

# PIERCE COLLEGE

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## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

- Intensive English Program (IEP)
- Associate Degree University Transfer Program
- Fast-Track High School Completion Program
- Short-Term Program



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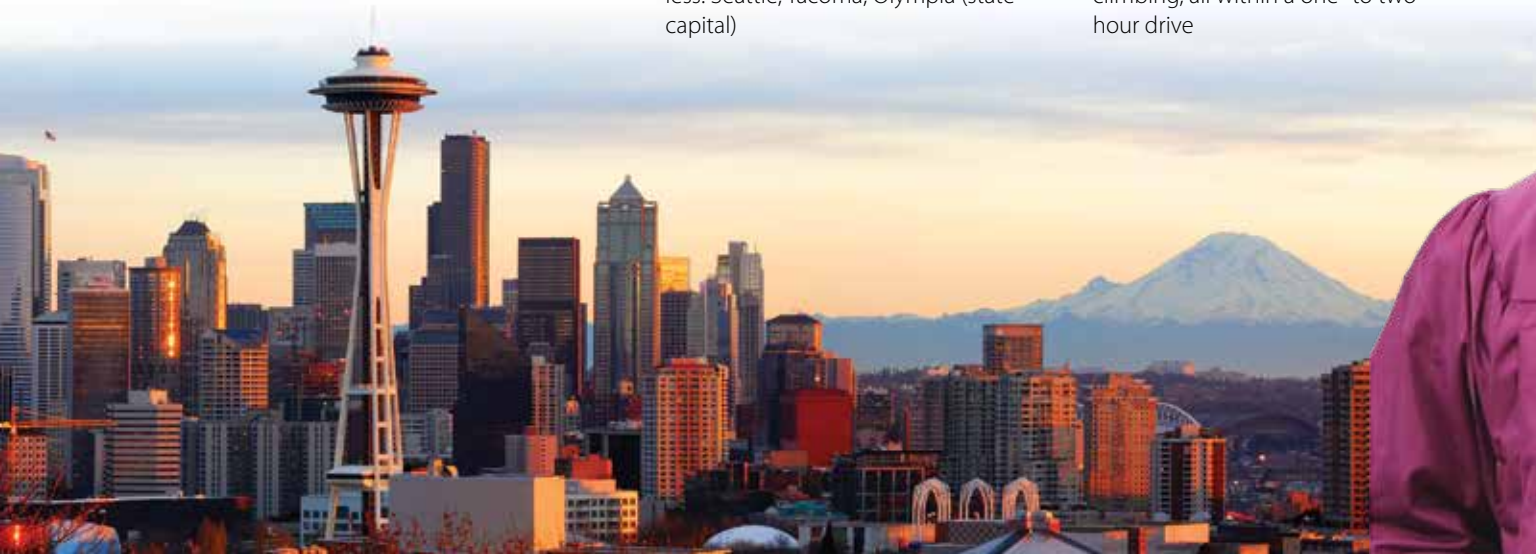


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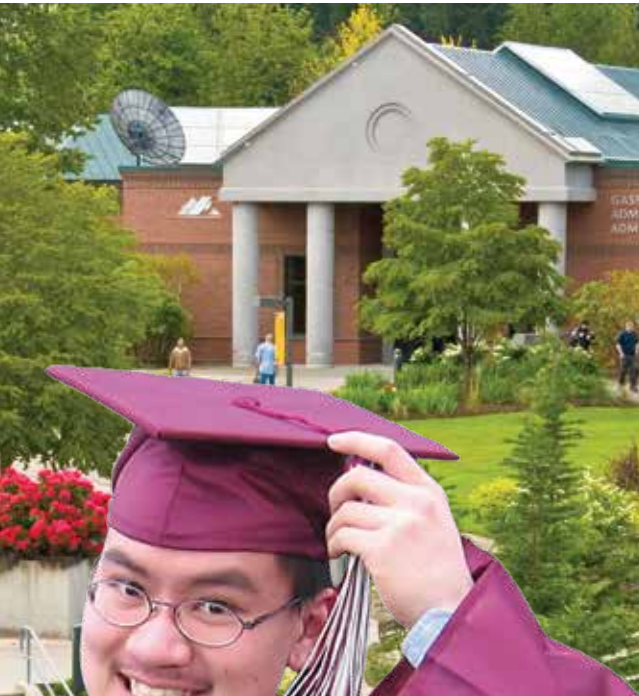


# EXPERIENCE WASHINGTON STATE

- Pierce College is located in Washington state. The area is known for its natural beauty, clean environment and high-tech economy.
- Several companies have headquarters here including Microsoft, Starbucks, Expedia, Alaska Airlines, Amazon and REI.
- Professional sports teams: Mariners (baseball), Seahawks (American football), and Sounders (soccer)
- Natural areas: national parks (Mount Rainier, Olympic, North Cascades), Pacific Ocean beaches, Cascade Mountains, rainforests and rivers.
- Cities within a one-hour drive or less: Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia (state capital)
- Within a four-hour drive: Victoria and Vancouver Canada, Portland, Oregon, Pacific Ocean
- You can fly direct from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to most large cities in the U.S.
- Outdoor recreation available: water sports, snow sports, hiking and climbing, all within a one- to two-hour drive







# PIERCE COLLEGE FORT STEILACOOM AND PUYALLUP

Established in 1967; ranked in the top 10 percent of American community colleges; nationally recognized for academic excellence and student success; fully accredited, state-run college offering associate and bachelor degrees, professional certificates and short-term programs.

Pierce College has two beautiful campuses located 30 minutes apart. Both feature multiple modern buildings, natural landscaping, hilltop views, and large windows creating exceptional study areas. Each campus promotes a friendly, safe and welcoming environment. Students can stay on campus all day and enjoy comfortable study areas, a food court with many choices, student clubs, music and sporting events.

## Campus facilities:

- Nationally recognized, award-winning libraries
- State-of-the-art computer labs
- New science building
- Free internet
- Food court with many choices
- Tutoring and writing centers
- Performance theatre
- Fitness center
- Science Dome and planetarium

## Awards:

Pierce College is one of the top **FIVE** best community colleges in the nation, rated by the prestigious Aspen Institute.

Pierce College is named a Leader College by Achieving the Dream, an organization dedicated to helping students stay in college and reach their educational goals.

Pierce College has received the nation's second highest award for student success – the Leah Meyer Austin award.



During my last year at Pierce, I was accepted to all of the four-year universities I applied to, including my dream business school, the Stern School of Business at New York University. I graduated with top honors from NYU and received several employment offers from prestigious companies on Wall Street. My Pierce College education made it possible."

## Yotsaphon Sangnil

Thailand Graduate of Pierce College and New York University  
2016 Pierce College Distinguished Alumni



# STUDENT LIFE

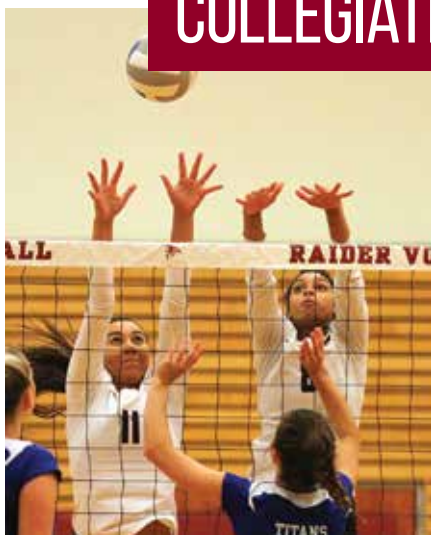
Pierce College offers many opportunities for students to learn, make friends and experience college life to the fullest. Our goal is to help students balance their academic success with student life experience.

We have many clubs and student activities on campus. Here are a few:

- Service learning projects – Students can gain valuable volunteer experience and social responsibility
- Join the many activities to ski, snow tube, shop, sightsee, camp, and go to concerts and museums
- Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA) helps students develop leadership skills
- Multicultural Leadership Institute (MLI) encourages diversity awareness
- Student Government with elections for all students
- Join a band, choir or orchestra
- Act in a theatre production or produce a digital film
- All students can compete for placement in our collegiate sports teams
- Become a Student Ambassador and help other students
- K-Pop Club
- Join the many clubs including International, Taiko and Culture, Japanese Game and Watch, Soccer, Environmental, Writers, Music and Acting Club, Ping Pong, Business and Engineering



# COLLEGIATE AND INTRAMURAL SPORTS



Pierce College provides opportunities for student athletes from the Fort Steilacoom and Puyallup colleges to participate in intercollegiate sports in the highly competitive Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) which is comprised of 36 member colleges in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia, Canada. All Pierce College students are welcome to try out for these highly competitive college sports teams.

- Women in basketball, softball, soccer and volleyball
- Men in baseball, basketball and soccer



# INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SERVICES

The Pierce College International Office welcomes students from all over the world. We are committed to providing the best possible service and support to our students to ensure they have the opportunity to be successful with their academic, professional and life goals.

Our staff is global minded and every employee has experience living, working and studying internationally. We understand that each student is unique and may need assistance adjusting to their new home and attending college in the USA.

Once a student has joined Pierce College we welcome them as part of our Pierce family. Our goal is to provide each student with the guidance and assistance to achieve their dream.



## We provide:

- 1 Personal step-by-step guidance for application, admissions and visa process
- 2 Airport pick-up (free on set arrival dates)
- 3 Orientation and welcome party
- 4 Housing placement for the Center for Global Scholars Residence Hall and homestays
- 5 Fun activities and excursions on and off campus
- 6 Academic and personal one-to-one advising including in-depth transfer advising
- 7 Guaranteed conditional admission to our partner universities
- 8 Special recognition to our student achievers
- 9 Opportunities for students to meet, make friendships and build connections
- 10 Workshops and learning opportunities for successes

## Scholarships and career experience opportunities for current students:

- 1 Student ambassador scholarships
- 2 Students can apply for academic scholarships through the International Education office
- 3 Students can apply for jobs on campus and work up to 20 hours a week
- 4 Our office provides workshops for many topics of student interest



# INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM (IEP)

Pierce College's Intensive English Program provides an excellent way to learn English quickly and be admitted into our academic programs without a TOEFL or IELTS score.

## We offer:

- Guaranteed admission to Pierce College academic courses upon completion of the IEP program
- Rolling admissions; students can enter the IEP or academic programs four times a year
- A four-level program with beginning to advanced levels
- 20 hours of full-time classroom instruction per week
- Academic English classes in reading and writing, listening and speaking, and grammar
- Small classes – fewer than 20 students per class, average of 12-14 students per class
- Experienced ESL instructors with master's degrees in related fields
- Students enjoy full access to campus facilities
- Excursions to local points of interest and fun activities included in the program
- Make friends with American students in our popular Conversation Partners program
- Visit the Tutoring Center for free help with your classes

## Short term program:

We offer four-week intensive English and college success programs each year.



“My first classes at Pierce College were in the Intensive English program. Because of the wonderful teachers, all of my classes were so much fun. I also really liked the Conversation Partner program. It was helpful to meet an American student to chat with, and it helped me learn English quickly. Now I feel confident speaking English.”

**Thi Nguyen, Vietnam**  
Student in the Intensive English program

# THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAM



Students can choose to complete a two year associate degree or general degree requirements before transferring to either our guaranteed conditional admission university partners or applying to a university of their choice.

## Areas of Study

See below for study pathways to four-year schools in the following majors

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Art
- Astronomy
- Atmospheric Science
- Biology
- Business Transfer
  - Accounting
  - Administration
  - Finance
  - Management
- Chemistry
- Communication Studies
- Construction Management
- Criminal Justice
- Digital Design
- Digital Film
- Drama
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
  - Aeronautical
  - Bioengineering
- Chemical
- Civil
- Computer
- Electrical
- Environmental
- Industrial
- Materials
- Mechanical
- English
- Environmental Science
- Foreign Languages
  - American Sign Language
  - French
  - Korean
  - Spanish
- Geography
- Geology
- Health Education / Wellness
- Health Science
  - pre-dentistry
  - pre-medical
  - pre-nursing
  - pre-occupational therapy
- pre-pharmacy
- pre-physical therapy
- History
- Humanities
- Human Services and Substance Abuse
- Journalism
- Kinesiology
- Law (pre-)
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Music
- Oceanography
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Service/ Mental Health
- Sociology

## Transfer Partners

Our partner universities will offer conditional guaranteed admission to Pierce College students, allowing them to transfer as third-year students. For certain majors, additional admissions requirements apply.

- Arizona State University
- Central Washington University
- City University (Seattle)
- Concordia University
- Evergreen State College
- Johnson & Wales University
- Lewis-Clark State College
- Montana State University
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Portland State University
- State University of New York - Plattsburgh
- University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
- University of Colorado - Denver
- University of Nevada, Reno
- University of Oregon
- University of Washington Tacoma
- University of Wisconsin - Stout
- Washington State University
- Whitworth University
- Western Washington University

## Featured Bachelor Programs

(special admission requirements and restrictions)

- Early Childhood Education
- Dental Hygiene
- Homeland Security

Recent Pierce College International graduates have transferred to top universities throughout the USA, including:

- University of Washington
- University of Massachusetts
- Columbia University
- New York University
- Purdue University
- University of Wisconsin
- Pepperdine University
- University of Florida
- University of Illinois
- Rutgers University
- University of Michigan
- Portland State University
- Indiana University
- Arizona State University
- University of California at Davis / San Diego / Irvine
- Los Angeles / Berkeley



I was accepted to Columbia University 2018."

**Joshua  
Ryu, Hong Jae**

I was accepted to Purdue University 2018."

**Jay  
Choi, Ji-Hyung**





# INTERNATIONAL FAST-TRACK HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM

International students are welcome to complete their high school diploma here at Pierce College if they do not have a high school diploma from their home country and will be at least 16 years old by the time they start classes.

There are two primary advantages to enrolling in the Fast-Track High School Completion program:

1

## Save time and money

Students in the International Fast Track program can start college before they finish high school. They earn a Washington state high school diploma and at the same time earn college credit toward their associate degree.

2

## Prepare for Success

Students gain critical study skills, adjust to the US education system and learn about American culture prior to attending a four year university.

The length of the program depends on the student's English level and high school transcripts. Each student will have unique circumstances yet many students complete the program in two to two-and-a-half years then transfer to a university to complete their bachelor's degree.



“

With the High School Completion Program, I can get my high school diploma and associate degree really quickly and then move on to university to complete my bachelor's degree. In fact, I've just been admitted to George Mason University and will complete my bachelor's degree there!”

**Erim Pala, Turkey**  
High School Completion Program





# HOUSING OPTIONS

Students have a choice of either living in our residence hall or with one of our homestay families. Each choice provides an opportunity for students to make friends, practice English and learn about American culture.



## Residence Hall Center for Global Scholars (CGS)

Learn how to gain independence, focus on academic success, participate in fun events, and build cultural competency by building friendships with students from all over the world. Students will live in a safe and secure residence hall with key-access, and be well-supported by live-in on-site staff.

### CGS living includes:

- Internet access
- Community kitchen
- Study rooms
- Onsite laundry
- TV/game room
- Easy to access public transportation

### All rooms include:

- Twin-size bed
- Mini refrigerator
- Wardrobe
- Desk and chair
- Wi-Fi

### Residence Hall Fees

Triple room:	\$567 per month
Double room:	\$700 per month
Single room:	\$867 per month



## Homestay

Learn about American culture and life by sharing a home with an American family. Homestay living focuses on cross-cultural exchange and developing lifelong friendships. Each month, students pay a stipend to their host family to cover the cost of housing expenses.

### All homes include:

- Bed with bedding
- Desk and lamp
- A hospitable environment that is supportive to student success
- Close to campus with access to public transportation
- Wi-Fi

### Homestay Fees

Room without meals:	\$500 per month
Room with 2 meals a day:	\$650 per month



Please visit housing website for more details:  
[www.pierce.ctc.edu/ie-housing](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/ie-housing)



# THE PROCESS TO ATTEND PIERCE COLLEGE

You can apply any time for Pierce College. Specific "Priority Application Dates" are provided to ensure you have enough time to obtain a visa, travel to the USA and have the best available choices of housing.

- 1 Choose your best time to enroll. We have four start dates each year (see chart below)
- 2 Apply and receive acceptance in 48 hours if application is complete
- 3 Receive I-20 form by DHL, pay SEVIS fee and schedule a visa interview with the US Consulate in your country
- 4 Apply for housing
- 5 Purchase an airline ticket to arrive in the US at least one week prior to the beginning of classes
- 6 Arrange airport pick up (only free if you arrive on our priority dates – ask when applying)
- 7 Arrive after airport pick-up to your housing and settle in to your new home
- 8 Take placement exam for academic courses or Intensive English Program, then register
- 9 Attend mandatory orientation, welcome party, join clubs and activities, make friends
- 10 Pay your tuition and begin classes

## Open start dates

**Spring 2021** - April

**Summer 2021** - July

**Fall 2021** - September

**Winter 2022** - January

**Spring 2022** - April

## Estimated costs for the 2021–2022 School Year

	Intensive English Program		Academic Classes	
	Quarterly (3 months)	Academic Year (9 months)	Quarterly (3 months)	Academic Year (9 months)
Tuition & fees*	\$2,750	\$8,250	\$3,417	\$10,250
Books & supplies	\$250	\$750	\$300	\$900
Health insurance	\$341	\$1,023	\$341	\$1,023
Housing & meals \$650/month	\$1,950	\$5,850	\$1,950	\$5,850
Personal expenses	\$750	\$2,250	\$750	\$2,250
<b>Total cost (estimate)</b>	<b>\$6,041 USD</b>	<b>\$18,123 USD</b>	<b>\$6,758 USD</b>	<b>\$20,273 USD</b>

\*Academic tuition and fees based on 15 credits; exact cost depends on number of credits taken.

\*Pierce College reserves the right to change any fees without notice to comply with state or college regulations and policies.



# HOW TO APPLY

Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for you to apply to Pierce College. You are welcome to email us at **[international@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:international@pierce.ctc.edu)** if you have any questions during the application process. We will respond within one business day. Please do not worry about sending a complete application. Send us what you have and we will help guide you to successful application.

## 1 Complete an Application Form

Available on our website at [www.pierce.ctc.edu/ie-apply](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/ie-apply)

## 2 Gather Your Documents:

- A photocopy of your passport
- An official bank statement showing at least \$20,500 USD for college OR \$18,000 USD for the Intensive English Program (IEP)
- Unofficial transcripts:
  - For direct academic admission or Intensive English Program (IEP), provide proof of high school graduation or college/university attendance.
  - For Fast Track High School Completion program:  
Provide English translated high school transcripts (grade 9 and up or beginning at age 14)
- Proof of English Proficiency for college entry; TOEFL 61 or IELTS 5.5  
We also accept: Eiken 2-A, GTEC IBT 1050, ELS 109, EF B2-3 (Please see our website for more options)  
No English requirement if enrolling in the Intensive English Program (IEP)

## 3

**Send Your Application and Documents** by email to **[international@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:international@pierce.ctc.edu)**

## 4

**Pay the Processing and Shipping Fee (\$50)**—we will send you payment instructions

## 5

**Your Letter of Acceptance and Visa document (I-20) will be shipped to you** the next business day

## 6

**We will provide you instructions** on the visa interview, housing application and orientation schedule and instructions for next steps for your successful enrollment to Pierce College



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