

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

ADMISSIONS | www.bristolcc.edu/apply

774.357.2947 (Fall River); 774.357.3309 (New Bedford); 774.357.3816 (Attleboro)

- Complete and submit an application to the Office of Admissions, with the following:
 - Program of study specified
 - Official High School or state-approved high school equivalency transcript
 - Official College and/or Military Joint Services transcript(s), if applicable

Did you know that you must be admitted to an approved program or certificate to be eligible to receive financial aid?

accessBCC | <https://portal.bristol.mass.edu/cp/home/displaylogin>

- Activate your accessBCC account.
- Set up email forwarding if your personal account is more convenient.
- Update your contact information as changes occur.
- Check your accessBCC account regularly (even if e-mail is forwarded) as many important messages are posted only in accessBCC.

Did you know that many campus offices will only contact you via your accessBCC account?

FINANCIAL AID | <http://www.bristolcc.edu/students/financialaid/>

774.357.2515 for all campuses

- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Verify the data on your Student Aid Report (SAR).

PLACEMENT TESTING | <http://www.bristolcc.edu/students/testingcenter/>

774.357.3978 (Fall River & New Bedford); 508.226.2484 (Attleboro)

- Schedule the placement test by registering online at <http://www.bristolcc.edu/students/testingcenter/schedulingaplacementtest/>
- Review the study guides and sample tests <http://www.bristolcc.edu/students/testingcenter/placementtestpreparation/>
- If requesting testing accommodations due to a documented disability, contact the Office of Disability Services at ext. 2955.
- If English is not your first language, please contact the English as a Second Language (ESL) Coordinator at ext. 2476.

*Did you know that Placement Testing is required prior to advising and registration for most courses and must be conducted in person? Fully online students should contact eLearning at ext. 2387 with questions. Students receiving transfer credit for college English and math **may** be waived from Placement Testing at the time of admission.*

ADVISING & REGISTRATION | <http://www.bristolcc.edu/students/advising>

774.357.3044 (Fall River); 774.357.4000 (New Bedford); 774.357.3527 (Attleboro)

- Submit your required health records to Health Services, 774.357.2232, to ensure registration eligibility.**
- Contact any campus location to determine advisor availability for course registration. Fully online students should contact eLearning at 774.357.2387 for assistance.
- Important first semester courses include CSS 101, ENG, MTH and recommended course requirements for your program (available in the College catalog).
- After registering for your first semester of classes, each semester thereafter you will either be assigned an advisor or “The Academic Advising Center”. This information is available in your accessBCC account.

Did you know that the Admissions application, accessBCC activation and Placement Testing should all be complete before you meet with an advisor and register for classes?

STUDENT ACCOUNTS | <http://www.bristolcc.edu/students/howtopay>

774.357.2160 (All locations – office located in Fall River)

- Access and view your billing statement via your accessBCC account
- Pay your bill with cash (Fall River ONLY), check, credit card or payment plan

Did you know that you can also access your bill and make a payment through accessBCC?

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Obtain your *accessBCC OneCard* (Student ID) from G-221; K-130 (Fall River); Enrollment Center (New Bedford & Attleboro).
- Print your course schedule for bookstore purchases.
- Contact the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Coordinator (774.357.2511) to discuss any learning you have done outside of the classroom (on the job, volunteering, noncredit courses, military training) that could qualify you to earn college credit.
- Connect with Office of Disability Services (ODS), 774.357.2955 (Fall River); 774.357.4011 (New Bedford); 774.357.2996 (Attleboro) or <http://www.bristolcc.edu/students/disabilityservices> if you require accommodations.
- Waive Health Insurance via your accessBCC account if you already have insurance.**
- Activate your *Higher One* refund card. Approximately two weeks after registration, you will receive a refund card in the mail. This card **must be activated** to receive any refunds (if eligible) from the college for canceled classes, overpayments and financial aid.
- Look for an invitation to Orientation in the mail and begin exploring BCC online at <http://www.bristolcc.edu>.