

Bates Technical College

# Ability to Benefit

Policies & Procedures

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# Ability-to-Benefit Policies & Procedures

Bates Technical College implementation of Ability-to-Benefit (ABT) Alternatives & Eligible Career Pathways programs (ECPP). Students may become eligible for Title IV and WA state aid through the ATB alternatives in one of three ways.

- If a student first enrolled in an eligible postsecondary program prior to July 1, 2012, the student may enroll in any eligible program and can become eligible through one of the ATB alternatives.
- If a student first enrolled in an eligible postsecondary program on or after July 1, 2012, the student may only become eligible through one of the ATB alternatives if the student is enrolled in an “eligible career pathway program.”

See below for more details about eligible career pathway programs. An ATB student need not be enrolled concurrently in both the eligible postsecondary program and the component for attaining a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent. In accordance with the FSA HB Jul 2019, Volume 1—Student Eligibility 2019–20, pages 1-12.

## THE ATB ALTERNATIVES INCLUDE:

### Option 1

- Passing an independently administered Department of Education approved ATB test (See chart below).

ATB Tests Still Approved   Publishers & Passing Scores	
Wonderlic Basic Skills Test (WBST) Verbal Forms VS-1 and VS-2, Quantitative Forms QS-1 and QS-2. This is a paper and pencil test.	Wonderlic, Inc., 400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 200, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 Contact: Chris Young, 847-247-2544 Passing Scores: Verbal 200, Quantitative 210
Wonderlic Basic Skills Test (WBST) Verbal Forms VS-1 and VS-2, Quantitative Forms QS-1 and QS-2. This is an online version of the tests.	Wonderlic, Inc., 400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 200, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 Contact: Chris Young, 847-247-2544 Passing Scores: Verbal 200, Quantitative 210
Spanish Wonderlic Basic Skills Test (Spanish WBST) Verbal Forms VS-1 and VS-2, Quantitative Forms QS-1 and QS-2. This is a paper and pencil test.	Wonderlic, Inc., 400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 200, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 Contact: Chris Young, 847-247-2544 Passing Scores: Verbal 200, Quantitative 200
Spanish Wonderlic Basic Skills Test (Spanish WBST) Verbal Forms VS-1 and VS-2, Quantitative Forms QS-1 and QS-2. This is an online version of the tests.	Wonderlic, Inc., 400 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 200, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 Contact: Chris Young, 847-247-2544 Passing Scores: Verbal 200, Quantitative 200

Combined English Language Skills Assessment (CELSA), Forms 1 and 2.	Association of Classroom Teacher Testers (ACTT), 1187 Coast Village Road, Suite 1, #378, Montecito, CA 93108 Contact: Pablo Beuckelew, 805-965-5704 Passing Scores: CELSA Form 1: 97; Form 2: 97.
ACCUPLACER (Reading Comprehension, Sentence Skills, and Arithmetic)	The College Board, 250 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10281 Contact: The ACCUPLACER Program, 800-607-5223 Passing Scores: Reading Comprehension 55; Sentence Skills 60; and Arithmetic 34.

### Option 2

- Completing at least six credit hours or 225 clock hours that are applicable toward a Title IV-eligible degree offered by the postsecondary institution (neither remedial nor developmental coursework count toward this requirement. The coursework must demonstrate that the student has the ability to benefit from the postsecondary program in which the student is enrolled or intends to enroll, but need not be applicable to the specific degree or program in which the student is enrolled).

### Option 3

- Completing a State process approved by the Secretary of Education.

### THE WASHINGTON STATE ABILITY TO BENEFIT OPTION 3: CO-ENROLLMENT OPTION

The approved Washington State Option 3 for Ability to Benefit gives students access through co-enrollment in a High School+ (HS+) and I-BEST Title IV eligible career pathways.

Requirements of this process are as follows:

- Students must qualify for federally supported levels of basic skills education.
- Students must meet all entrance requirements to enroll in I-BEST per program entrance requirements.
- Students and programs must continue to meet all other ATB eligibility requirements.

### ELIGIBLE CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS.

An “eligible career pathway program” means a program that combines rigorous and high-quality education, training, and other services that:

1. Align with the skill needs of industries in the economy of the State or regional economy involved;
2. Prepares an individual to be successful in any of a full range of secondary or postsecondary education options, including apprenticeships registered under the Act of

August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.);

3. Includes counseling to support an individual in achieving the individual’s education and career goals;
4. Includes, as appropriate, education offered concurrently with and in the same context as workforce preparation activities and training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster;
5. Organizes education, training, and other services to meet the particular needs of an individual in a manner that accelerates the educational and career advancement of the individual to the extent practicable;
6. Enables an individual to attain a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and at least one recognized postsecondary credential; and
7. Helps an individual enter or advance within a specific occupation or occupational cluster.

## APPROVED CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS

Level	Institutions Program Name	CIP Code	EPC
Associate	Accounting	52.0302	505B
Associate	Administrative Medical Assistant	51.0716	565B
Associate	Administrative Office Assistant	52.0401	551B
Associate	Architectural Woodworking/Cabinet Making Technology	48.0703	877B
Associate	Auto body Rebuilding / Refinishing	47.0603	709B
Associate	Automotive Technology	47.0604	712B
Associate	Biomedical Equipment Service Technician Clinical Engineering	15.0401	654B
Associate	Broadcasting/Video Production	10.0202	628B
Associate-T	Broadcasting/Video Production	10.0202	628Z
Associate-T	Business DTA	52.0101	DTA
Associate	Carpentry	46.0201	745B
Associate	Certified Medical Assistant	51.0801	381B
Associate	Civil & Environment Engineering Technology	15.0201	612B
Associate-T	Civil & Environment Engineering Technology	15.0201	612Z
Associate	Computer Networking Systems Technician	15.1202	608B
Associate-T	Computer Networking Systems Technician	15.1202	608Z
Associate	Culinary Arts	12.0503	850B
Associate	Cybersecurity	11.1003	506B
Associate-T	Cybersecurity	11.1003	506Z

Associate	Dental Assisting	51.0601	305B
Associate	Dental Lab Technician	51.0603	311B
Associate	Denturist	51.0699	309B
Associate	Diesel / Heavy Equipment Technology	47.0605	775B (I-BEST)
Associate	Digital Media	50.0401	728B
Associate-T	Digital Media	50.0401	728Z
Associate	Early Childhood Education	13.1210	402B
Associate-T	Early Childhood Education	13.1210	402Z
Associate	Electrical Construction	46.0201	784B (IBEST)
Associate	Electrical Engineering Technician	15.0303	630B
Associate-T	Electrical Engineering Technician	15.0303	630Z
Associate	Electronic Equipment Service Technician	47.0101	780B
Associate	Electronics and Communications Systems Technology	47.0103	651B
Associate	Facilities Maintenance Engineer	46.0401	774B
Associate	Fire Service	43.0203	828B (I-BEST)
Associate	Fire Service Supervision	43.0203	828D
Associate	Hearing Aid Specialist	51.0918	687B
Associate	Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technician	47.0201	703B (I-BEST)
Associate	Industrial Electronics/ Robotics Technician	47.0105	657B
Associate	Information Technology Specialist	11.0901	527B
Associate-T	Information Technology Specialist	11.0901	527Z
Associate	Machinist	48.0501	808B
Associate	Marketing /Business Management	52.1401	245B
Associate-T	Marketing /Business Management	52.1401	245Z
Associate	Mechanical Engineering Tech	15.0805	642B
Associate-T	Mechanical Engineering Tech	15.0805	642Z
Associate	Motorcycle and Marine Technology	47.0606	856B
Associate	Practical Nursing	51.3901	326B (I-BEST)
Associate	Occupational Therapy Assistant	51.0803	342B
Associate	Sheet Metal Technology	48.0506	811B
Associate	Software Development	11.0201	515B
Associate-T	Software Development	11.0201	515Z
Associate	Welding	48.0508	814B

## ATB & ECPP ELIGIBILITY TIMING

When a student becomes eligible through enrollment in an Eligible Career Pathway program or by completing “at least 6 credit hours or 225 clock hours that are applicable to a degree or certificate offered by your school.” ATB alternative, the student does not gain eligibility during

the period in which he/she is completing those hours. The student only becomes eligible for Pell Grants and Campus-Based aid in payment periods following the period in which the hours were completed, and a school may only originate a Direct Loan for a period, which follows the period in which the hours were completed.

### **CEASING TO BE AN ATB STUDENT**

A student who gained TIV eligibility under one of the ATB alternatives ceases to be an ATB student when they obtain a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent. At that point, the student is no longer subject to the restrictions on ATB students, including that the student be enrolled in an eligible career pathway program in order to be (potentially) TIV-eligible.

### **SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)**

To be eligible for FSA and WA state funds, a student must make satisfactory academic progress, and your school must have a reasonable policy for monitoring that progress.