The University of Washington Bothell, one of three UW campuses, is located in the heart of the Puget Sound region. Downtown Seattle is approximately 30-45 minutes away by car or bus. The campus is also halfway between the cities of Bellevue and Everett, in what is known as the "tech corridor" given the many international and start-up technology and biomedical companies that make this region their home.

UW Bothell — which shares a campus with Cascadia College — is about a mile from downtown Bothell. The town is known for its historic Main Street, its recreational activities (including biking, hiking and kayaking), and a growing number of restaurants, breweries, coffee shops and boutique stores.

Situated on what was formerly the Boone-True Ranch, UW Bothell is home to a 58-acre wetland, one of the largest and most complex floodplain restorations in Washington state.