PIERCE COLLEGE
possibilities. **realized.**

YOUR JOB & CAREER CONNECTIONS

We are your Career Center, open to students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community for staff assisted and self-directed services. **We are currently serving individuals remotely and can be contacted by email or phone. In-person service is temporarily closed.** Contact information can be found in our Staff Directory on the next page.

Make Your Resume Stand Out with Service Learning

Service Learning is an experience intended to benefit the individual and our community through volunteer or other opportunities. It enriches the learning expierience, teaches civic responsibility, and strengthens communities. Students use what they have learned to solve real life problems and may gain additional knowledge and skills. Adding these experiences to your resume is a great way to show employers you are the well-rounded, experienced candidate they are looking for. These experiences can be especially important for individuals who do not have much paid job experience and want to showcase their skills and abilities to potential employers. These are also great networking opportunities and possible references for job applications.

Where can I find service learning opportunities?
- Pierce College Service Learning webpage https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/service-learning
- Pierce College Service Learning Facebook https://www.facebook.com/piercecollegeslce/
- Job & Career Connections Job Board https://www.myinterfase.com/pierce_ctc/student
- Community organizations you have interest in or belong to

BFET has Expanded!

The Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET) Program is a federally funded employment program designed to assist you in obtaining education so you can enter/reenter the workforce. BFET supports students with qualifying for and maintaining their food and childcare benefits while enrolled at Pierce College.

How can BFET participation support me?
- Qualify for Basic Food Assistance (SNAP) through BFET instead of working 20 hours per week
- Assistance with qualifying for DSHS-subsidized childcare
- Assistance with identifying possible funding sources
- Referrals to on-campus and off-campus resources

What do I need to apply?
- Qualify for Basic Food Assistance (SNAP) and complete all DSHS reviews by the due date
- Pursue a degree or certificate from Pierce College (excluding Pierce College Bachelor degrees)
- Complete the BFET intake process with a Workforce staff member

Contact Pierce College BFET program with questions at 253-964-6264 or at bfet@pierce.ctc.edu.

Questions on Your Washington State Unemployment claim?

Call the Washington State Unemployment Claims Department at 1-800-318-6022. Phone hours are 8am - 12pm, Monday through Friday.

Funding Eligibility: ***Start Next Quarter*** *online survey www.startnextquarter.org, identifies possible funding sources for Professional/Technical degrees or certificates.*
Jobs, Work Study, & Internships: *www.myinterfase.com/pierce_ctc/student*
Pierce College Job & Career Connections Facebook: *www.facebook.com/groups/1151589171538211/*

Other Workforce Programs You May Not Know About

The Workforce department and its partners can assist with accessing and navigating campus and community resources which may include finding help with funding for tuition and books, housing, applying for financial aid, job search, childcare and more. The Start Next Quarter online survey at *www.startnextquarter.org* can help identify possible funding sources.

Below is a guide to our Workforce programs.

- **Worker Retraining** Supports students who currently receive or have received unemployment benefits in the past 48 months, about to or have separated from the military in the past 48 months, a displaced homemaker, formerly self-employed or meet other eligibility requirements and are enrolled in a professional/technical program.
- **Opportunity Grant** Supports students who are low-income (per FAFSA) who are enrolled in certain professional/technical programs. Find the eligible program list at https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/scholarships-oppgrant.
- **BFET (Basic Food Employment & Training)** see BFET article on first page.
- **WorkFirst** Supports students who are parents of young children, receiving TANF (Cash Assistance), and are enrolled in certain professional/technical programs.
- **Job and Career Connections** is Pierce College's Career Center. It supports students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community members who may be looking for work, including fulltime, part time, work study, internship, or volunteer opportunities. We also help those who need job search resources, career exploration, or a resume or cover letter reviewed among other support services.

Two Computer Labs at Pierce College now Open for Limited In-Person Operations

One computer lab at each campus will be open **by appointment only** Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm. Students will use designated computer workstations that are spaced out appropriately. A maximum of **24 students** can be in the labs for **two hours** at a time. Available services include internet and computer access, printing, scanning, copying, and headphones (disinfected after each use).

Here are the steps for coming to the computer lab:
1. Book your appointment ahead of time using Canvas
2. Complete the self-screening questionnaire (sent to your student email after booking)
3. Complete this brief safety overview
4. Wear a mask at all times while you are on campus

Openings are subject to change as COVID state recommendations and mandates change.

Please **stay home while sick or if others in your home are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.** The college will be collecting visitor data to ensure accurate contact tracing should someone test positive for COVID-19 after visiting one of the computer labs. Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided such as mouse covers and keyboard covers, and lab staff will regularly sanitize workstations after each use.