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**Pierce College District Job & Career**

**Connections and Workforce Resources**

*YOUR* Job & Career Connections and Workforce support **all** students, staff, faculty, and community members. Self-directed and staff-assisted resources provided through your Job & Career Connections/WorkSource Affiliate at the Fort Steilacoom and Puyallup Pierce College campuses.

# **WORKFORCE PROGRAMS**

Students may be eligible for one or more Workforce programs. To see if you qualify, take the Start Next Quarter online survey [www.startnextquarter.org](http://www.startnextquarter.org/) used for identifying possible funding sources for those pursuing a Professional/Technical degree or certificate. Talk with Workforce staff during our walk-in hours or contact us to schedule an appointment to see if you qualify.

**Workforce programs include:**

* **BFET (Basic Food Education & Training)** Supports students receiving SNAP benefits who are enrolled in certain professional/technical programs.
* **Opportunity Grant** Supports students who are low-income (per FAFSA) who are enrolled in certain professional/technical programs.
* **WorkFirst** Supports students who are parents of young children, receiving TANF (Cash Assistance), and are enrolled in certain professional/technical programs.
* **Worker Retraining** Supports students who currently or have received unemployment benefits in the past 48 months, about to or have separated from military in past 48 months, are underemployed in an occupation considered ‘not in demand’, a displaced homemaker, or meet other eligibility requirements and are enrolled in certain professional/technical programs.

Workforce programs may be able to assist with funding for tuition, books, transportation, childcare, referrals to resources, and other related support services for those that qualify.

**EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION EVENTSEmployment & Education Fair** at Pierce College Ft. Steilacoom and Pierce College Puyallup. These events include employer representatives recruiting for current openings for internships, part time, and fulltime employment options. Employers may register for one or both campuses – check online spring quarter for a list of registered employers. Employers register online at www.myinterfase.com/pierce\_ctc/employer or call Job & Career Connections with any questions at 253-964-6265. Check with Job & Career Connections for details.

**Employer of the Month** features a local employer sharing information about their current openings. View the announcements sections on [www.myinterfase.com/pierce\_ctc/student](http://www.myinterfase.com/pierce_ctc/student) to view upcoming employer visits.

Events include employer networking with college faculty, staff, and direct access to students, alumni, and community job seekers.

**CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK:** 

Join the “Pierce College Job & Career Connections” ***group***to see highlighted job postings, upcoming career and employment events, tips, resources, and featured employers. Check out also WorkSource Pierce on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/worksourcePierce/>

**\*\*FOR QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE, CONTACT US\*\***

**Pierce College Fort Steilacoom** 253 964-6265, or via theWelcome Center: 253 964-6705 located on the 3rd floor of the Cascade building. Walk-in hours M-F 8am to 11am, by appointment in the afternoon.

**Pierce College Puyallup** 253 964-6265,or viathe Student Success Center: 253 840-8431 located in the Gaspard Administration Building. Walk-in hours M-F 8am to 11am, by appointment in the afternoon.

**Pierce College Job & Career Connections**: [www.pierce.ctc.edu/dist/workforce/connections](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/dist/workforce/connections)

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| **Pierce College District Job & Career Connections and Workforce Resources*****STAFF CAN ASSIST YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING:*** |
| * **Career Counseling, Assessments and Planning** provided byFaculty Counselor Advisors for Pierce College students.
* **Computers** including**:** Internet, Microsoft Office, & more. A computer equipped with adaptive equipmentincluding speech and magnifying software. Additional adaptive equipment available upon request.
* **Determine eligibility for** Workforce & Worker Retraining programs & funding.
* **Educational Opportunity Center (MDC)** co-located staff who may assist with completing the FAFSA, navigating financial aid barriers, admissions and placement testing, identifying community resources and provide career assessments.
* **Job, Work Study & Internship search**
 | * **Internet navigation for:**
	+ Employment referrals
	+ Employment statistic information
	+ Unemployment Claim Center
	+ Job search resources
* **Referrals to campus & community resources**
* **Resume & Cover Letter review**
* **WorkSource Employment staff** canassist with
	+ Resume/Cover letter assistance
	+ Interview preparation
	+ Job readiness / Job search guidance
	+ Commissioner Approved Training / Training Benefits program guidance

**\*Transfer Information:** available in the resource library and on Transfer Board |
| ***SELF-DIRECTED RESOURCES INCLDE:***  |
| ***Funding and Community Resources:**** **FAFSA on the Web:** The U.S. Department of Education website for information, applying, and following up on applications for federal student aid: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](file:///%5C%5CFs-staff%5Cshare%5CAdvisor%27s%20Sharedrive%5CAdvisors%20%E2%80%93%20WFD%5CWorkforce%20Development%5CForms%5Cwww.fafsa.ed.gov)
* **Start Next Quarter:** A free, online survey tool for identifying possible funding sources for those pursuing a Professional/Technical degree or certificate. [www.startnextquarter.org](file:///%5C%5CFs-staff%5Cshare%5CAdvisor%27s%20Sharedrive%5CAdvisors%20%E2%80%93%20WFD%5CWorkforce%20Development%5CForms%5Cwww.startnextquarter.org)
* **Washington Connection:** Online resource to connect individuals with community services, resources, and benefits including food, housing, utilities, childcare, etc. [www.washingtonconnection.org](file:///%5C%5CFs-staff%5Cshare%5CAdvisor%27s%20Sharedrive%5CAdvisors%20%E2%80%93%20WFD%5CWorkforce%20Development%5CForms%5Cwww.washingtonconnection.org)
* **Washington Unemployment/Washington State Employment Security:** Website used to apply for unemployment, file weekly claims, and view information about claim status. Provides employment services, information on training programs, employment services and labor market information: [www.esd.wa.gov](file:///%5C%5CFs-staff%5Cshare%5CAdvisor%27s%20Sharedrive%5CAdvisors%20%E2%80%93%20WFD%5CWorkforce%20Development%5CForms%5Cwww.esd.wa.gov)

***Job Search Resources:**** **PC Job Connect/MyInterfase:** Students and community job seekers may apply for a free online job search match, manage multiple resumes and other documents, and access information on Pierce College job fairs and employer tables.  [www.myinterfase.com/pierce\_ctc/student](file:///%5C%5CFs-staff%5Cshare%5CAdvisor%27s%20Sharedrive%5CAdvisors%20%E2%80%93%20WFD%5CWorkforce%20Development%5CForms%5Cwww.myinterfase.com%5Cpierce_ctc%5Cstudent)
* **WorkSource Washington:** Provides information on job skills, training, unemployment, services for individuals with disabilities, and current/daily job announcements: <http://www.worksourcewa.com/>*WorkSource is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Washington Telecommunications Relay 711.*
 | ***Regional Occupation Information and Exploration**** **WA Career Paths:** Web resource to help individuals explore education and occupational pathways in Washington, resources for transitioning from military or high school, funding for college, and job search. [www.wacareerpaths.com](http://www.wacareerpaths.com/)
* **WOIS: (**The Washington Occupational Information Service) provides career assessment tools, wage and occupation descriptions for over 600 detailed careers, labor market information, and educational program information: [www.wois.org](http://www.wois.org/)– see Job & Career Connections for site key.
* **Career Bridge:** A one-stop, searchable database of education and training programs throughout Washington State. [www.careerbridge.wa.gov](file:///%5C%5CFs-staff%5Cshare%5CAdvisor%27s%20Sharedrive%5CAdvisors%20%E2%80%93%20WFD%5CWorkforce%20Development%5CForms%5Cwww.careerbridge.wa.gov)
* **Career Cruising:** Online tool to for career exploration, personal skills and career assessment, and educational pathways. [www.careercruising.com](file:///%5C%5CFs-staff%5Cshare%5CAdvisor%27s%20Sharedrive%5CAdvisors%20%E2%80%93%20WFD%5CWorkforce%20Development%5CForms%5Cwww.careercruising.com)
* **WA Labor Market/Job Info:** including economic, occupational, industry and regional reports. <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata>/

***Educational Program Exploration**** **Check Out A College:** Connect to the Washington State community or technical college that’s right for you at the one website that brings it all together: [www.checkoutacollege.com](file:///%5C%5CFs-staff%5Cshare%5CAdvisor%27s%20Sharedrive%5CAdvisors%20%E2%80%93%20WFD%5CWorkforce%20Development%5CForms%5Cwww.checkoutacollege.com)

***National Occupational information and Exploration**** **CareerOneStop:** Online tool to for career exploration, researching training programs, licensure and certification programs, career assessment, labor market information, job search and local resources. [www.careeronestop.org](file:///%5C%5CFs-staff%5Cshare%5CAdvisor%27s%20Sharedrive%5CAdvisors%20%E2%80%93%20WFD%5CWorkforce%20Development%5CForms%5Cwww.careeronestop.org%20)
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