

# Get the facts about earning your **career-relevant** degree from Bellevue University!

Information you need to know about our tuition assistance education partnership with Bellevue University. If you have additional questions, see [SarpyCounty.CorporateLearning.com](http://SarpyCounty.CorporateLearning.com).

## How do I qualify for tuition assistance?

Simply by being a full-time or part-time Sarpy County employee, you are eligible for up to \$5,250 in annual tuition assistance when you enroll as a full-time student, seeking a degree at Bellevue University. If you are using this program to earn an associate or a bachelor's degree, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online, annually. The Bellevue University school code is 002538. You must maintain a GPA of 2.0 in undergraduate programs and a 3.0 in graduate programs to sustain the benefits.

## Does my spouse, son, daughter, mom, dad qualify for tuition assistance?

Yes. As long as you are employed at Sarpy County, each of your immediate family members is eligible for up to \$2,500 in annual tuition assistance when enrolled as a full-time student, seeking a degree at Bellevue University. Those using this program to earn an associate or a bachelor's degree must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online, annually. The Bellevue University school code is 002538. You must maintain a GPA of 2.0 in undergraduate programs and a 3.0 in graduate programs to sustain the benefits.

## Do I have to be a full-time student to qualify?

Yes. At Bellevue University, traditional semester-based programs are 12 weeks and full-time status for undergraduates is defined as eight credit hours per semester. If you enroll in an accelerated cohort program, you take only one course at a time, and all cohort programs qualify as full-time programs. At graduate level, full-time status requires one to take six credit hours per semester.

## Are employees who are currently enrolled in Bellevue University eligible for this tuition assistance program?

Current Bellevue University students should check with their Bellevue University Student Coach to see if they're eligible for this program. If you are, you will need to let your Coach know that you're interested in participating and, **after this is complete**, eligibility will start at the following term. In no case will the expanded tuition assistance be granted retroactively.

## What kind of support does Bellevue University provide?

Bellevue University offers academic advising, online tutoring, a writing center, military veteran services, and ongoing professional development webinars. Plus, they'll work with you to help you create a degree plan and stick to that plan.

## Are other forms of financial aid available?

Yes! When you combine the generous \$5,250 tuition assistance with other sources of education funding, the amount you may have to borrow to fund the remainder of your degree program can be very low.

Because Bellevue University is a nationally accredited university, they participate in all major federal and state grant and loan programs to pay any direct education costs remaining, such as tuition, books, and supplies.

Here are types of federal financial aid you may qualify for:

- **Pell Grants** – Awards of up to \$7,395 for the 2023–2024 school year if you can demonstrate exceptional financial need. This is a grant program set aside by the federal government for individuals who meet financial aid guidelines. Because it is a grant, it does not need to be repaid.
- **Veterans Education Benefits** – Bellevue University welcomes Education benefits and has VA-approved experts who will work with you to access and use the education funding you're entitled to.

Please NOTE: In order to ensure that you have funding to cover your entire degree program, we make sure you have access to all available funding and we limit the amount of tuition assistance you can access each academic term.

## What's the difference between a grant and a loan?

A grant does not have to be repaid. A loan must be repaid with interest following graduation or if the student stops before graduating.

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## I've already earned some college credit.

### Can I apply that to my Bellevue University degree?

Yes. Bellevue University lets you transfer in your previous college credits without a transfer fee! If you have an associate's degree, they will accept all the credits in your degree in full. You can also get credit for professional and military training, as well as for-credit exams like CLEP and DSST.

### Can I earn my degree from any college and still get this tuition assistance?

No. This tuition assistance is available exclusively to those who earn their degrees at Bellevue University, a world leader in helping motivated, working adults earn their college degrees. We created this partnership with Bellevue University because of their long history and expertise in supporting motivated adult learners, including the support, generous credit transfer, and career-relevant education you need to make a difference real-time at Sarpy County.

### Is there a specific degree that the tuition assistance applies to?

No. All Bellevue University degree programs qualify for this special tuition assistance, including two associate degrees, more than 50 bachelor's degrees, almost 30 master's degrees, and two doctoral degrees.

## Some of the degrees are listed as cohort programs.

### What does that mean?

In a cohort program, you take one class at a time with the same class of motivated learners from across the country. As you advance through the program with this same group in each course, you'll collaborate on projects and form valuable professional networks you'll keep throughout your career. Cohort programs qualify as full-time student status.

## Where is Bellevue University?

Bellevue University's main campus is located in Bellevue, Nebraska, but their degree programs are available to students throughout the globe via one of the most awarded online platforms available.

## What's it like to learn online at Bellevue University?

There is so much more to effective online learning than recording a professor lecturing.

Bellevue University dedicates an entire college to effectiveness in online learning, so you are assured a rich, interactive experience that encourages sharing with your professor and among your classmates. And, of course, the primary benefit of Bellevue University's online learning is that you can study and attend class when it's convenient for you.

## How do I begin?

The easiest way to get started is to visit

[SarpyCounty.CorporateLearning.com/Scheduler](https://SarpyCounty.CorporateLearning.com/Scheduler) to set up your Personal Advising Session with a helpful Enrollment Counselor.

Bellevue University has a dedicated group of Enrollment Counselors who are knowledgeable about Sarpy County culture. Throughout the enrollment process, your Enrollment Counselor will advise you on all aspects of your degree program, including course content, timeframes, workload, financing options, enrollment procedures, and more.

## What can I expect from the enrollment process?

First, you'll fill out the online application at

[SarpyCounty.CorporateLearning.com/Apply](https://SarpyCounty.CorporateLearning.com/Apply). Schedule a Personal Advising Session with an Enrollment Counselor. They will work with you on the next steps, including sending transcripts, choosing the right degree program, filling out your FAFSA, and more. Your Enrollment Counselor will be with you every step of the way.

## Something we missed?

There is a lot of information about our education partnership with Bellevue University at [SarpyCounty.CorporateLearning.com](https://SarpyCounty.CorporateLearning.com). Get all the information you need to start your degree with confidence.



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