

Newsletter

NSCC Workforce Education

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Basic Food, Employment & Training Program - BFET (formerly know as Food Stamp, Employment & Training Program - FSET)

North Seattle Community College, Workforce Education, was awarded its first Basic Food Employment Training Program (BFET) in October 2007. The BFET Program took off faster than was planned and Workforce Education enrolled 293 BFET students in the 2007 – 2008 academic year. As individuals quickly learned, the BFET Program is designed to assist individuals who qualify for Basic Food Assistance from the Department of Social and Health Service (DSHS) with the opportunity to get the training they need to find gainful employment.

Individuals who qualify for the BFET Program may participate in basic education, which includes English-as-A-Second Language (ESL) and Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes, high school completion classes, or career-technical training programs. Examples of some of the programs that NSCC offers include Medical Office Administration, Electronics, Biomedical Technician and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technician (HVAC), and Accounting.

The BFET Program can pay for tuition, books, fees, testing, and student ID card. BFET students are eligible for childcare assistance during school hours through DSHS. A student can continue to receive these services as long as they are eligible for the BFET program (qualify for Basic Food Assistance which DSHS) and make satisfactory academic progress with a grade point average of at least 2.0.

The BFET Program provides additional services such as individualized tutoring services up to a maximum of 10 hours per week for a student struggling with a class and/or transportation assistance such as a parking permit or bus pass.

As of October 2008, the BFET Program eligibility will expand to allow more potential students who are interested in schooling to attend the opportunity to do so. Federal and Washington State guidelines are expanding to provide approximately 29,000 more families in King County alone the opportunity to participate in the BFET Program. North Seattle's Workforce Education has prepared itself to accommodate as many of these individuals as possible by doubling its BFET Program for the 2008 – 2009 academic year.

If you or anyone you know is interested in this exciting program, please attend one of our **information sessions** that are held every **Wednesday from 1-2pm**. in the **College Center Building, Room 3450** where everything you wanted to know about the BFET Program will be presented. However, if you have questions and can not attend on of the Wednesday sessions, please don't hesitate to contact the BFET Coordinator, **Misti Uptain**, at **206-529-6101** or the Workforce Education front desk at **(206) 527-3787**.

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Workforce Education Facts

- ⇒ NSCC was awarded \$297,400 to partner with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU -1199NW) and Northwest Hospital and Medical Center to provide courses to incumbent workers at Northwest Hospital. This program will begin in the Winter Quarter of 2009 and conclude in the Summer quarter of 2009.
- ⇒ The Worker Retraining Program holds weekly Information Sessions on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm in the College Center Building, Room CC3449. During these sessions you can learn more about the Worker Retraining program and get your questions answered.
- ⇒ The WorkFirst, Opportunity Scholarship Grant, Basic Food Employment Training (BFET) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Pathway Programs hold a combined Informational Session every Wednesday from 1:00-2:00pm in the College Center Building, Room CC3450.
- ⇒ The Perkins Grant application dates for Winter Quarter will be available starting December 8th. Applications will be due December 22nd.
- ⇒ Starting Summer quarter the CWE 110 Internship course is making it's official 100% online launch. The main impetus behind this move is to increase access to the internship course by alleviating scheduling conflicts and opening the program to online, off-campus and students with limited time. Our goal is to increase the availability of the Internship course, while maintaining the quality and integrity that has been established over the last two years through the on-campus offering. Hopefully this shift will better serve our students and the campus community at large. Wish us luck with this new endeavor and help spread the word about the new online internship offering!

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Workforce Education manages programs that assist individuals who need basic skills (ABE/GED/ESL) and or specific job training preparation to enter or reenter the work force, as well as programs that meet the needs of the regional business community. Through our degree and certificate programs, Workforce Education helps students obtain the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to achieve their professional and personal goals. Our programs maximize educational access, are student-centered, customer driven, market focused, relevant and rigorous.

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