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RE: Mandatory Requirement to Join the College’s Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan

Dear Bellevue College International Students,

This is a **very important announcement** about **BC’s** mandatory sickness and injury insurance enrollment requirement that will go into effect in Winter Quarter 2011. **Please read the entire letter** first and then contact the International Student Programs (ISP) office if you have any questions.

What is this about?	Bellevue College (BC) will require all F-1 visa holders, who are on BC’s I-20, to join the BC-contracted medical insurance plan every quarter including approved vacation terms and post completion optional practical training periods. The BC-contracted insurance plan is the same plan BC has offered and made available to you.
What type of insurance is it?	Through Firebird International Insurance Group, LLC, BC offers an accident and sickness plan that is underwritten by Uni Care, and student claims are administered by HTH Worldwide Insurance Service Inc.
When will it be required?	Effective Winter Quarter 2011, which starts on January 3, 2011
How much?	For the 2010-11 academic year, the premium is: *Primary (student): \$258.75 * Spouse: \$517.50 *Child: \$258.75 per child
What kind of coverage does the school insurance offer?	Please go to http://fiig-insurance.com/pdf/bellevue.pdf to view and print the coverage information. Maximum benefit per injury or sickness is \$250,000 USD, and lifetime maximum benefit is \$1,000,000 USD. This coverage does not cover dental or vision.
Why?	To provide reliable and ample coverage for our students while studying at BC. In the event of a major sickness or accident, the BC-contracted insurance agent will not only provide professional and timely services for you, but also ensure your claims to be paid.
What do I do if I already have my own insurance?	You will be required to join the BC-contracted insurance from Winter Quarter 2011 even though you have your own plan. In this case, you will have dual coverage until your plan expires. If you get sick or injured, your private insurance will be considered as primary, and BC’s plan will be secondary.
How to learn more about the BC insurance?	Please either print the insurance brochure or come to the ISP office to get the brochure. ISP will hold special information sessions this Fall by inviting our insurance agents to explain the insurance coverage and answer your questions. Participation is highly recommended but not required. <u>Tentative Information Session Dates:</u> (Dates may be changed later, please check the ISP website at http://bellevuecollege.edu/isp/insurance.html for updates. Mon., Sept. 27 Tue., Sept. 28 Wed., Oct. 20 Th., Oct. 21 Fri, Oct. 22