

boston, massachusetts

a student's guide to

international admissions

at bunker hill community college

welcome to bunker hill community college



Every year, BHCC welcomes hundreds of international students from more than 90 countries to our campuses. While they're here, and after they transfer to universities, they tell us that BHCC was a great choice for them.

"Bunker Hill Community College is the key ingredient that is necessary to start your new career in the Melting Pot!"

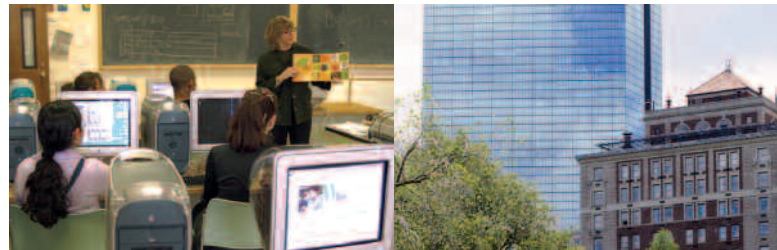
— Hyeryung Jin, South Korea
Criminal Justice Program

If you want to study at a college that offers excellent programs, outstanding faculty, individualized attention, opportunities to make life-long friends, and a great city, consider BHCC.

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why attend a community college?

That's what the majority of American students do. A recent study by *U.S. News and World Report* noted that the majority of students who are studying for a bachelor's degree complete the first two years at a community college. Then they transfer to a university for the final two years. And recent data provided by the Institute of International Education indicate that international students are learning more about community colleges and choosing them too. The number of international students attending community colleges has increased by 40 percent since 1993. Here are the top three reasons why:



Community Colleges are Less Expensive

Tuition costs less at community colleges. International students who study at BHCC for the first two years and then transfer to a university can save thousands of dollars.

Community Colleges Have Excellent Faculty

At many universities, introductory level courses that students take in the first two years are taught by teaching assistants. These teaching assistants are actually students pursuing their graduate degrees. At BHCC, all of your professors will have advanced degrees and extensive teaching experience.

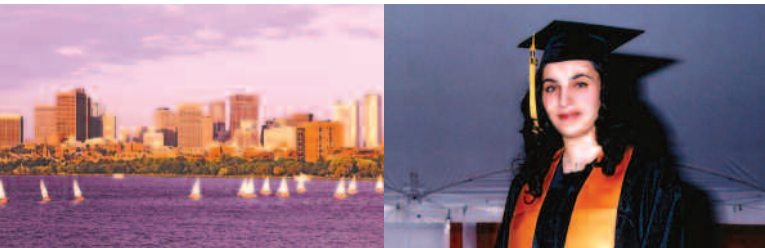
Community Colleges Offer Individualized Attention

The average class size at BHCC is 19 students. That's a lot different than the size of introductory classes at many universities. Those classes often contain 100-200 students. At BHCC, your professors will know your name and where you're from by the end of the first week. Your professors and advisors will know you well enough to help you choose the best university when it's time to transfer.

why do students choose bhcc?

Location

BHCC is located in Boston, Massachusetts, the cultural and historical capital of New England. Our Charlestown Campus is only a ten-minute drive from downtown Boston and the city's many cultural, historical, entertainment and athletic centers. BHCC has its own subway stop, making it easy to get around the city. Boston has the largest number of colleges, universities and medical centers in the U.S. Many large corporations as well as small technology-driven firms are located in Boston. Boston is also home to more international students than any other city in the world. BHCC's students love the international environment of Boston.



Outstanding Academic Programs

BHCC offers 49 associate degree programs that enable students to complete the first two years of their bachelor's degrees. After which these students transfer to universities for the final two years. Articulation agreements between BHCC and public and private universities make it easy to transfer, and transfer counselors help every step of the way. Academic excellence is important at BHCC. We offer a dynamic Honors program, an award-winning Honor Society and assistance in transferring to top universities after graduation. BHCC also has options for students who do not wish to go on for a bachelor's degree. Students can enroll in an associate degree program, or instead pursue one of 28 certificate programs. These program options will prepare students for work in occupations like Accounting, International Business and Culinary Arts.

"I am so sad that my time here is coming to an end. Throughout my time at Bunker Hill, I have had many troubles and challenges, but every time, the staff and teachers really helped me. I never could have succeeded without everyone's help. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

— Maya Sato, Japan
Mass Media, Communications

“Bunker Hill Community College is more affordable than other community colleges. I am definitely getting my money’s worth. I like the informal teaching methods in some classes here. The biology program is very dynamic. The things I learned are up to date and relevant to the needs of industry.”

— Leon Nepmniashy, Russia
AA Biological Sciences

BHCC Values International Students

Since its founding in 1973, BHCC has made international education a priority. Our institution has a national reputation for serving students from around the world. We value and appreciate the worldwide perspective that international students bring to us. International students play a central role in the college community, and it’s easy for international students to get involved in campus life and make life-long friends. BHCC was honored with the 2003 Charles Kennedy Equity Award by the Association of Community College Trustees for its commitment to women and people of color and was the recipient of the 2005 Best Practices Award in International Intercultural Education from the American Council on International Intercultural Education.

Comprehensive Support

BHCC will help you to succeed. We have an outstanding English as a Second Language program with many levels of instruction. If you’re not totally ready for academic coursework, you can enroll in innovative “paired courses” that combine an academic course with ESL support. The Career and Placement Center offers career guidance and assistance in finding employment. Students can obtain free tutoring in almost all subject areas at the Tutoring and Academic Support Center. The Student Health Center provides healthcare and health education.

The International Center and Services for Students

The International Center provides a focus for all international activities at BHCC and serves as a “home away from home” for international students. The Center coordinates orientation programs for new international students, and assists students in obtaining homestays with American families or off-campus housing. Professional international student advisors help students to adjust to college life in the United States and provide counseling on immigration, academic and personal concerns.



requirements for admission

- Students must have completed secondary school.
- Students must demonstrate proficiency in English. A score of 423 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or 113 on the computer-based TOEFL or 38 on the internet-based test is required. Applicants who are in the U.S. are encouraged to take the BHCC English Proficiency test instead of the TOEFL.



how to apply

Application materials are included in this package. Please use the application checklist enclosed to ensure that you submit the following required materials:

- Application form,
- Original or certified copy of secondary school diploma, translated into English if not in English,
- Official TOEFL score report sent directly by Educational Testing Service,
- Application fee of \$35.00. You may pay by check, bank draft, or money order.

Students who wish to obtain a student (F-1) visa should also complete the enclosed I-20 application materials.

Mail all application materials to:

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