

# **Your Dreams Within Reach**

*Bristol Community College Viewbook*

# Welcome to Bristol!

Thank you for your interest in Bristol Community College! You've made a smart choice in considering Bristol to further your education. We offer a rich variety of degree, certificate and training programs along with flexible online offerings, all led by exceptional faculty who have real-life experience in the field.

Whether you're interested in an associate degree, a career-ready certificate or the ability to transfer to another college or university to complete a bachelor's degree (and save a lot of money!), we put your dreams within reach.

The college is a great institution that is focused on student success, with support from Bristol faculty and staff that goes well beyond the classroom.

We are committed to promoting a college-going culture and we continue to make equity a top priority. We are working hard every day to create a diverse, inclusive environment at all Bristol locations and beyond.

I'm excited about the possibility of what lies ahead for you. Best of luck as you consider your next steps.

And, go Bayhawks!

**Laura L. Douglas, Ph.D.**

*President*

# The Future You Imagine.

Bristol will guide your every step in making the right choices that will take you to the future you imagine. And we will get you there with a high-quality education that doesn't have the financial burden that often comes with a college experience.

Our faculty are ready to share their real-world experience with you. They're here to support your growth, helping you learn valuable lessons in and out of the classroom.

## **AREAS OF STUDY INCLUDE:**

- Behavioral, global and social sciences
- Business and entrepreneurship
- Communication and media
- Computer science
- Creative arts
- Education and childcare
- Health and wellness
- Culinary arts
- Human services and counseling
- Law and justice
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

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## *Academic Majors and Certificates.*

Programs are available in a variety of subjects. Browse our online catalog for an up-to-date listing of our degree and certificate offerings at [BristolCC.edu/Catalog](http://BristolCC.edu/Catalog).

# Real-World Ready.

- Explore majors and career paths.
- Connect with employers.
- Prepare for your job search.

Develop the skills and knowledge you need to succeed – and what employers are looking for – with our career degree programs. Our faculty have designed career-ready programs that will prepare you to get a job upon graduation.

Not sure what you want to do? The Career Services team along with academic advisors at Bristol can help you define and reach your career goals.

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## *See What You Can Be.*

With hundreds of hands-on learning opportunities through Bristol's Experiential Education Center, our students have a chance to gain valuable experience before they graduate. Earn credits, learn new skills, build your resume and take advantage of these opportunities to prepare for a career.

# Start Your Transfer-mation.

Bristol offers several pathways to a bachelor's degree. Our transfer counselors help you maximize your opportunities – guiding you to choose the right program and courses that will set you up to successfully transfer to a four-year college or university.

Bristol's transfer students are in high demand. Each week, colleges and universities are on our campuses, recruiting our students to transfer to their institutions. Students transfer to Bridgewater State University, UMass, Bryant, Johnson & Wales, Northeastern, URI and more.

More and more students begin their bachelor's degree at Bristol, and it's easy to see why. With more than 70 transfer agreements and countless scholarship opportunities, starting at Bristol can help you save a lot of time and money in the process.

## **BY THE NUMBERS:**

- 70+ transfer agreements with four-year colleges and universities.
- 858 Bristol students transferred to over 100 colleges and universities nationwide in 2020.
- \$930,000 in total transfer merit scholarships awarded to Bristol spring 2020 grads.

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## *Transfer Seamlessly.*

Bristol has partnered with UMass Dartmouth, Bridgewater State and Providence College to offer innovative direct admission programs for qualified students. And with the MassTransfer and Commonwealth Commitment programs, it's never been easier to earn your bachelor's degree by starting at Bristol.

# Endless Possibilities.

You have many options and choices ahead. Some might help a short-term need while others could pay off for the rest of your life.

At Bristol, we understand that there's more going on in your life than just what's happening in the classroom. We know what it means to offer an education built for busy lifestyles.

From college access pathways for high school students to fast-track programs for working adults, Bristol offers so many flexible ways to reach your degree.

- Online, night and weekend classes.
- Honors program.
- Credit for work experience.
- High school dual enrollment.
- Fast-track programs.
- Dual admission with four-year universities.

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## *Conveniently Located.*

Take classes, attend community events, get tutoring or writing support, join a student club - get the full Bristol experience without a long commute! It's all part of the #BristolEXP!

- Locations in Attleboro, Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton.
- Free parking.
- Connected to SRTA and GATRA service.

Need even more flexibility? Bristol Online offers a wide variety of courses you can take from the comfort of your own home, on your schedule.

# Invest Your Mind, Not Your Savings.

At Bristol, a quality, affordable education is always within reach. In fact, you can attend Bristol for a fraction of the cost of the first two years at a 4-year college or university.

A college degree is an investment in your future. But that doesn't mean you have to rack up loads of student debt in the process. At Bristol, we continue to offer some of the lowest tuition costs in the region. And, we offer many options to help you pay your way to graduation.

## **EARN WHILE YOU LEARN.**

Students receiving financial aid may also be eligible for a work-study position.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS.**

Bristol's Foundation awards more than 200 scholarships annually, ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 each, to help pay for tuition, supplies or books.

## **PAYMENT PLANS.**

Set up a convenient budget with a no-interest monthly payment plan.

## **BENEFITS FOR VETERANS.**

Bristol is proud to be a Military Friendly<sup>®</sup> school. If you are a veteran, the Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center can help you maximize your education benefits.

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## *Financial Aid.*

You can be considered for need-based financial aid only if you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applications are accepted year round, but be sure to file as soon as possible after October 1 so you can take advantage of more grants versus loans. Priority is given to students who complete their financial aid file by April 1 for fall semester and November 1 for spring semester.

Here's what to do:

1. Create a Federal Student Aid identification number (FSA ID) online at [FSAid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov).
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) and list Bristol Community College (school code 002176).
3. After you're admitted, log into accessBCC regularly to view Financial Aid status and check your email.
4. Meet with a Bristol financial aid counselor for any remaining questions.

# Here for Your Success.

At Bristol, we are committed to supporting your challenges and celebrating your success. From getting help improving your testing skills or course work to finding a comfortable place to speak your mind, Bristol makes your success our priority.

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## *Your Bristol Support Network.*

- Academic and career advising.
- Disability Services.
- Onsite childcare (only offered at Bristol's Fall River Campus; additional fees apply; space is limited).
- Student Wellness Services.
- Grab & Go Food Pantry and Mobile Food Market.
- English as a Second Language (ESL).
- Multicultural Student Center.
- Veterans Center.
- Women's Center.
- Library and research guidance.
- Open computer labs.
- Tutoring and writing support at the Learning Commons.
- Gender-inclusive restrooms.

# Enhance Your Experience.

While everyone has individual goals, the Bristol community is social, diverse and inclusive. We have so much to offer in your pursuit to grow as an individual, while building friendships and memories along the way.

Get involved with one of our dozens of clubs and organizations. Stay active with a group exercise class at the Fitness Center. Learn more about the issues you care about from experts and leaders. Take in an exhibit at the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Art Gallery or a theatre production. It's all here – and for you.

- More than 50 student clubs and organizations
- Fitness Center and recreational activities
- Engaging speakers and events

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## *Do You Have Bayhawk Grit?*

If you aspire to greatness, are resourceful, value integrity and crave teamwork, you have all the makings of a Bristol Bayhawk.

Bristol offers a variety of intercollegiate and intramural sports so you can play with – and against – the best competition in New England.

NJCAA teams include:

- Basketball (Men/Women)
- Cross Country (Men/Women)
- Golf (Men)
- Outdoor Track & Field (Women)
- Soccer (Men/Women)

We also offer Esports and intramural tennis and volleyball. All full-time students (12 or more credits) are eligible to participate. Learn more at [BristolCC.edu/Athletics](https://BristolCC.edu/Athletics).

# Ready to Get Started?

## **CONNECT WITH ADMISSIONS.**

Get to know us! Connect with an admissions counselor, take a tour or attend one of the many events held throughout the year.

## **FILL OUT OUR FREE APPLICATION.**

Apply online at least four weeks before the semester registration deadline to ensure you have time to complete the next steps. After you apply, be sure to check your email often – that’s our primary way of contacting you. Apply online at [BristolCC.edu/Apply](https://BristolCC.edu/Apply).

## **APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID.**

Apply via [FAFSA.gov](https://FAFSA.gov) and be sure to select Bristol Community College (school code 002176).

## **SCHEDULE ASSESSMENT TESTING.**

All students enrolled in a degree or certificate program are required to take college placement tests in order to ensure appropriate placement in classes. Students may be exempt from all or part of the placement test by using SAT, ACT , CLEP or AP scores. Learn more at [BristolCC.edu/TestingCenter](https://BristolCC.edu/TestingCenter).

## **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION.**

Plan to attend an orientation to learn about programs and services so you can make the most of your Bristol experience.

## **REGISTER FOR CLASSES.**

Meet with an advisor to review your course requirements and select your best schedule.

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## *Open Enrollment Policy.*

Bristol has an open enrollment policy in keeping with the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education’s “Open Door” philosophy. Applicants must have a high school diploma, state-approved equivalency credential or college degree. Admission to some programs is competitive because of the limited number of openings and/ or prerequisites.

The open enrollment policy does not apply to students seeking admission into the following programs:

- Clinical Laboratory Science
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Hygiene
- Medical Assisting
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Phlebotomy

Applicants to the nursing program should submit their application and all supporting materials by the priority deadline of January 5.

Applications to all other selective health programs should submit required application materials by the priority deadline of February 1.

International students seeking to enroll at Bristol on an F-1 Student Visa must meet additional selective criteria in order to be admitted.

Please refer to the catalog for up-to-date information on all admissions requirements and deadlines. Access the catalog online at [BristolCC.edu/Catalog](http://BristolCC.edu/Catalog).

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### *Contact Admissions.*

Phone: 774.357.2947

Email: [Admissions@BristolCC.edu](mailto:Admissions@BristolCC.edu)

Online: [BristolCC.edu/Admissions](http://BristolCC.edu/Admissions)

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### *Contact Financial Aid.*

Phone: 774.357.2515

Email: [FinancialAid@BristolCC.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@BristolCC.edu)

Online: [BristolCC.edu/FinancialAid](http://BristolCC.edu/FinancialAid)

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### *Nondiscrimination Statement.*

Bristol Community College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender identity, color, national origin, sexual orientation, genetic information, religion, age, veteran status or disability under state or federal law in any aspect of employment, admissions, access or treatment of its programs and activities.

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### *Accreditation.*

Bristol Community College is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), the regional accreditation agency for colleges and universities in the six New England states.