

Learn about BC3's advantages at nearby open houses

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(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College announces six spring open houses in which guests can learn how 75 percent of students graduate debt-free.

BC3 will waive its \$25 application fee for students who apply for admission during an open house, the first of which will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 30 at BC3 @ LindenPointe, Hermitage.

Additional open houses for BC3, ranked No. 1 among Pennsylvania's community colleges by Schools.com and No. 13 in the state in distance education by OnlineColleges.com, will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at its four other off-campus locations: April 4, BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing, New Castle; April 26, BC3 @ Armstrong, Ford City; April 27, BC3 @ Brockway, Brockway; and May 11, BC3 @ Cranberry in Cranberry Township. Visit bc3.edu/open-houses to RSVP for an open house.

An open house at Founders Hall on BC3's main campus near Butler will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 12, when prospective students can learn about BC3's career, transfer, and certificate programs, and about the 80 percent of BC3 students who receive grants and scholarships to help them pay for college. More than \$280,000 in scholarships are awarded each year to BC3 students by the BC3 Education Foundation, Inc.

Information will also be available about the 16 clubs and five organizations on BC3's main campus, and others at its Lawrence Crossing, Cranberry and LindenPointe locations.

Prospective students can also explore the state-of-the-art technology inside the new Heaton Family Learning Commons, which includes BC3's One Button Studio. The user-friendly video recording studio requires no prior video production training or experience and allows students to create high-quality and polished video projects with just a USB flash drive and the simple push of a button.

Students in their sophomore or junior years of high school can also learn at an open house how to enroll in a college-level classes and earn transferrable credits through BC3's College Pathways program.

BC3 credits are recognized by public, private and online four-year colleges and universities. Students who complete an associate degree at BC3 in one of twelve Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education programs can transfer to any state institution with junior standing. Representatives from BC3's most popular transfer destinations will be in attendance at the April 12 open house.

Bachelor's degree programs that can be completed on BC3's main campus are in business administration, online, from Franklin University; in psychology from La Roche College; in administration of justice from the University of Pittsburgh; in accounting from Clarion University of Pennsylvania; in communications-public relations, and in nursing, from Chatham University; and in early childhood (Pre K-4) and special education (Pre K-8) from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Additional sessions will be held April 12 at Succop Theater, on BC3 health care programs at 5 p.m. and on financial aid at 6:30 p.m.