



DIVISION OF WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROWING TRENDS IN WORKFORCE

Bunker Hill Community College

Chelsea Campus and Charlestown campuses



BHCC Division of Workforce and Economic Development

In FY 2024, we served 5621 students, funded projects with over 4 million dollars in grants and 2.5 million dollars in contracts. We have 19 full time staff and over 30 part time and adjunct faculty working in the division.

Overall trend is the growth of workforce-focused credentials with Industry Recognized Credentials especially for under-served communities

Range of programs offering short term training and micro credentials

- **Adult Education and the Language institute**
- **Nurse enrollment and retention with TEAS test support grant**
- **Good Jobs Challenge- Marine and Water tech jobs**
- **Masshire approved programs and TOPS program**
- **Entrepreneurship Center (ECET) workshops on starting your own business, subsidized by city of Chelsea**
- **Apprenticeship hub, Apprenticeship degree program**
- **Utility Co. HVAC and Weatherization partner program**
- **Life Sciences- medical lab-city of Boston and MGB**
- **Rapid Recovery & Reemployment (R3) for Short-Term Training Programs: funded by TRAIN (DHE)Grant Programs, TFCC training programs(city of Boston), Biogen Medical interpreter Training**
- **A word about Masseducate**

Adult Education, ELL Education

Contact:

Michelle Rojas Surin
mrojassu@bhcc.edu

Adilson Horta
ajhorta@bhcc.edu

The Language Institute

Contact:

Jenny Bobea
jenny.bobea@bhcc.edu

Sonia Sharma
ssha4746@bhcc.edu

DESE Adult Education & Transitions to College

Assist adults in developing the necessary skills in English language proficiency, acquire a High School Credential (HiSET), and the skills to successfully complete college courses and receive up to 15 college credits. Courses and material are free.

<https://www.bhcc.edu/adulted/>

Students who have completed their classes at an adult literacy program may participate in a one-year long TCP.

<https://www.bhcc.edu/adulted/transitions/>

The Language Institute

Basic English Language Learning (BELL)

- City of Somerville-If you are a Somerville resident you can receive Language classes for free and contextualized English instruction to prepare for the workplace with focus on career readiness and customer service. Enrollment for spring 2025 starts Dec 11th

Somerville ESOL Project

Contact:

Jenny Bobea

jenny.bobea@bhcc.edu

Funder: City of
Somerville



Partners



Bunker Hill Community College and The Welcome Project offers no-cost English as a Second Language Classes through support from the City of Somerville. Stipends are available

The program will include customer service-focused training and job-seeking skills.

<https://www.bhcc.edu/somerville-esol/>

To qualify for these classes, you must:

Be a Somerville Resident

Be age 18 or older

Document that you are from a low-income household

Community Education

Contact:

Jack Chan
jchan@bhcc.edu



Providing personal and professional, career-driven coursework and programs that support lifelong learning and economic mobility.

- **Test Prep- TEAS Exam for Nurses and Nurse Admissions**
- **Free to any student who would like to apply to the Nursing program. A good score is required on the TEAS TEST in order to be accepted into the program.**
- <https://www.bhcc.edu/workforce/testprep/atiteastestprep/>

Good Jobs Specialty Programs

Contact:

Jackie Saba
Marine coordinator
jacqueline.saba@bhcc.edu

Free enrollment for those looking
for a career until August 2025

Partners



Marine Technician Program and Public Water System Operator

This unique program provides training for marine technicians to meet the demands of the MA boating industry. <https://www.bhcc.edu/workforce/career/marinetechnicianprogram/>

Introduction to Water system operator:

The “Introduction to Becoming a Public Water System Operator” is a 17.5-hour course designed to introduce individuals to the field of operating a public water system. <https://www.bhcc.edu/workforce/grantsandfinancialassistance/publicwatersystemoperator/>

Training Opportunities Program (TOP)



Contact: Mei Ngan

Kristen McKenna, TrainingPro

Students who are applying to receive an extension of unemployment benefits must be registered for college credits and approved training under the Training Opportunity Program (TOP) or ITA's

Mei Ngan in our Division processes the documents under the guidelines of Training Opportunity Program enrollment process.

<https://www.bhcc.edu/workforce/trainingopportunitiesstopandmasshiretraining/>

ECET- Enterprise Center for Entrepreneurship

Contact: Rob Macdonald,
Assistant Director
rob.macdonald@bhcc.edu

BHCC's Enterprise Center for Entrepreneurship and Training (ECET) supports residents and small businesses in Chelsea, Everett, and adjacent communities. The Center provides much-needed small business guidance and assistance in multiple languages through online consultation and workshops to address talent recruitment, career readiness, business planning, and innovation

Micro-credentials- Spanish, Portuguese etc.

- Serv safe
- CPR/First Aid
- Non profit management

<https://www.bhcc.edu/ecet/>

Apprenticeships

Contact Yvonne Dunkley,
Asst Director of
Apprenticeship
yvonne.Dunkley@bhcc.edu

BHCC offers an apprenticeship version of the Early Childhood Education Programs. THE ECE apprenticeship is partially funded by MA Division of Apprenticeship standards for either a certificate, A CDA (Child Development Assoc- need for state licensure) or the A.S in ECE

<https://www.bhcc.edu/apprenticeship/>

Any sector/industry can apply for registered apprenticeship through BHCC because we are a co- sponsors and we are working on degree apprenticeships in healthcare, education and community behavioral health

HVAC and Weatherization training

Partner free training if you qualify:

[Weatherization training](#)

[HVAC Training](#)

BHCC is a recruitment partner and if interested please email:

Lauren.ellis@bhcc.edu to be referred to
CEP

<https://www.masssave.com/trade-partners/clean-energy-pathways>

**Life Sciences-
medical lab-city
of Boston and
MGB**

Contact: Elva Singal
elva.singal@bhcc.edu
[u](#)

Free Phlebotomy classes for Boston residents, free medical Lab Certificate or degree. If you have a BA/BS, you can work with MGB to become a fellow in the their Medical Laboratory Science Program

<https://www.bhcc.edu/medicallaboratoryscience/>

R-3 Funded Programs

Contact:

Lateia Johnson and
Anamaria Vasquez

Bhcc.r3@bhcc.edu

Rapid Recovery and Reemployment (R3) Program eligible students impacted by the COVID-19 economic downturn to get back in the game with possible financial support to access short-term trainings and earn an industry-recognized credential, making them employable more quickly. Eligible participants may have access to full tuition and materials.

<https://www.bhcc.edu/training/>

program to learn about residency requirements.

City of Boston- Boston residents only

US Dept of Commerce- Good Jobs challenge- MA residents

Biogen Foundation

Check back in Jan 2025 for updated list, as new MA resident programs or those unemployed in MA may be able to access

Google IT Support Specialist*

CompTIA A+ Exam Prep (Foundations of IT Support)*

Cybersecurity Training Certificate*

Cisco Networking Technology Certification*

Hybrid Dental Assisting*

Hybrid EKG Technician*

Hybrid Phlebotomy Technician*

Hybrid Veterinary Assistant*

Marine Technician Program

Introduction to Water

Medical Interpreter

For a complete list, visit:

<https://www.bhcc.edu/training/>

Career Pathways Navigation

Contact:

Rachael Gottlieb
rachael.gottlieb@bhcc.edu

Funder:



The goal is to provide career support that incorporates a holistic review of advising, career preparation, and job placement support. In addition, the project focuses on employer input and integration with current college systems to better enhance the student and employer experience.

Questions? Kristen
McKenna

kpmckenn@bhcc.edu

or 617-228-2416

**If you have questions about
masseducate, please go to:**

<https://www.bhcc.edu/masseducate/>

Thank you!