Bates Technical College complies with WAC 131-12-010 – Minimum standards for admission to a community or technical college. Students who meet admission requirements are admitted to Bates Technical on a first come, first served basis. Bates Technical College has an open-door admissions policy and does not discriminate in its educational programs.

An admitted student will have met the college’s admission requirements. However, specific program prerequisites shall be met by the date of enrollment into a program. In addition, the student:

- Is deemed able to profit from the curricular offerings of the college;
- Complies with the rules and procedures established for enrollment into college programs or educational offerings; and
- Would not, by their presence or conduct, create a disrupting atmosphere within the college inconsistent with the purpose and goals of the institution.

In accordance with WAC 131-12-010, any potential student applying for admissions to Bates Technical College shall be admitted when, as determined by the Vice President of Student Services or designee that such applicant is:

- Competent to profit from the curricular offerings of Bates Technical College and would not, by their presence or conduct, create a disruptive atmosphere that is inconsistent with the purpose and values of the college; and
- Eighteen years of age or older or is has obtained a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent or has applied for admission under the provisions of the Bates Technical High School or Running Start programs.
- To be eligible to receive Title IV funds, the regulations require that institutions admit as regular students only persons who have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the state in which the school is located, or are dually enrolled in the college and a secondary school. Students who are beyond the age of compulsory attendance within that state and has completed one of the ability-to-benefit (ATB) alternatives and is either currently enrolled in an eligible career pathway program or first enrolled in an eligible postsecondary program prior to July 1, 2012 may use ATB if your policy allows.
In addition, an applicant may be admitted to the college when such applicant:

- Complies with the rules and procedures established for enrollment into college programs or educational offerings; and
- If an international student, is in full compliance with immigration regulations.

An applicant transferring from another institution of higher education who meets the above criteria, but who is not in good standing at the time of their transfer, may be conditionally admitted to Bates Technical College on a probationary status as determined by the Vice President of Student Services or designee.

Should an applicant be denied admission, the applicant has the right to appeal the decision in writing to the Registrar’s Office.