Advising and Priority Registration: October 26 - November 13

Priority Registration is a time for currently enrolled students to meet with their advisor to discuss academic goals and the degree requirements for their program of study, as well as pre-register for the spring 2010 term. Students have first choice for courses and by participating in priority registration, they can make sure they receive the best schedule possible. If students choose not to take advantage of priority registration, they will have to late register in January and are less likely to enroll in courses of their choice.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENT REGARDING PRIORITY REGISTRATION:

- Have you reviewed your degree or program requirements? (Degree/Program requirements are available in the BCTC catalog.)
- Have you met with your advisor and registered for summer and fall classes? (Students can consult the Advisor Directory to locate their advisor and then schedule an appointment.)
- Have you declared a major? If not, have you thought about meeting with a career counselor? (Students can schedule an appointment to meet with a Counselor on Cooper Campus in the Oswald Building Room 103.)

BCTC Academic Calendar

The BCTC academic calendar is a crucial tool for your student. It outlines important dates for a given semester such as the first day of class, the last day to withdraw from classes (with full refund, with 50% refund, and with no refund), as well as the last day to apply for graduation to name a few. For information about the academic calendar for a given semester, visit the following website: http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/registration/calendar/
**BCTC Scholarship**

BCTC offers several scholarship opportunities to students. Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships in which they meet the criteria. Some scholarships are academic based and others are financial-need based. The 2009 – 2010 Scholarship Applications are available online at [http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/financialaid/scholarship_application/](http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/financialaid/scholarship_application/).

**Code of Student Conduct**

All students at BCTC should be familiar with their rights and responsibilities as a member of the BCTC Community. Please encourage your son or daughter to review and become aware of the KCTCS Code of Student Conduct. The Code is located at:


**Financial Aid**

Students still have time to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2009 – 2010. To complete the FAFSA the student and parent will need a copy of their 2008 Federal Tax Return. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to complete the form. The BCTC school code is 005244.

**2010-2011 Financial Aid and Scholarship Information**

The 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available online beginning January 1, 2009. To apply go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You will need your 2009 Federal Income Tax Return to complete the application. 2010-2011 BCTC Scholarship Application will be available in early February. Additional information regarding federal and state financial aid as well as scholarship opportunities can be found on these websites.

- [www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu](http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu)
- [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com)
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- [www.gohigherky.org](http://www.gohigherky.org)
- [www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Check out your local community including churches, banks and credit unions, companies and even your high school!

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- Apply early
- You must reapply for financial aid each year.
- Keep copies of all documents you submit.
- Respond promptly to all requests for more information.
- Avoid common mistakes that can delay your awards; such as providing incomplete or inaccurate information or not submitting all required documents.
Multiculturalism and Inclusion Office

INTRAMURAL SPORTS
The purpose of BCTC Intramural Sports is to provide an opportunity for every student to take part in competitive and non-competitive recreational sports and activities within the framework of educational endeavor.

The objectives are as follows:
• To provide opportunities for individual development through a varied program of vigorous leisure activities.
• To present opportunities for social contact and the development of lasting friendships.
• To provide leadership and fellowship opportunities through group participation.
• To present opportunities for every individual, regardless of his skill ability, to enjoy the thrill of voluntary participation.
• To present opportunities for developing positive attitudes toward recreational activity throughout life.

BCCTC Pep Squad "Higher Ed Retaining Diversity " HERD"

- Intramurals Basketball
- Intramural Soccer
- Step Team

Contact:
Diversity Outreach Coordinator
James Chambers 859/246-6781 or x56781 james.chambers@kctcs.edu

Records/Registration Information

Important Dates:
• October 26-November 13-Priority registration for Spring 2010 for currently enrolled students
• December 4– Last day for a student, at the instructor’s discretion, to officially withdraw from a class and receive a grade of W
• December 6-12– Final examinations

Final Grades:
Final grades are not mailed to the student’s home address. Students may view their grades by accessing their self-service account on PeopleSoft. Grades will be available for viewing beginning Wednesday, December 16th. In accordance with FERPA, The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, a federal law governing the privacy of educational records, grades cannot be released directly to the parent.
**Student Activities and Organizations**

There are many activities and organizations on campus for your students to participate in. Research shows that students who are involved in student life on campus perform better academically than their peers who are not involved. Encourage your student to become involved in at least one activity or student organization at BCTC!

**BCTC Student Organizations**

- American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)
- Athena Club
- BCTC Christian Fellowship
- BCTC Courier
- BCTC Intramural Sports
- BCTC Republicans
- BCTC Practical Nursing Student Organization
- BCTC Student Chapter of Home Builders of Lexington
- Bluegrass Community and Technical College Nursing Class of 2010
- Bluegrass Community and Technical College Nursing Class of 2011
- Bluegrass Community & Technical College Student Government
- Bluegrass Computer and Technology Club
- Dental Laboratory Technology Association (DELTA)
- Enlace (Latino Student Association)
- International Association of Administrative Professional (IAAP)
- International Students’ Association
- Peace and Justice Coalition
- Phi Beta Lambda
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Student American Dental Hygienists Association (SADHA)
- Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)
- Students United for the Promotion of Education in Radiography (SUPER)
- Winchester Campus History Club

**Support Services**

There are many support services available at BCTC that are designed to assist students with their academic, career and personal success.

- Student Development and Counseling Services --
**BCTC Tobacco-Restricted Policy**
The use of all tobacco products is prohibited, except within a designated outdoor area, in all owned, operated, leased or controlled BCTC buildings and structures, grounds, parking lots, walkways, sidewalks, and vehicles. Students attending Cooper Campus need to be aware that the University of Kentucky tobacco policy is even more restrictive. See UK’s website for further information.

For more information about the BCTC Tobacco-Restricted Policy including a map of designated smoking areas on each campus, please visit:

http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/safety/tobaccopolicy/

**Transfer Center**
An associate’s degree from BCTC opens a world of opportunities – including the possibility of earning a bachelor’s degree! People with a bachelor’s degree earn an average of $600,000 more over the course of their lifetime than those with an associate’s degree, according to the most recent Census data. As a parent, you have the greatest opportunity to encourage your students to believe in themselves and dream big! If they have the dream, we can help!

Our strong partnerships with four-year institutions have provided Bluegrass students great transfer opportunities. Programs such as BCTCblue+, a joint transfer program for students interested in transferring to the University of Kentucky, allows BCTC students the opportunity to take up to 12 hours of UK courses at BCTC tuition rate, while completing their associate’s degree. The BCTC Colonel program allows students interested in transferring to Eastern Kentucky University the opportunity to register for EKU classes during EKU’s priority registration period. The Transfer Center is currently working on a joint transfer program with Kentucky State University that will allow BCTC students the opportunity to take KSU classes while attending BCTC. For more information on these programs, please visit the Transfer Center website at: www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/transfercenter.

With onsite advisors from Eastern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, and Kentucky State University, as well as BCTC Transfer Advisors, we provide individual transfer advising to students interested in transferring anywhere in the country. Encourage your student to visit the Transfer Center today and start dreaming – and planning – now!

in person  | Transfer Center, 100B AT Building, Cooper Campus
online  www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/transfercenter/schedule_your_own_appointment/
Want to feel like you’re part of your student’s transfer journey? Check out the Transfer Center website at: www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/transfercenter.

**Tuition and Student Billing**

Tuition at BCTC still remains the most affordable in Kentucky. Tuition for in-state students for spring 2010 term is $125 per credit hour. Please visit our website at http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/fa/studentbilling/ tuition_and_fees/ for more information on payment options, plans and deadlines.