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Your Job & Career Connectionssupports ALL students, alumni, staff & community members through a variety of direct and self-guided resources and services.

**FS (Fort Steilacoom)** check in at the Welcome Center, Cascade bldg. 3rd fl.

**PY (Puyallup)** check in at the Student Success Center, Gaspard Administration bldg., A106

Staff are available for students, staff, and community members from 8am-11am for walk-ins or afternoon appointments as available. See the Workforce staff directory on the attached page. Call 253-964-6265, or visit us at [www.pierce.ctc.edu/dist/workforce/](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/dist/workforce/).

## Accessing Your Financial Aid Portal

Many times, students are under the impression that completing the FAFSA is their only step to receiving aid. Unfortunately, this is not true. At Pierce College, the Financial Aid year begins with *summer* quarter. Often times, students are randomly selected for verification, which means our Financial Aid Department needs additional information to complete your financial aid file and will not award aid until all needed documents are submitted. Your FAFSA may also be incomplete, which may prevent your FAFSA from being reviewed. Find out what additional information is needed is by checking your Financial Aid Portal online at: <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/financial-aid> and select “Financial Aid Portal”. From this page select the following button:



In the Financial Aid Portal you can do the following:

* Check your 2019-2020 financial aid award status and missing items
* Review your financial aid award
* Access financial aid forms and other important information posted from the financial aid office

To log into the Financial Aid Portal use the following:

**Username:** *Social Security Number* **Password:** *Date of Birth (MMDDYY)*

Once you log in to your portal using your username and password above, you will scroll down to the bottom of the webpage to “Information We Need” and you may or may not see a list of documents to be printed, filled out and turned in to the financial aid department. Please give the department at least two weeks upon receiving your additional documentation to begin to review your status. If you have questions, you can call the Financial Aid Department, stop by, or call Alexis Burris at 253-722-3429.

**Summer Hours**

Workforce staff are available throughout the summer quarter and during breaks! Please continue to come in to meet with us. During the summer, Pierce College hours change. From June 24th – August 30th, Monday – Thursday hours are 8am-5 pm and Friday 8am-12noon. Navigator hours may also change during the summer. Be sure to check with your navigator for availability.

## In-Demand Occupations

The April 2019 report on the Washington State Resident Civilian Labor Force and employment provided by Employment Security shows that the Unemployment rate in Pierce County is at 5.5% and at 2.8% in King County. Employer demand is still quite high for many areas. Below is a snapshot from the most recent Supply/Demand list from Employment Security of the top 30 occupational titles most “in-demand”. It shows the gap between the number of job postings and number of individuals either completing a program in that field or having previously worked in that field and are now applying for Unemployment Benefits. The larger the negative number, the greater the demand.

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| **Occupation** | **Gap between supply and demand** |
| Computer Systems | -47,547 |
| Nursing | -31,759 |
| Computer Engineering | -28,007 |
| Sales | -13,201 |
| Social Services | -12,961 |
| Building Maintenance | -11,519 |
| Line Supervision | -10,751 |
| Marketing Management and Research | -9,999 |
| Human Resources Management | -9,621 |
| Digital Graphics | -9,576 |
| Food Preparation | -9,479 |
| Building, Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Workers | -8,424 |
| Secretarial | -8,282 |
| Miscellaneous Retail Workers | -8,190 |
| Miscellaneous Food Preparation and Serving Workers | -7,497 |
| Medicine | -6,422 |
| Real Estate | -5,763 |
| Clerical Supervision and Management | -5,680 |
| LPN | -5,666 |
| Nurse Assisting | -5,268 |
| Truck and Bus Driving | -4,718 |
| Medical Services Management | -4,155 |
| Medical Office and Clerical | -3,959 |
| Physical Therapy | -3,926 |
| Accounting | -3,256 |
| Advertising/Public Relations | -3,116 |
| Financial Planning | -2,916 |
| Dental Assisting | -2,877 |
| Industrial Engineering | -2,763 |

To see where your pathway lands on the demand/decline list, go to <https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo> or speak with a Job & Career Connections staff member.

Workforce Staff Directory

***Diana Baker****, Job & Career Connections/Worker Retraining Manager* *dbaker@pierce.ctc.edu*

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*\*Students, staff, or community members needing assistance can meet with Workforce staff on the days they are available at the campus indicated, generally:* ***8am-11am for walk-ins or afternoons by appointment.***

*\*\*Navigators are not always in the Welcome Center or Student Success Center. On those days’ hours of availability may differ. Call Workforce partners for their hours of availability.*

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**Jobs & Internships:** [*www.myinterfase.com/pierce\_ctc/student*](http://www.myinterfase.com/pierce_ctc/student)

**Pierce College Job & Career Connections Facebook:** [*www.facebook.com/groups/1151589171538211/*](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1151589171538211/)