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An A to Z guide to learning resources,
campus services and student life opportunities
available at the colleges.

Access & Disability Services

FS: (253) 964-6526 (voice) • (253) 964-6228 (TTY)
PY: (253) 840-8335 (voice) • (253) 840-8474 (TTY)
Alternative format of college publications available upon request

Pierce College seeks to provide a fully integrated learning experience for students with disabilities by addressing physical and attitudinal barriers and promoting a campus climate that is conducive to full participation.

Services and academic adjustments are designed to ensure that students with a disability have equal access to all college activities and programs. These adjustments include, but are not limited to: accessible facilities, guidelines for use of service animals, alternate formats of educational materials and testing procedures, sign language interpreters, readers and scribes. Assistive equipment offerings range from voice recognition systems to assistive learning devices. For the most current resources contact Access and Disability Services.

The Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act mandate that students with disabilities have equal access to all student services and educational programs. However, essential requirements of courses may not be modified.

Contacts with Access and Disability Services are confidential. Policies and procedures for services to students with disabilities are available at www.pierce.ctc.edu or may be requested from the Access and Disability Services office or the Office of the Vice President for Learning and Student Success at each college.

Assistance & Information

FS: (253) 964-6501
PY: (253) 840-8400

The admissions office at Fort Steilacoom or the registration office at Puyallup is the place to go for information on admission, classes, instructors, advisors, college services and events, or for referral to a specific person or department for further assistance.

Another valuable information resource is the advising center, where you can get information on programs and courses offered through the college, degree and transfer program requirements, access to catalogs from other Washington colleges, help in selecting classes and referral to other sources as needed. Refer to the advising section in the GETTING STARTED section of this catalog for more information.

EMERGENCY CAMPUS CLOSINGS

Pierce College classes may be canceled in case of snow, extreme cold or other emergency. For information about campus closures, check for announcements on the following television and radio stations, or on the Internet:

- TV stations: KING TV 5, KIRO-TV 7, KOMO TV 4, KCPQ 13.
- AM radio: KIRO (710), KBSG (1210), KCIS (630), KGY (1240), KIXI (880), KLAY (1180), KNWX (770), KOMO (1000), KRPM (1090).
- FM radio: KBKS (106.1), KBSG (97.3), KCMS (105.3), KGY (96.9), KIRO (100.7), KJR (95.7), KLSY (92.5), KMPS (94.1), KMTT (103.7), KPLU (88.5), KPLZ (101.5), KUBE (93.3), KUOW (94.9), KVTI (90.9), KXXO (96.1), KYCW (96.5), KZOK (102.5).
- Public Schools Emergency Closure System Web site: www.schoolreport.org

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Voter registration information is available in the registration office, student programs and library at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom and Pierce College Puyallup.

Athletics

FS: (253) 964-6613
PY: (253) 840-8415
www.pierce.ctc.edu/athletics

Raider Athletics at Pierce College provide the opportunity for students to participate in intercollegiate athletics in the highly competitive Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC), composed of 32 regional members.

The Raiders field teams for women in volleyball, basketball and fastpitch softball and for men in soccer, basketball and baseball. If you are interested in trying out for one of these teams, contact the athletics department at Fort Steilacoom or the office of student programs at Puyallup.

Admission to Raider athletic events is free with a student I.D. card. Schedule information may be obtained in the athletics department at Fort Steilacoom or the student programs office at Puyallup.

Bookstore

FS: (253) 964-6508
PY: (253) 840-8411

Owned and operated by Pierce College, the bookstores at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom and Pierce College Puyallup carry all required textbooks and a full line of school supplies for your class needs. The bookstores also have a selection of calculators, study aids, best-selling books, software, imprinted clothing, gift items, confections and cards for all occasions.

A mini-bookstore facility at McChord serves students at that site.

Campus Safety

FS: (253) 964-6751
PY: (253) 840-8481
www.pierce.ctc.edu/safety

Pierce College does not tolerate criminal activities in its facilities or on its grounds. The college encourages staff, students and visitors to immediately report any such activities — including threats, harassment or family violence — to campus safety. Other services provided include lost and found, escort service, disabled vehicle service and building access with proper authorization.

Assistance with sudden illness, injury or other emergency while attending Pierce College is available through the campus safety office at either college.

Child Care Assistance

EVENING CHILD CARE PROGRAM
FS: (253) 964-6581

The Evening Child Care Program provides quality care to meet the needs of children whose parents are taking evening classes at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom. The program is designed to meet the physical, emotional, social and cognitive development of the children enrolled.

For a nominal fee, parents may enroll their children aged three years (toilet-trained) to eight years old. The program is available Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. during Fall, Winter and Spring quarters. The program is closed during breaks and all holidays observed by the college. Children must be registered for the quarter. No drop-in care is available. Applications are available in the advising office.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Milgard Child Development Center (FS): (253) 912-3680

Garnero Child Development Center (PY): (253) 864-3302

The Pierce College Child Development Centers provide a place where the needs of the child come first. The centers provide a high quality early childhood program that nurtures the growth, development and education of children, students and their families while creating a model of quality early childhood education. The centers provide affordable, accessible child care in a quality early childhood environment that recognizes children, parents and staff as part of a campus-based learning community.

For more information about the centers and the application process, go to the Web site at www.pierce.ctc.edu, e-mail children@pierce.ctc.edu or call the appropriate number listed above.



Milgard Child Development Center (FS), top; Garnero Center (PY), bottom

Clubs & Organizations

FS: (253) 964-6614

PY: (253) 840-8415

Many opportunities are available to students seeking involvement in extracurricular activities. A wide variety of clubs and organizations address the needs of students with similar social, cultural, recreational, professional and academic interests. Officially recognized clubs are eligible for funding from the Associated Students and may use college facilities for meetings and special events. For information about joining a club or chartering a new club, contact the clubs coordinator in the student programs office at either college.

Computer Centers

Computer labs at both colleges provide exceptional quality, service and cutting-edge computing resources to fulfill the academic needs of the Pierce College community.

FORT STEILACOOM COMPUTER LABS

(253) 964-6310

The computer labs enable students to work on projects, accomplish computer-related academic assignments through software applications, the Internet and e-mail. The labs are located in the Olympic, Cascade and Sunrise buildings. All computers in our labs are connected to the Internet and to high-speed laser printers.

The primary computer lab is located in the Olympic building, room O301. Special-needs computers are located in the Cascade building, room C526. Students who prefer the use of Macintosh computers will find them in the Sunrise building, room SN112, and three are also available in SN121.

DIGITAL DESIGN LAB – FORT STEILACOOM

The digital design lab is a state-of-the-art facility offering full digital design capabilities for hands-on experience. The lab has 27 PC and Macintosh computers with single and dual 19-inch flat panel monitors. A wide variety of digital design software and peripheral equipment is available, such as digital cameras, photo negative scanners and camcorders.

PUYALLUP COMPUTER LABS

(253) 840-8437

The Computer Resource Center at Puyallup provides the combination of a large open lab (C272) with two integrated computer classrooms (C270/C274) supporting all instructional programs. These facilities are open for the use of students, faculty and staff. Qualified personnel are always available to provide assistance. The computer classrooms are also used as open labs when available.

Equipment consists primarily of IBM-compatible microcomputers. Color and laser printing are standard throughout the computer labs. Complete scanning services include optical character recognition. Some computer stations provide CD and DVD burning capabilities. A wide variety of software including word processing, database, spreadsheet and presentation programs is always available. In addition, various programming languages are installed as needed for coursework. All the facilities have unlimited access to the Internet and free e-mail.

Dental Clinic

FS: (253) 964-6694

Low-cost preventive and restorative (tooth-colored and silver fillings) dental procedures are available to Pierce College students, their families and community members.

Eligibility for services at the Pierce College Dental Hygiene Clinic is determined by an initial assessment appointment to determine the appropriateness of the need for dental care for our students' learning experiences. For an assessment appointment, please call (253) 964-6694.

Dental hygiene students perform oral health assessments, x-rays, teeth cleanings, periodontal therapy, sealants and fluoride applications.

Patient care is provided by supervised dental hygiene students and is evaluated by instructors who are experienced licensed dentists and dental hygienists. Procedures may take longer than in a private dental office.

Employment/Career/Job Search Services

Job Connections (FS): (253) 964-6651

Job Connections (PY): (253) 840-8431

The goal of Job Connections is to provide opportunities for students to explore career options and to make connections with:

FUNDING/TRAINING

- Worker Retraining/WorkFirst — a collection of programs and services designed to provide training for people who are unemployed or underemployed. Financial assistance may be available if you are:
 - receiving unemployment benefits, have received unemployment benefits in the past 24 months, or have exhausted your unemployment benefits
 - a working parent with a small household income or receiving DSHS/WorkFirst cash assistance, or
 - a homemaker who now needs to financially support yourself and your family.

Contact Workforce at (253) 964-6265.

EMPLOYMENT

- WorkSource WA at www.go2WorkSource.com — Internet access to available jobs, job links and career links by occupation and/or location within Washington State.
- Job Board — Job referral service for students seeking employment with area employers.
- Work Study — Part-time employment opportunities for students receiving financial aid.

SELF-DIRECTED ASSESSMENT

- WOIS (Washington Occupation Information System) — Self-directed career and labor market information utilizing computer software and printed materials includes information regarding job duties, work settings, wages, employment outlook, training required and school information.
- Workforce Explorer: Provides Washington labor market and job information, as well as economic, occupational, industry and regional reports. Go to: www.workforceexplorer.com.

OTHER SERVICES

- Résumé writing assistance, review and feedback.
- Informational handouts for how to complete résumés, interview tips and employment applications.
- Career library books and other printed material to provide career and labor market information.

Fine Arts Gallery

FS: (253) 964-6535

www.pierce.ctc.edu/art

The Fine Arts Gallery on the fifth level of the Olympic building at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom presents monthly exhibits (October through May) of works by Pierce College art faculty, professional artists and area high school art students. The year concludes with the annual Pierce College student art competition and exhibit in May.



Fitness Facilities/Recreation

FS: (253) 964-6612

PY: (253) 840-8472

FORT STEILACOOM FACILITIES

The Fort Steilacoom Health Education Center will open for recreational use to students, staff, faculty and the general public during the 2007-08 academic year. Activities to be offered include physical education classes, continuing education fitness classes, Raider Intercollegiate Athletics and intramurals. The facility will house an exercise area containing a variety of weight and cardio training machines, as well as a gymnasium for intercollegiate volleyball and basketball and for intramural sports. Adjacent to the Health Education Center is Fort Steilacoom Park, which offers an excellent area for jogging and walking.

PUYALLUP FACILITIES

Various opportunities for fitness and recreational activities exist at Pierce College Puyallup. The College Center, adjacent to an outdoor multipurpose sports court, houses a newly furnished student lounge with a pool table, video games, air-hockey, foosball and ping-pong. Sport and game equipment may be checked out from the student programs office with a student ID card. Stop by room C210 in the College Center or call the number above for information.

The Health and Education Center at Puyallup (opening tentatively in 2008-2009) will focus on student health and wellness. The facility will include a weight training room; cardio room with a variety of exercise equipment; multipurpose classroom; and locker rooms. Aerobic and other health and fitness classes may be offered. The center is funded through student recreation and fitness center fees.

Food Service

FS: (253) 964-6546

PY: (253) 840-8456

The cafeterias at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom and Pierce College Puyallup include a professional food service company that provides a full line of hot foods, grill and deli specialties, snack items and beverages. An Espresso bar and snack and beverage vending machines are also available at various locations throughout the campuses.

Health Insurance/Education

FS: (253) 964-6614
PY: (253) 840-8415

STUDENT HEALTH & DENTAL INSURANCE

Student Programs at Fort Steilacoom and the registration office at Puyallup have information on health and dental insurance for uninsured students.

HEALTH & WELLNESS INFORMATION

Health and wellness information and activities are offered through various credit and non-credit classes and through programs sponsored by student activities.

AIDS AWARENESS & EDUCATION

Pierce College is committed to providing a safe and healthy educational environment and to providing education and information about the transmission and prevention of chronic, communicable diseases such as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Consistent with existing law and in the interest of all concerned, the college takes appropriate measures to ensure a safe environment through educational services. At Pierce College Fort Steilacoom, AIDS education information is available in the Women & Family Services office and Student Programs. At Pierce College Puyallup, information is available in the health and wellness brochure rack in the Brouillet Library and Science Building and Student Programs office.

Human Relations Instruction

FS: (253) 964-6705
PY: (253) 840-8431

A variety of two- and three-credit human relations/personal development/business management courses are offered every quarter throughout the school year to help students with self-awareness, interpersonal and self-development skills. Some of the topics include assertiveness training, choosing a major, job search strategies, career planning, career skills development, stress management, coping with life's challenges, disabilities in society, goal setting and the masculine mystique.

In addition, free non-credit group workshops and seminars are offered every quarter through the Student Success series. General topics include time management, note-taking, test-taking strategies, test/math anxiety, transfer process and developing effective study habits.

Learning Centers

Adult Education Center (FS) — (253) 964-6657
Adult Education Center (PY) — (253) 840-8463

The program goals are based on the Pierce College mission to provide quality education to prepare learners to live and work successfully in an ever-changing world. The goals of the centers are:

- to provide the support services necessary for retention and college success.
- to develop in each learner the skills, competencies and attitudes necessary for the attainment of personal goals.
- to make possible educational opportunities for all learners.
- to respect the uniqueness of all and use services and teaching strategies for diverse learning styles.

- to integrate the following core abilities into the curriculum to prepare learners for the 21st Century: Effective Communication, Critical Thinking/Problem Solving, Information Competency, Multiculturalism, Responsibility.

The following services and programs are offered in the centers:

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION¹ & GED PREPARATION

Adult Basic Education (ABE) is for students who want to brush up on their basic skills of reading, writing and math, or who want to pursue their GED but need some work on the basic foundations first. Students who are under the age of 18 need to have a high school release form in order to enroll. Students must take a placement test to determine their level. Call (253) 964-6714 (FS) or (253) 840-8463 (PY).

All state residents 19 years of age or older are eligible to take the GED test. Applicants under 19 may be tested providing they have completed a Request for Approval to Test for Certificate of Educational Competency signed by their high school's representative. Questions regarding eligibility and schedule for testing may be made through the testing center at either college or on the link from the Pierce College Web site.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE¹

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program offers six levels of coursework in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Courses are appropriate for a range of students: those who have very little English to those who want to pursue academic degrees in the United States. Students must take a placement test to determine their level. Call (253) 964-7325 (FS) or (253) 840-8463 (PY).

PRE-COLLEGE COURSES

Courses are offered in English, reading, math, spelling and grammar to help students succeed in subsequent college-level course work. These courses also serve as a means to transition from preparatory work to college-level and assist in the successful attainment of academic, career and life goals.

COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES

College-level courses are offered through the learning centers which provide academic alternatives to the structured classroom. Reading and study skills classes offer an opportunity for better preparation in other course work.

MATH LAB

The Math Lab at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom provides instruction in basic math and introductory and intermediate algebra in a setting which meets the needs of students' schedules and diverse learning styles. Call (253) 964-6734.

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM

The Pierce College High School Completion Program is for anyone, age 16 and up, whose high school education was interrupted. Based in the Transitional Education Center, students earn a diploma recognized by the state of Washington, while working in a lab or distance learning environment. Prospective students will meet with an advisor for an evaluation of their previous high school transcripts and create an individualized program of study. For enrollment at Fort Steilacoom, call (253) 964-7324. For enrollment at Puyallup, call (253) 840-8461.

GED TESTING AND PREPARATION

Adults who have not completed high school may earn a Certificate of Educational Competency through the state of Washington with a satisfactory score on the General Educational Development (GED) Test. Pierce College is a testing center authorized by the GED Testing

¹ABE and ESL programs at Pierce College cannot serve people on tourist visas (b-2) or student visas (F-1). Students on B-2 or F-1 may register for courses under Intensive English under the International Education programs.

Service of the American Council on Education. For current information about test fees, contact the appropriate testing center — (253) 964-6439 (FS) or (253) 840-8455 (PY).

The college also offers GED test preparation courses each quarter. Classes focus primarily on math, writing and reading skills. For information on daytime or evening classes, contact Pierce College Fort Steilacoom at (253) 964-6657 or the Puyallup Learning Center at (253) 840-8463. There is a small tuition charge for these classes. Waivers are available for those who qualify.

Library

FS: (253) 964-6547
PY: (253) 840-8300
www.pierce.ctc.edu/library

The libraries at both colleges encourage individual research and the exploration of ideas by connecting students, staff, faculty and community with the information needed for teaching and learning and by providing high-quality instruction to enhance information access and understanding. Resources are available in a variety of formats including 140,000 books, 1,200 current periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, maps, videos, films, slides, computerized resources and much more.

The library uses an online computer catalog to provide access to its collection and is also linked to other libraries throughout the state and region. If you need information that is not available at Pierce College, we can help you borrow material from other libraries through interlibrary loan.

The library's computer network provides access to several databases useful to student research, such as periodical indexes, full text of national and local newspapers, statistics and encyclopedias. Access to the library's catalog and most databases is available through the library's Web site at www.pierce.ctc.edu/library.

Library users are encouraged to ask for help. Library faculty members can give you individual assistance and instruction from the reference desk during most hours the library is open. Classroom instructional sessions on library research may also be arranged. HUMAN 201 and ENGL 114 are research-related courses that are offered on a regular basis. We are proud that Pierce College Library was named the Community College Library of the Year for 2005 from the National Association of College and Research Libraries!

Individual carrels, group study rooms, casual lounge furniture and study tables accommodate a variety of needs. Carrels equipped with videocassette players, projectors and tape decks are available for listening/viewing. A Kurzweil reader that voices printed material and a Visual-Tek text enlarger are also available to help students with visual impairments.

Multimedia workstations in the libraries assist students in making digital images, videos or sound effects to enhance papers or projects. Regular instructional sessions are offered.

You have full access to the materials of both college libraries through the computer networks and the college's courier service, and may also borrow material from other libraries through interlibrary loan.



Multicultural Student Services

FS: (253) 964-6799
PY: (253) 840-8472

Multicultural student services promotes the recruitment, retention and successful completion of educational programs for students of color. The office fosters a college climate embracing a multicultural curriculum, support services and student activities. Diversity adds value to the college community, and the multicultural student services programs serve as a catalyst for creating a deeper awareness of the benefits of a pluralistic society. The office is an advocate and dynamic change agent on behalf of students of color. The office influences the college environment by monitoring, developing and advocating for policies and procedures that are relevant to the needs of students of color. Moreover, the office assists students of color in developing skills necessary to assure college success and by creating a place that is safe, nurturing and welcoming.

Multicultural student services facilitates and implements success strategies for students of color. Some of the services include:

- promoting access and student success.
- providing academic advising, educational planning, career exploration and student programs that support students of color.
- maintaining a center as a focal point for services to students of color.
- assisting with financial aid and scholarship process.
- advising and supporting ethnic clubs.
- sponsoring leadership development activities.

Music Performance Groups

FS: (253) 964-6535
PY: (253) 864-3202

Several musical groups are open to students and community members. They include the Concert Choir, Concert Band, Farwest Jazz Choir, Jazz Band I & 2, and assorted instrumental performing groups (percussion ensemble, sax quartet, etc.).

The larger performing groups present quarterly concerts and, on occasion, participate in collegiate and high school festivals. Humanities credit is available by enrolling in any of the above groups. Non-major participation is encouraged and welcome. Some of the groups require auditions.

Recitals by students enrolled in private instruction are also quarterly events.

Those who wish more information on any of the musical performing groups should contact the music department.

Parking

FS: (253) 964-6751
PY: (253) 840-8481
www.pierce.ctc.edu/parking

Parking is available on both colleges. Special areas are reserved for employee, disabled, visitor, guest and carpool parking. Parking in unauthorized areas will result in a fine.

General parking for students is included in the comprehensive fee paid at the time of registration. Parking permits are required and may be obtained at the campus safety office at either college.

Only persons with state disabled license plates or hanging permits are allowed to park in parking areas for the disabled. Those with temporary disabilities may obtain permits to park in Access and Disability Services parking spaces. Contact the Access and Disability Services office at either college.

Students, employees and visitors must abide by all motor vehicle codes and other traffic laws of the state of Washington, Pierce County and Pierce College. Fines will be levied for violations. Traffic/parking citations may be appealed to the Parking Appeals Committee.

College maps with parking areas delineated are located in the Appendix. Additional information about parking is available from the campus safety office at either college.

Public Transportation

Pierce Transit — (253) 581-8000
www.piercetransit.org

Both colleges are conveniently served by Pierce Transit bus lines. Brochures about routes and schedules are available at the registration counters at either college. For additional information on special rate passes, carpools and vanpools, regional reduced fare permits and other route and schedule information, call Pierce Transit at the number shown above or visit their Web site.

SLAM (Student Literary & Arts Magazine)

FS: (253) 964-6408
PY: (253) 840-8396
www.pierce.ctc.edu/studentlife/slam

SLAM, the Student Literary and Arts Magazine, is an annual publication dedicated to showcasing the creative abilities of Pierce College district students through stories, poems, dramas, essays and works of art. Students also help determine the layout and design of the publication. The annual release for *SLAM* occurs in May. Copies are available free of charge in a variety of college locations.

Students wishing to submit works for consideration or participate in the publication's production should contact one of the numbers above.

Student Activities

FS: (253) 964-6614
PY: (253) 840-8415

Student activities are coordinated by a student team at each college. These boards plan cultural, social, educational, health and wellness and recreational events for the students of Pierce College. The calen-

dar of activities and events includes speakers, musicians, comedians, dances, films, outings and tournaments on both campuses.

In addition, student programs help support campus clubs and organizations, theater productions, musical performances held by the college's vocal and instrumental music groups and athletics.

Students who serve on the activities boards gain experience in event planning, promotion, budget management and public relations. They also gain skills in communication, leadership, interpersonal relationships and teamwork. If you are interested in participating in student activities, contact the student programs office at either college.

Student Government

FS: (253) 964-6614
PY: (253) 840-8415

Student government serves as the representative voice of the students of Pierce College. All Pierce College students may express opinions, interests and concerns regarding their educational experience through their elected representatives in student government.

Student government leaders develop and implement procedures and policies dealing with student affairs and work closely with faculty, staff and administrators to represent the students' perspective in the college governance process. Each college has an approved student constitution that governs the activity of student government and its programs and organizations. A copy of the constitution is available in the student programs office of either college.

At Fort Steilacoom, student government officers are elected from the student body each spring. Members include a president, vice-president and five senators-at-large.

Puyallup student government includes a president, vice president for government concerns, vice-president of activities, two representatives, and a secretary/treasurer. Elections for representatives are held every fall. The president, vice presidents and secretary/treasurer are selected each spring.

You are encouraged to take part in the leadership opportunities this organization has to offer. Contact student government or student programs for more information.

Student Newspapers

THE PIONEER, FS: (253) 964-6604
THE PUYALLUP POST, PY: (253) 840-8496

By joining one of the college's newspaper staff, you can earn college journalism credits while you gain practical experience in writing and reporting, editing, photography, desktop publishing and advertising sales. Both student newspapers are designated public forums.

The Pioneer, Fort Steilacoom's award-winning student newspaper, is published every two weeks during fall, winter and spring quarters. All staff positions are paid, including freelance.

The *Puyallup Post* is published at Puyallup three times a quarter during fall, winter and spring quarters. The newspaper covers issues on the growing college to keep students, staff and faculty informed. The newspaper offers numerous opportunities for students to work or volunteer on the newspaper staff.

Theatre/Film Productions

FS: (253) 964-6535

Auditions for theater productions are open to anyone who wants to benefit from an educational theater setting. Each production offers learning experiences for students and other volunteers in set design and construction, promotion, wardrobe, makeup, props, stage managing, lighting, sound and special effects, as well as acting. Both cast and crew have the opportunity to work with talented veterans as well as stage newcomers, under the guidance of highly trained directors and designers, with full backstage support.

During the Cascade Core construction, 2007-2008, plays will be performed at various sites. In 2008, cast and crew will enjoy unique training opportunities afforded by the new Black Box theatre at Fort Steilacoom with state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems. Look for the Puyallup theatre to be completed in 2009.

Pierce College Theatre prides itself on presenting plays that are artistically challenging for technicians and actors, as well as exciting for audiences. Opportunities are also available for students to explore digital film production technology and make movies.

For more information on the Theater program, see the PROGRAMS OF STUDY section of this catalog.

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)

FS: (253) 912-3644
E-mail: trio@pierce.ctc.edu
www.pierce.ctc.edu/edsupport/trio

TRIO Student Support Services (TRIO SSS) provides additional support to a select number of students (160) attending Pierce College Fort Steilacoom who are pursuing a transferable associate degree and intending to transfer to a four-year college upon completion. Services are free and include:

- Math review sessions for students testing into MATH 54/60-98.
- College classes, such as EDUC 111: College Success, EDUC 112: Academic and Life Skills and STUDY 107: Math and Science Study Skills.
- Scholarship and financial aid application assistance along with \$10,000 of TRIO scholarship funds awarded annually.
- Academic and transfer advising, including visits to local four-year colleges.

For additional information or to see if you qualify for TRIO services, please visit us at www.pierce.ctc.edu/edsupport/trio, stop by the Cascade building, room C425, or call us at the number above.

Funds are provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education through Aug. 31, 2010.

Tutoring

FS: (253) 964-6737
PY: (253) 840-3387

The Pierce College Tutoring Centers provide free assistance to students registered for classes. Whether you need on-going help throughout the quarter, a quick question answered to get you

going, or just a place to study for your courses, we will help connect you to the resources that you need.

You may choose which kind of tutoring assistance you prefer: drop-in, study groups, matched appointments or online tutoring. Come to C526 at the Fort Steilacoom campus or L207 in Puyallup to sign up for appointments or to drop by for help.

Students who are interested in becoming a tutor can contact the tutoring coordinator at their respective campus. Tutors must have a grade of 3.5 in the tutored subject and maintain a 3.2 overall GPA.

Women & Family Services

FS: (253) 964-6298

Promoting student success, the Women & Family Services office provides valuable resources, support services, and career-related programs for students and community members throughout the district. The resources, services and programs help students learn about, access and succeed in programs of their choices. Particular emphasis is on helping students as they transition from home to school to work. We offer a variety of information and activities on school, work, gender and equity issues that promote students' personal development.

WOMEN & FAMILY SERVICES

Information, support and services are available for students and community members through this Student Success department. Staff help students learn about, select and succeed in educational programs and training opportunities available throughout the college district. Students may benefit from information on services available with the college or by department connections to local area resources. Support services staff help in developing strategies for successful completion of programs and on progress towards educational and employment goals. In-depth programs are available to assist students in clarifying interests, developing goals and transitioning from home to school and from school to work.

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER PROGRAM

Student Success staff provide instruction, structured group support and individualized help for county residents who are approaching the workforce after an extended period of time at home. Homemakers (male or female) who now need to become the primary wage earner in their families due to changing personal circumstances and the loss of financial support previously available can benefit free of charge from program participation. Two career transition program options (Workplace and Computer Fundamentals / PierceWorks!) are available to help homemakers plan the educational, training and employment steps needed to reach long-term goals. For program information and eligibility details, call (253) 964-6234 or 964-6298.

Writing Assistance

FS: (253) 964-6252
PY: (253) 840-8435

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