce, seafood, and baking ingredients, and meets one of the mandatory requirements for certification in the American Culinary Federation (ACF).

The Taunton-Cohannet satellite is located at the Cohannet School (120 Cohannet Street) near downtown Taunton, with hours of operation of Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 12 noon. For more information on these courses and other services currently being offered including admission, financial aid, advising and registration, call the Satellite Coordinator, Meg Hennessey, at 774-357-3147.

How do I get into accessBCC?

Go to www.BristolCC.edu and click on **accessBCC**. Enter your username and password or select "Open My Account", which will walk you through opening your account and provide you with the log-in information.



The Enrollment Center

The Enrollment Center provides registration and enrollment related services to students seeking to enroll in credit and non-credit courses.

When is the latest I can register for a credit class?

You may register for a class up until the end of the first week of classes or before the second meeting for evening and weekend courses which meet only once a week. A late fee of \$20 is applied if you register within one week of classes beginning. This fee does not apply to students who are adding courses to their existing semester schedule.

The Enrollment Center is comprised of staff from Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Accounts Office, Registration and Records and is prepared to assist students in any of these areas. The Enrollment Center processes all registrations, course change forms, enrollment verifications, transcript requests, program changes, college withdrawals, tuition payments, and tuition waiver requests. Applications for admission to the College and Financial Aid may also be obtained through the Enrollment Center.

The Enrollment Center is located on the first floor of the Attleboro Center. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 7:30 pm; Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday 8 am to 2 pm. The Enrollment Center is closed on all major holidays. For more information please contact us at 508-226-2484.

A course brochure is developed and distributed three times each year at the College - for the fall, spring and summer semesters. These publications list the academic calendar, tuition costs and the schedule of courses, days, times and locations available for the specific semester. To search for courses online visit the Course Search.

How do I get my PIN to register on-line?

You must meet with your advisor to receive your Alternate Term PIN, which is the number required to register on-line. You may schedule an appointment in the Attleboro Enrollment Center.

Admissions

Are you interested in attending BCC this spring?

The Admissions and Financial Aid Offices will be hosting an "On-the Spot" Admissions and Financial Aid Workshop on Saturday, November 16 at the BCC Attleboro Center. This workshop will include information about BCC's certificate and degree programs, academic support services, and the enrollment and financial aid processes. It will also provide students with the opportunity to get assistance in completing the online admissions application and the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Participants should bring official copies high school or GED transcripts, transcripts from previous colleges, and 2012 tax information to the event with them. For additional details and to register for the event, please visit www.bristolcc.edu/Events/stories/spotlight567.cfm.

Admissions Counselors Visit One-Stop Career Centers

Clients at the local career centers have a chance for a direct connection to BCC! Admissions Counselors are holding appointments at the One-Stop Career Centers in Attleboro, Taunton, and Fall River. This gives clients an opportunity to learn about BCC's degree and certificate programs, get started on the admission application, and learn more about the enrollment process and financial aid.

If you are someone you know is a client at one of the local career centers, please contact the career center for eligibility details and to schedule an appointment.

How do I withdraw from a class?

A student may withdraw from a course at any time before the end of the tenth week of the semester and receive a grade of a W.

Withdrawing from a credit course before or during the second week of class will result in the course being drop/deleted from your academic records. See our refund policies for additional information on refunds.

Who do I call if I have other questions?

For further information, call the Attleboro Enrollment Center at 508-226-2484.

Financial Aid

FAFSA

FAFSA is a free application for federal student aid. Any student that is interested in or needs assistance paying for college is required to complete the application. The easiest way to complete it is on-line through the website: www.fafsa.ed.gov. It is recommended that you complete your FAFSA application early in the year after you file taxes. Priority to many financial aid programs (including the Mass Grant) is given to students who apply before May 1st. In order to complete your application you will need your income tax information, and if you are a dependent student, you're parent's income tax information. Corrections can be made after your initial submission, and there is a re-evaluation process for students who experience a drastic change in their income or house-hold size. If you have any questions or need assistance completing your FAFSA application, contact Tim Cabral at 508-678-2811 x3327.

BCC Attleboro Library News



Image source: <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2009/04/cyberpanic-it-sells/woman-screaming/>

The time of the semester has arrived that almost every student dreads: the **Research Assignment**. The library staff at BCC Attleboro is available to help! We offer research consultations by appointment, which involve helping students to clarify the research project, select appropriate research tools and evaluate sources for relevance and academic quality. Many students begin research assignments on campus and then complete them at home. BCC's electronic resources are available anytime, anywhere, with a valid student ID. Librarians have created several new Research Guides on a variety of topics to assist all users in their research efforts when not on campus. A few in particular that students in Attleboro might find useful are:

English 101: College Writing: http://libguides.bristolcc.edu/eng101_habib

Research: Where do I begin? <http://libguides.bristolcc.edu/researchguide>

OneBook 2013 – *In the Heart of the Sea*: <http://libguides.bristolcc.edu/onebook2013/heartofsea>

History 111: <http://libguides.bristolcc.edu/content.php?pid=334412>

History 113: <http://libguides.bristolcc.edu/hst113>

Using Newspapers for Research: <http://libguides.bristolcc.edu/newspapers>

Citing Your Sources: <http://libguides.bristolcc.edu/citation>

Other materials available for borrowing from the library include laptops, headphones, calculators, voice recorders, cameras, selected textbooks and a mobile whiteboard. Stop by the library and say hello to your BCC Attleboro Library staff in Room 107: Reference Librarian, Lisa Richter (lisa.richter@bristolcc.edu); Library Assistants, Raeshelle Cooke and Suzette Calvin.

Academic Support Center

Academic Support Center is all about student success. The goal is to see every student that comes through our center achieve successful completion of the courses enrolled in. In our Tutoring Center (TASC), this is where our dedicated peer-tutors take pride in rendering academic support to fellow students; facilitate learning by allowing students to think carefully about the subject they covered in class. Our tutors bring with them these values: patience, compassion, caring, knowledgeable, and sensitive to tutee's need. Hiring of tutors in different courses is ongoing each semester. Most of our tutors are referred by their professors, also, students come to us with an interest to help other students, and if they qualify they join the TASC Force. New this Fall in is our Developmental Math Open Lab, open three days a week (Monday 5 – 7 p.m., Wednesday 9 -11 a.m., and Thursday 4 -6 p.m.), to support students taking MTH 001. In TASC individual or group workshop is also available in skills development such as, Study Skill, Test-taking, and Note-taking.

The counterpart of TASC is our Writing Center (WC) staffed by professional staff, these are faculty teaching multidiscipline courses. Our Writing Center instructors strive to make students better writers. Students are helped with their writing assignments, such as annotated bibliography, essays, journal review, book review, and formatting styles. WC can also help with reviewing resumes and cover letter for a job application. There are also helpful resources (handouts) available for free in WC. The Writing Center is ready to help students improve their writing and receive suggestions on writing assignments. Open every day, but appointments are required at the Enrollment Center or by calling 508-226-2484.

Helpful Hint:

In formal writing, avoid using cliché and colloquialism. Make your writing more engaging by plainly stating your ideas.

More Important News

Dual Enrollment Program

Did You Know That Qualified High School Students Can Earn Dual Credit? Dual enrollment provides an opportunity for qualified high school students to enroll in BCC courses while still enrolled in high school. Dual enrollment students receive both high school and college credit. High school students who meet the Dual Enrollment criteria may enroll in one college course each semester at no cost.

Who is eligible to participate? Students who have enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 in a Massachusetts public secondary school or non-public school, including home school. Students must have:

- A minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0.
- A recommendation from a high school principal or guidance counselor.
- Met all course prerequisites per the policies of Bristol Community College.

When and where may Dual Enrollment courses be taken? The courses may be taken during the day, evening, week-end or online. Courses can be taken during the summer, fall, and spring semesters.

What are some of the benefits of Dual Enrollment? Eases the transition from high school to college and allows students to get a head start on their college careers. Saves students and parents money by shortening the time it takes to complete a college degree. Provides students with college credit that is transferable to most colleges and universities. Grades earned through dual enrollment will become part of the student's permanent high school and college transcripts.

Applications for dual enrollment may be submitted beginning on November 13, 2013. The dual enrollment application deadline for the spring semester is January 15, 2014.

For more information about the Dual Enrollment Program in Attleboro: Contact: Judy Bolandz
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A closing thought from the Dean

The holidays are upon us, and Spring 2014 is right around the corner! This is the time of year that both prospective and existing students make their educational and career plans. BCC/Attleboro is poised to assist in any way that we can. Whether a student wishes to study days or evenings or weekends or online, or a combination of any of these options, we're here to serve. We strongly encourage students to take full advantage of the vast resources available to them here in Attleboro or at any of BCC's locations, for we fully recognize that many of our students are busy with family and work responsibilities. Our goal is to help move students forward by connecting with our highly dedicated faculty, our professional & friendly support staff and with one another. "BCC changes the world by changing lives, learner by learner." (vision statement)

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