

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.

The PC Job Connect/Myinterfase has changed. Same system, new look!

The job posting system available to Pierce College students and alumni, recently migrated to a fresh, new platform. With this change, students and job seekers will see a more visually appealing view, with better ease of access.

Do I need to register again to use the site?

If you already had a log in on the site, no. You can use the email and password originally used. First time users will need to create a profile when they first use the system.

I have never used the site. What do I do?

Setting up a profile is easy and free. Students, alumni, and job seekers are welcome to use the site.

What does it do?

Users can search for jobs, internships, work study jobs, and volunteer positions. Postings include a job description, requirements, and application instructions to follow.

I am not looking for a job. Why should I use this?

Students can view upcoming career events or job fairs, explore occupations by looking at postings, search for employers to contact for internship or informational interview, or upload a resume for quick application to jobs.

Will my resume be reviewed?

Yes! Resumes and documents are reviewed by Job & Career Connections staff prior to being marked as active. Staff can provide feedback prior to uploading or if a resume is marked as needing revision.

What does it cost?

This system is free to use!

What if I have questions?

Contact Job & Career Connections at JCC@pierce.ctc.edu or call 253-964-6265.

Access the system here or connect on the Job & Career Connections website https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/workforce-connections.

The Career Center is open!

Job & Career Connections continues to offer services to students, alumni, staff, and community members remotely. We offer assistance with resumes, cover letters, mock interviews, class presentations, career exploration, and more!

Funding Eligibility: Start Next Quarter online survey <u>www.startnextquarter.org</u>, identifies possible funding sources for Professional/Technical degrees or certificates.

Jobs, Work Study, & Internships: PC Job Connect

Pierce College Job & Career Connections Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/1151589171538211/

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Food Insecurity Among Students Rises Due to the Impact of COVID-19 & Changes in the Economy

Did you know that...you may be eligible for food assistance?

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), called **Basic Food** in Washington, helps people with low incomes make ends meet by providing monthly benefits to buy food.

Not sure if you're eligible? DSHS has a benefits estimator you can use as a guide: https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/basic-food. You can also visit washingtonconnection.org to do a pre-screening for what programs or services you or your family may be qualified to receive from various state, federal, or local sources.

You can apply for Basic Food Assistance online at washingtonconnection.org or by phone at 1-877-501-2233.

Did you know that...DSHS implemented supplemental funding for recipients of food assistance due to the impacts of COVID-19?

These benefits started April 4, 2020 and have continued on a month-to-month basis with federal approval. Recipients get the difference between their regular monthly benefit and the maximum amount for their household size. For example, a two-person household that typically gets \$200 per month in food benefits will receive an additional \$174 in emergency benefits bringing the monthly total to \$374. For more information please visit: https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/policy-changes-response-covid-19.

Did you know that... if you are receiving food assistance and you are attending college you could be eligible for BFET?

How can BFET participation support me?

- Qualify for <u>Basic Food Assistance</u> (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

More information can be found here: **BFET Program**

Website References:

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services https://www.dshs.wa.gov/os/office-communications/media-release/dshs-receives-supplemental-funding-boost-benefits-basic-food-recipients

Washington Connection: Your Link to Services https://www.washingtonconnection.org/home/