

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 in person at Fort Steilacoom and Puyallup. We are available by email or phone. Staff Directory information located on the next page

SBCTC Student Emergency Assistance for Spring Term!

Starting April 25th, students can begin submitting their requests. Funding is available through SBCTC Student Emergency Assistance. Pierce College students must submit a request AND have a short intake conversation. Funds are limited!

Who is Eligible? Pierce College students currently enrolled in Spring term who have not previously received funding this academic year from the SBCTC Student Emergency Assistance Grant or the SBCTC Students Experiencing Homelessness Grant.

What can the grant help with? Funding for expenses (not including tuition) such as transportation, housing, childcare, etc.

Where can I submit my request?

- Look for details in the Special edition of the Job & Career Connections Newsletter coming soon
- On the [Pierce Advocacy and Resource Connections \(PARC\)](#) webpage while available

Save the Date – Pierce College Pathways to Employment Week!

The week of May 23-25 will feature a week of opportunities to connect with recruiters to learn about occupations, employment, and networking. Each day features employers from specific college pathways and pathways will be featured at both campuses. Additionally, each day will feature education opportunities. Check the [Job & Career Connections page](#) for updates.

At Puyallup, the event will be located in the College Center, 2nd floor from 10am to 1pm

At Fort Steilacoom, the event will be located in the Cascade Building, 3rd floor near Job & Career Connections from 10am to 1pm.

Why attend Pathways to Employment Week? This is an opportunity to learn from the industry experts and gain insight that can help you to decide on a pathway, refine what to put on your resume, potentially find an internship, or be hired in employment. Job fairs are more than just about finding a job. Recruiters can also tell you about employment progress, things you can do now to prepare for the job market when you are ready, and be great contacts for informational interviews. Learn what they do to network and stay well informed of best practices and trends.

Unsure of what to expect at a job fair or how to prepare? Check out the article on the next page!

Have You Completed Your 2023-2024 FAFSA or WASFA?

Summer quarter 2023 starts Pierce College's next Financial Aid year. Remember to complete your 2023-2024 FAFSA or WASFA if you haven't done that yet.

Need help with your FAFSA/WASFA or have a question? Contact Eleni Palmisano at 253-722-3429 or epalmisano@pierce.ctc.edu.

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PY (Puyallup) Student Success Center,
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Hours: In-person and remote service
available Monday – Friday, 8am-11am
for walk-ins and afternoons by
appointment.

Have a question? Email us at
JCC@pierce.ctc.edu

Tips for Navigating a Job Fair:

Before the Fair:

- Update your resume. Have Job & Career Connections review it and bring enough copies to give to employers.
- Prepare questions to ask employers and answers to questions employers may ask you.
- Research companies attending that are of interest to you.
- Prepare a thirty-second personal commercial that you can use to introduce yourself to recruiters or employers.
- Dress professionally. Make sure your clothing fits comfortably.
- Write down or type up a list of references and job history for filling out applications.
- Keep all of your materials in a professional looking portfolio/folder to carry with you at the fair.

During the Fair:

- Meet first with companies that interest you the most.
- Smile, greet others with a handshake and eye contact.
- Avoid eating, drinking, chewing gum, smoking, etc. around the recruiters. Put your phone or anything distracting away.
- Use professional communication and avoid filler words such as like, um, ah, etc. Articulate and show confidence in your voice; the room will be noisy so make sure the recruiter can hear and understand you.
- Speak to as many companies as possible. This will help you become more comfortable with networking and may open prospects.
- Take notes of companies and recruiters' names you met with and the best way to follow up with them. Bring a small planner or notebook to jot down this information.
- Make sure you are interested in the company, not just their promotional materials and giveaways.
- If you are uncertain of the position you want, give the recruiter information about you that could help determine what positions might be suitable for you such as: skills, experience, education, interests, etc. Let the recruiter know if you are looking for full time or part time work.
- Ask the recruiter if they have any advice they could give you or for the steps you should take to better prepare yourself for the field.
- Approach recruiters alone, not in groups with your friends.

After the Fair:

- Organize materials and applications gathered at the fair.
- Contact companies you are interested in and send in applications and resumes, mentioning the contact at the fair in your cover letter.
- If appropriate, send a thank you card or email to each recruiter with whom you had a serious connection.

Funding Eligibility: Start Next Quarter www.startnextquarter.org, is a quick survey that identifies possible funding sources for degrees or certificates.

Jobs, Work Study, & Internships: <https://pierce.joinhandshake.com>

Need Help?  Find campus and community resource: [Pierce Advocacy and Resource Connections \(PARC\)](#)