

BC3 @ LindenPointe's advantages on display at BC3 Bound

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Chaz Knott, of Hermitage, attended BC3 @ LindenPointe, graduated debt-free with an associate degree in business management in 2020 and was a member of BC3's fourth consecutive graduating class of at least 560 graduates. He is shown during BC3's commencement on Aug. 1, 2020.

(Hermitage, PA) Prospective students can explore BC3 @ LindenPointe's 17 associate degree and certificate programs, and learn about the transferability of its credits and its savings compared to Pennsylvania's public four-year and state-related institutions during an in-person tour or virtual visit as part of the college's BC3 Bound Event.

BC3 will also waive its \$25 application fee during the BC3 Bound Event, to be held from Nov. 10-12. Prospective students can schedule an in-person tour or virtual visit to be held between Nov. 10-12 – and apply free by entering the code BC3Bound2021 – at bc3.edu/bc3bound.

BC3 @ LindenPointe is located at 3182 Innovation Way, Hermitage.

During an in-person tour or virtual visit, prospective students can ask BC3 representatives about financial aid, BC3's five start dates each semester, BC3's 17:1 student-to-faculty ratio, support services, BC3 @ LindenPointe's programs of study and how 80 percent of BC3 graduates are debt-free.

BC3 has been ranked as the No. 1 community college in Pennsylvania for 2020 by BestColleges.com. The BC3 Education Foundation in 2020-2021 will award more than \$200,000 in named scholarships which, with financial aid and BC3's affordable tuition, allow 80 percent of BC3 graduates to graduate debt-free.

BC3 @ LindenPointe offers associate degrees in 11 transfer programs and in five career programs. Its menu also includes a certificate program in medical coding and billing specialist that takes one year or less to complete.

Credits transfer to four-year institutions

BC3 @ LindenPointe students can apply credits earned toward a bachelor's degree at public, private and online four-year colleges and universities. Students in BC3 @ LindenPointe's career programs can develop the skills needed to enter the workforce immediately after graduation.

Sixty-six percent of BC3 students this fall are enrolled in transfer programs.

BC3 @ LindenPointe's selection of two-year transfer programs features business administration, communications, computer science, criminology, early childhood education (Pre K-4), general studies, physical education-sport management option, psychology, secondary education-English option, secondary education-social sciences option and social work.

BC3 @ LindenPointe's menu of two-year career programs includes business management, emergency services-police services option, human resource management, marketing management and technical trades-radiologic technology, held in partnership with Steward Sharon Regional Health System Inc.

A certificate program in medical coding and billing specialist is also among the choices at BC3 @ LindenPointe.

Students who complete a BC3 @ LindenPointe degree in business administration, criminology, early childhood education (Pre K-4), psychology and social work can transfer all credits to a parallel program and with junior standing to any Pennsylvania public four-year institution, such as Clarion, Edinboro, Indiana and Slippery Rock universities of Pennsylvania.

BC3's 486 outgoing transfer agreements with Pennsylvania public four-year universities are the third-most among the 14 institutions within the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges.

Students who complete a BC3 @ LindenPointe degree in business administration, communications, computer science, criminology, general studies or psychology can transfer all credits to a parallel program to any Penn State University commonwealth campus.

Students can also take pre-nursing courses at BC3 @ LindenPointe and finish their degree in Nursing, R.N., on BC3's main campus.

BC3 savings range from \$3K to \$27K per year

Full-time BC3 students from Mercer County can save \$3,115 annually in tuition and fees compared to the average charged by Pennsylvania's public four-year universities or \$5,785 compared to the average charged by Pennsylvania's state-related institutions' branch campuses.

Tuition and fees average \$11,215 for students pursuing 15 credits per semester for one year in 2020-2021 at a Pennsylvania public four-year university; \$13,885 at a state-related institution's branch campus; \$16,926 at a state-related institution's main campus; and \$35,087 at a private institution.

Tuition and fees for BC3 students from Mercer County pursuing 15 credits per semester for one year in 2020-2021 are \$8,100.

The average student-loan debt for the Class of 2019 was \$38,521 in Pennsylvania, according to an Aug. 19 report in LendEDU, a website that provides comparisons for loans, credit cards and other financial products. Only student borrowers in New Hampshire and Connecticut were reported to have higher student-loan debt.

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Knott graduated from BC3 debt-free.

"That helped me incredibly," Knott said. "To be able to go into the world with a degree and absolutely no debt when there are students who are \$100,000 in debt and never even got their degrees. And they are \$100,000 in debt.

"That's among the things I was extremely grateful for BC3. It was the fact that I was not only able to excel and get a degree, but I won't have to look back and think, 'Man, I wish I would have made different choices that wouldn't have led me so deeply into debt.'"

Knott works in his family's business in Hermitage.