KEY FACTS (Data from 2013-2014 academic year unless otherwise noted)

Year Founded: 1940
Service Area: Pierce County
Legislative Districts: 2, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

Programs: 49 associate degrees, 65 professional certificates, 11 associate of applied science-transferable in 49 programs of study

Highest Enrolled Programs:
Auto Body Rebuilding and Refinishing
Commercial Truck Driving – Entry Level
Diesel and Heavy Equipment Mechanic
Practical Nurse
Welding

Enrollment:
Headcount (all sources) 8,944
FTES (all sources) 4,225
Headcount (state-funded) 7,599
FTES (state-funded) 3,819

Students in Selected Programs (Headcount):
eLearning (all types) 954
I-BEST 7
International Students 16
Running Start 6
Worker Retraining 532

STUDENT PROFILE — STATE FUNDED

Ethnicity:
Asian/Pacific Islander 7%
African American 13%
Native American 3%
Hispanic 10%
Other, Multiracial 1%
White/Caucasian 67%

Gender:
Female 55%
Male 45%

Family and Finances:
Students receiving need-based financial aid in eligible programs 57.7%
Students who work 40%
Students with children 56%

Median Age: 31.7

Enrollment by course intent
- Basic skills 9%
- Pre-college 2%
- Workforce education 85%
- Academic/transfer 4%

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Skills for Success: Workforce Education
In 2015, Bates celebrates 75 years of providing relevant, hands-on workforce training. In response to emerging industries and demand for skilled workers, Bates added new educational pathways to its diverse list of program offerings, which includes accounting, aerospace, STEM, online education and a new mobile food truck program. Bates also adopted three college-wide learning outcomes which reflect the guiding expectation that all graduates demonstrate competence in human diversity, effective communication and critical thinking.

Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing
Bates increased its student capacity in welding and machining programs to better support local aerospace and manufacturing employers. Support from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the Governor’s Aerospace Pipeline Committee made it possible to offer additional swing-shift programs, begin pursuing National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) accreditation and acquire needed equipment. An agreement with Boeing establishes Bates as the pre-employment testing facility for new welders at the aerospace giant. These enhancements enable the college to forge stronger ties with the more than 1,350 aerospace-related companies in our region that employ more than 132,500 highly-skilled aerospace and manufacturing workers.

Setting a Preferred Future
Bates will open its Advanced Technology Center in 2015. Located in the heart of central Tacoma, the building will be an epicenter for communications, engineering, IT and digital media programs. Bates is in the queue for a capital project for a 70,000-square-foot Health Science Center scheduled to open in 2019. This center will provide innovative training space for Medical Mile Allied Health programs, including four new programs. The facility will include state of the art simulation labs, skills labs and STEM-related training spaces and will be a magnet for partnerships with local businesses, major health care providers and other education institutions in our local region.