

JOB & CAREER CONNECTIONS-YOUR CAREER CENTER

We are your Career Center, open to students, alumni, staff, faculty, and community for staff assisted and self-directed services. We serve 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.

Welcome to Fall 2024!

Welcome all new and returning students, faculty and staff to Fall 2024! In our newsletters you will find information on free services and resources available to students and community members.

HYPE (Helping You Prepare for Employment)

HYPE is a series of events to help students develop their professional skills, explore employment opportunities and connect with student and college staff.

HYPE Professional Development Workshop Series

Includes lunch and a time to hear from several subject matter experts on career exploration and readiness topics. For event details and registration: <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/hype>

October 17th at the Fort Steilacoom Campus 10am to 1pm

October 15th at the Puyallup Campus 10am to 1pm

HYPE Fall On-Campus Job Fairs

Visit with campus departments to learn about their hourly, work study, and volunteer positions or simply learn more about that department. Many departments may be offering interviews and applications on the spot.

November 5th, 10am – 1pm, Fort Steilacoom – Cascade building 3rd floor Welcome Center

November 7th, 10am – 1pm, Puyallup – College Center 2nd floor

Event details at <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/hype> or www.joinhandshake.com

Need a resume or not sure what to expect during a job fair? Job & Career Connections staff are available to answer your questions and help you prepare to attend a job fair.

Employer of the Day

Metro Parks Tacoma (Youth Sports) - Monday, October 7th 10:00am-1:00pm

Fort Steilacoom Campus, Cascade Building 3rd floor

Metro Parks Tacoma will be on campus to talk with students about coaching opportunities for Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, Basketball, Flag Football, and Baseball. Paid and volunteer positions available, training provided. Go to www.MetroParksTacoma.org/coaches to learn more.

Puyallup School District - Thursday, October 10th 10:00am-1:00pm

Puyallup Campus, College Center Building 2nd floor

PSD will be on campus to talk with students about open positions which include paraeducators, food service, office professionals, and more. View open positions at www.puyallupsd.org/careers.

Pierce County Library -

Wednesday, October 30th 9am-1pm - Fort Steilacoom Campus, Cascade Building 3rd floor

Thursday, November 14th 9am-1pm - Puyallup Campus, College Center Building 2nd floor

Library staff will be on campus to talk with students about volunteer and employment opportunities. View open positions at: <https://jobs.silkroad.com/PierceCountyLibrary/Careers>

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FS (Fort Steilacoom) Welcome
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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

Did You Know – You May Be Eligible for Assistance Through Pierce College Workforce Programs?

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.

Below is a brief guide to our Workforce programs.

- **[BFET \(Basic Food Employment & Training\)](#)** Supports students receiving SNAP benefits who are enrolled in transitional education or a degree or certificate from Pierce College (excluding the Bachelors of Applied Science degrees)
- **[WorkFirst](#)** Supports students who are receiving TANF (Cash Assistance) who are enrolled in transitional education or a degree or certificate from Pierce College (excluding the Bachelors of Applied Science degrees in most cases)
- **[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 are currently working in a position considered not in demand according to [Employment Security](#) and are enrolled in a professional/technical program.
- **[Opportunity Grant](#)** Supports students who meet income thresholds (per FAFSA or WASFA) who are enrolled in an approved program.
- **[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.

Pierce Advocacy and Resource Connections (PARC)

The [Pierce Advocacy and Resource Connections \(PARC\)](#) webpage is an **up-to-date resource guide** that provides information for college and community programs. You can find information on a variety of topics including housing and utility programs, crisis services, immigration support, BIPOC and 2SLGBTQIA+ specific resources, healthcare and insurance options, and much more!

Not sure where to start? www.startnextquarter.org

The Start Next Quarter survey is available to current and prospective students to see if they may be eligible for one of more Workforce programs. ALL individuals are connected to a staff member during walk-ins or by phone. Call for resources, referrals, and next steps.

Watch for future editions of our newsletters in your email or on the Pierce College Job & Career Connections website. Read past editions online at <https://www.pierce.ctc.edu/workforce-connections>.