



The NLC Offers Distance Degree Program to Union Family Members!

The National Labor College is proud to announce a 100% non-residential college degree, the Bachelors of Technical/Professional Studies (BTPS). This new program is not only being made available, as are all NLC program, to interested union leaders, members, activists and staff; we also offer affordable access to the BTPS degree program for immediate family members of unionists.

The NLC is the only accredited college in the world that is solely devoted to educating union members, leaders, activists, and staff. Our highly regarded B.A. degree program has provided over 1000 union members with a Bachelor of Arts in Labor Studies and related areas. Our new Bachelor of Technical/Professional Studies (BTPS) degree brings these opportunities to union members and family members who want a completely online education. And at \$200 per academic credit for family members, NLC offers an affordable, quality college education!

What does the BTPS degree offer?

The BTPS degree offers six specializations, all with linkages to labor-related areas but in different contexts than solely labor studies, including:

- Leadership
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Communications and Technology
- Instructional Technology
- Music and Arts
- Construction Management

All of the online courses in the BTPS listed in our catalog are conducted entirely over the Internet, which means you "attend" online lectures and complete your assignments on a weekly basis throughout each fourteen-week semester whenever and wherever it's most convenient for you. You will also be able to earn a number of your college credits through Service Internships, structured learning experiences developed at or near your home and workplace.

Who should consider BTPS?

If you have a high school diploma or GED and credits from an accredited college or other accredited sources such as the military or apprenticeship programs, you may be eligible for entrance into the BTPS program. We also help you develop a prior learning portfolio that documents academic credits—up to a maximum of 30, a full year's worth of college credit—for your appropriately documented college-level learning from prior experiences.

Why BTPS can work for you:

- BTPS is flexible and convenient. You can arrange your schedule during each week of the semester to allow you to learn anytime, anywhere, without commuting.
- BTPS courses are visual and interactive. Instructors and students are engaged, motivated and dedicated to teaching and learning.
- BTPS allows you to work at times that fit your busy schedule. But you do not work in isolation; online courses connect you with fellow students near and far.
- BTPS values learning that comes from your work experience. You can create a prior learning portfolio that may document up to 30 college credits that can be applied toward your degree.
- BTPS Service Learning Internships allow you to do work in your community on projects of interest and importance. You can do good work and earn college credits at the same time!

Who should enroll in the BTPS program?

- A student who works part-time or full-time and finds it difficult to regularly commute to a classroom location.
- A student who values individualized learning and at the same time enjoys participating in an online learning community with others.

What do I need in order to take a BTPS course?

- Access to the Internet (no need to purchase or install new software on your computer). If you do not have an access to a computer, you may connect to courses through computers in public libraries or workplaces; and
- Enthusiasm for learning!

I am new to online learning. What support can you give me?

- We offer a course, Learning in a Digital World, for all new students. This course is specifically designed to prepare you to succeed in the BTPS program.
- We provide all our online learners with the tech support service. Tech support will be available by phone or email during the business hours.

Will I be working on my own in this program?

- No. You will be working closely with the instructor and the students in your online class, just as you would in a traditional classroom.

To learn more about BTPS, contact the National Labor College by e-mail: btps@nlc.edu or call Deputy Provost for Online Learning: Dr. Yoon-il Auh at (301) 628-4862

If you want to know more about the National Labor College or are interested in our BTPS program, visit us at our website at www.nlc.edu