

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

Information you need to know about the Bellevue University Partnership with DAU.

Why have we partnered with Bellevue University?

Bellevue University has a long history of working with career-motivated adult learners from around the world. They understand the education needs of working adults. They have a wide assortment of career-relevant degree programs, including those in our mission-critical areas. And their tuition rate is very affordable. On top of that, they offer Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce members a 20% grant toward that affordable rate.

Which degree programs are included in grant program?

The grant can be applied towards all undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degree programs. It is not applicable for individual courses and certificates. All standard admission requirements apply.

Who qualifies for this 20% grant?

This is available and applicable for all of the Acquisition Workforce who inquire through DAU.BellevueUniversity.US as new prospective, degree-seeking Bellevue University students. All of the Acquisition Workforce are eligible as long as they remain a member of the Acquisition Workforce, and as long as they remain continuously enrolled and in good financial standing at Bellevue University. For purposes of this program, "continuously enrolled" means that the student enrolls in and earns at least one credit hour from Bellevue University each consecutive academic term, other than summer term.

Do I have to be a full-time student to qualify for this grant?

No.

How do I apply for this special degree financing?

First start by inquiring through DAU.BellevueUniversity.US. You will be encouraged to participate in a *Personal Advising Session* with a Bellevue University trained and responsive Enrollment Counselor.

Be sure to check with your Supervisor or Training Officer so you are aware of all the requirements that apply to tuition assistance/tuition reimbursement.

Can this be combined with Military Preferred Pricing?

The 20% grant cannot be combined with other preferred pricing offered by Bellevue University, including Military Preferred Pricing offered to active duty military service members.

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.

I know that Bellevue University will transfer previous college coursework as well as some forms of corporate/government training into my degree program. How can I find out if I have prior learning that will count toward my degree?

The best way to find out if you have prior learning that will count toward your degree is to set up an appointment with a Bellevue University Enrollment Counselor. The meeting will be most productive if you are prepared with transcripts from previous colleges or universities and/or training programs in which you have participated.

What is the difference between an academic degree program and a tuition assistance program?

An academic degree program is part of a planned, systemic, and coordinated agency employee development program linked to accomplishing the strategic goals of the agency, meeting an identified agency training need or accomplishing goals in the strategic plan. Employees must undergo a competitive process, consistent with 5 CFR 410.308(c), before selection to an academic degree program. Agencies should only establish academic degree programs under the conditions of 5 U.S.C 4107. Agencies may NOT select employees for academic degrees for the sole purpose of providing the degree or to qualify for appointment to a position where the academic degree is a basic requirement.

Tuition assistance programs, including individual courses, are NOT considered part of an agency's academic degree program. Within a tuition assistance program, agencies pay for individual courses/classes. Employees are not required to undergo a competitive process. Supervisors should adhere to the definition of training (5 U.S.C 4101(4)) when choosing which classes/courses to pay for.

For more information on academic degree programs and tuition assistance, go to pp. 17-21 in the Training Policy Handbook.

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Are other forms of financial aid available?

Yes! When you combine the generous 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 assure that you have funding to cover your entire degree program, we make sure you have access to all available funding.

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.

How do I qualify for these types of aid?

Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online, annually. The Bellevue University Title IV code is 002538.

What is the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program and do I qualify?

The PSLF Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue to work full-time in public service jobs. Under this program, borrowers may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance of their Direct Loans after they have made 120 qualifying payments on those loans while employed full-time by certain public service employers.

For further information on qualification visit: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/charts/public-service#what-is-the-public>

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 DAU.BellevueUniversity.US 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 the DAU education benefits. 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 DAU.BellevueUniversity.US/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 DAU.BellevueUniversity.US. Get all the information you need to start your degree with confidence.



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